

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on November 18, 2025, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with Online Video and Audio Conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

Cpt. Scott Fleming
Lt. Parker McKinnon - Teams
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Hearing – Testimony on the 2026 Budget:

Chairman Meredith opened the Public Hearing at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to take testimony from the public on the District's 2026 preliminary budget and revenue sources.

No testimony was received. Chairman Meredith closed the Public Hearing at 3:01 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2026 Draft Budget

Secretary Wall briefed the Board on the following changes:

The property tax line item was updated to reflect the current information from the Assessor's office. Additional \$7,000 was added to the Salaries & Benefits line item and additional \$1,000 to Utilities line item for all three budget scenarios. The draft budget with Eastside Fire & Rescue (EFR) contract includes the updated one-time transfer fee for vacation and sick leave balances.

Revised Salaries & Benefits costs in the three budgets presented.

Draft Budget v3	Draft Budget with EFR Contract	Draft Budget - 15 FTE's
Salaries & Benefits 14 FTE's (12 FF & 2 Admin)	Salaries & Benefits 13 FTE's (12 FF & 1 Admin) + EFR Contract for Chief /Asst Chief Services	Salaries & Benefits 15 FTE's (12 FF & 3 Admin)
\$ 2,447,500	\$2,625,327 * includes \$384,804 for annual Contract and one time transfer fee of \$43,523	\$2,683,000 * does not include a daytime training officer position as provided in the CBA.

The preliminary Levy Limitations Worksheet from the Assessor's Office dated 11/13/25 was provided to the Board for review. The levy for new construction and assessed values had decreased from the previous levy worksheet. The allowable levy was currently listed at \$3,154,682 of which \$16,982 was from new construction.

Contracting for Services Discussion

The updated Interlocal Agreement with EFR was provided to the Board for review. Chief Culp reported that it was sent to Attorney Snure and we are awaiting his review and comment. Chairman Meredith noted that EFR would be using a different Attorney for contract review since they also use Brian Snure.

The Board discussed the articles of the ILA and Commissioner Belfield discussed some concerns regarding the termination clause and the ability to transfer employment back to KCFD27. He also stated that the ILA addresses the scope of services, though it does not specifically state the number of hours that would be allocated to Fall City. Chief Culp stated that his primary responsibility would be here at Fall

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City, his office would remain here. Chief Aho would have overall administrative oversight of Fall City. Chairman Meredith stated that he did not have any reservation with the services that would be provided, he would expect if any issues arose they would be addressed. Further discussion ensued.

The discussion turned back to the 2026 draft budget and tax resolutions. Secretary Wall stated that she expects some additional modifications to the budget prior to adoption. Chief Culp also reported on the resignation of recruit Absten.

Resolution 2025-7 2026 NORCOM Budget Allocation

The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-7 which formally allocates funds for the interlocal agency which the District is a party of for dispatch services.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved Resolution 2025-7 Approving the Allocation of Funds for NORCOM's 2026 Budget.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2025-8 Property Tax Increase Resolution

The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-8 Property Tax Increase Resolution. Secretary Wall stated that the requested amount in both tax resolutions are estimated higher by about \$3,500, because the final levy calculations had not been received by the Assessor's Office. King County will reduce the request to the lawful allowable levy once those numbers are finalized.

The Resolution authorized an increase of \$84,304 or 2.77% (percent) for the regular tax levy from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenues from new construction, improvements to property and any increases in the value of state assessed property.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved Resolution 2025-8 Property Tax Increase Resolution.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2025-9 Request for 2026 Tax Levy Collection

The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-9 Submitting a Levy of \$3,158,200 for the Year 2026.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved Resolution 2025-9 A Resolution Submitting a Levy of \$3,158,200 for the Year 2026.
MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

The Annual Festival of Lights is scheduled on Saturday, December 6th. The crew is also organizing the Holiday Engine schedule and the giving tree is located at the Fall City Meat Market.

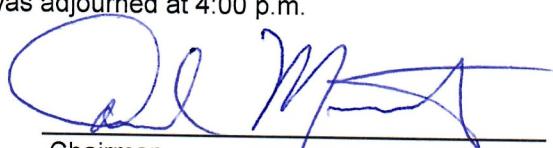
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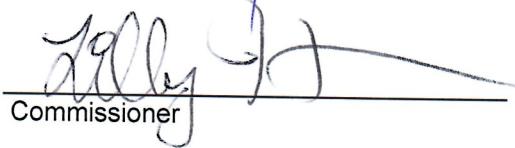
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner