

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held at Headquarters Station 28 on November 19, 2019, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden. Also attending: Chief Mike Marrs and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Presentations/Announcements.** (1) Presentations: Chief Marrs summoned new Captain Chris Johnson and his wife forward for the badge pinning and promotion ceremony for our newest Captain. After the pinning, friends and family adjourned to the app bay for photos and further celebration, while the board took a brief ten minute recess.

The Board re-convened at 5:20 and Chief Marrs discussed a motion under New Business tonight (number 4) to authorize Chief Marrs and Chief Pettigrew to sell back an added 100 hours of accrued vacation because they were not able to take the vacation due to the press of other district business.

Commissioner Sitterley was re-elected to another six year term so congratulations were delivered from all in attendance and he was thanked for his service. He did not re-take the oath of office, but affirmed that he would continue to adhere to his oath.

(2) Announcements:

- Nov 20 to Dec 18 – Accepting donations for Holiday Outreach
- Dec 4 – Tree lighting ceremony at Economy Wiring. Choir begins at 6:00 p.m. and Santa arrives on E-328 at 6:15 p.m., tree lighting at 6:35 p.m.
- Dec 23 – Holiday Outreach Delivery from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Jan 8 – King County Fire Chiefs and Fire Commissioners Association Joint Networking Event at Emerald Downs, starting at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing on Budget and Revenue Sources:** At 5:30 p.m. the Chair called to order the public hearing on the 2020 Proposed Budget and revenue sources pursuant to RCW 84.55.120. He explained the hearing process and called for public testimony. The Chair explained the ground rules but there was no public testimony. The Board and Chief proceeded to discuss the budget and the revenue sources. They discussed the levy limit worksheet and the two resolutions, one for the budget and the other for the tax increase over and above the current year's levy. They discussed the annual payment on

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the bonds, which will be \$1,857,544.00. The regular property tax levy requested for collection in 2020 will be approximately \$12,895,350. This is an increase of \$823,844 and percentage increase of 6.82% over last year. There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed by the Chair at 5:45 and the regular meeting resumed.

**Correspondence.** Chief Marris distributed thank you letters for Brian Marcus, Eric Williamson, Tim Zimmisky, Jeff Gallagher and Tim Lehner, from Kennedy Catholic High School, to be placed in their personnel files. They all participated in a difficult CPR call at the school relating to a teacher.

The Chief also distributed a letter from Attorney Joseph Quinn with his annual report and recommendation for a contract for 2020. It was recommended that Quinn send his proposed contract to Chief Marris for board consideration at a December meeting.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

**Administration Reports.** Chief Marris delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

**Facilities.** N/A

**Equipment.** N/A

**Personnel.** N/A

**Events.** Chief Marris updated the Board on the Burien MIH proposal from the Puget Sound RFA. There is another meeting tomorrow. He has met with South King as well about their similar FD Cares type of program but SKFR personnel said they are not quite ready to offer that to Burien. With respect to the Puget Sound RFA proposal the Chief said that perhaps not all the mentioned cities will be ready to participate and probably Skyway (District 20) will not participate.

The state audit of our district for 2018 is slated to begin on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It should take approximately two weeks.

There are motions under New Business to approve and adopt the 2020 Budget and property tax resolutions and the tax levy request/certification.

The Chief updated the Board on the drug testing issue, saying he has met with the union local many times, but the parties are at impasse in those negotiations. A joint filing will be done, for mediation by PERC. Chief Marris and Chief Pettigrew will handle that

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mediation for the district. It will probably be done in December or January, depending upon availability of a PERC mediator.

**Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2019, and the voucher approval for November as follows: **Expense Fund: No. E19-882 through No. E19-970** in the amount of \$1,116,113.93, due for payment November 27, 2019.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**New Business. 1. Motion: Resolution 2019-02 Adopting a Budget for 2020.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2019-02 Adopting a Budget for the 2020 year, based on final levy figures received from King County as of November 19, 2019. Motion carried, 3-0.

**2. Motion: Resolution 2019-03 Regarding the Real Property Tax.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2019-03 Regarding the Real Property Tax based on assessed valuation of real properties, in accordance with RCW 84.55.120, after considering the revenue sources available for 2020. Motion carried, 3-0.

**3. Motion: 2020 Property Tax Request/Certification.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Elwell to sign the Levy Request/Certification for the 2020 tax year collection. Motion carried, 3-0.

**4. Motion: Vacation Accrual Sell-Back.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs and Chief Pettigrew to each sell back an additional 100 hours of accrued vacation in December 2019. The added vacation sell-back is requested due to the limited ability of them both to utilize vacation time during 2019. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Good of the Order.** Commissioner Sitterley stated he will be unavailable for the December 3, 2019 regular meeting but after board discussion it was decided to cancel that regular meeting altogether. A motion to that effect was made by Commissioner

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Sitterley, second by Commissioner Peden and carried, 3-0. There will be a regular meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.


Chief Marrs noted that overtime costs are up above the budget, indicating that we need to increase staff size. He suggested that three more firefighters should be enrolled in the next academy. He also said an application is being made for a SAFER grant for firefighters pay; under these grants, the district would be expected to commit to retain the firefighters at our cost for a certain number of years, usually two or three years after the grant money ends. These proposed personnel actions will reduce overtime.

**Adjournment.** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:25 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.


**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:


1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Save the Date for joint KCFCA and KC Chiefs event on January 8
5. Thank you letters from Kennedy Catholic High School
6. Annual report letter from Quinn & Quinn, P.S.
7. Budget public hearing packet

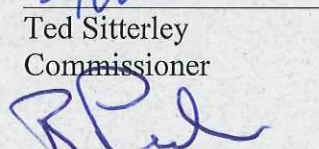
Minutes Approved: Dec 17, 2019.

  
Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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