

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2017 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 June 6, 2017, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Hobbick and Sitterley, Chief Mike Marrs and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster, attached.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Presentations/Announcements. The following announcements were made:

(1) Announcements:

(a) June 10, 2017 - Firefighter Recognition Banquet at Normandy Park Cove (7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.).

(b) June 15, 2017 - Special meeting for citizen award presentation for CPR save (a press release is being prepared).

(c) June 17, 2017 - Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast at Station 28

(d) June 17-18, 2017 - Burien Strawberry Festival

(e) June 30, 2017 - Kids' Safety Day at the Museum of Flight (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).

(2) Presentations: None.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

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

Facilities. Chief Marrs updated the Board on the sale of old station 28. An offer for one million dollars was received. Dan Mathews said it is a "credible offer" but we need proof of funds and a "more solid offer". Dan still believes an offer of \$1.2 million is attainable. Commissioner Elwell noted some inconsistencies in this latest offer. Chief Marrs said it is good that we received an offer showing someone is willing to pay \$1 million for old Station 28.

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Equipment. There is a list of surplus items to be approved for surplus as part of the consent agenda.

Personnel. Chief Marris said that Firefighters Jeff Harris and Mike Crawford are retiring at the end of June. He discussed the timing of those retirements in connection with the new recruits coming out of the fire academy. Chief Marris wished both soon-to-be retirees a very prosperous retirement.

Chief Marris updated the Board on the administrative position announcements. So far, there are only four applicants. He hopes for more and believes further job announcements should be done. The Seattle Times and the Washington Daily Dispatch were suggested. More outreach will be accomplished. The deadline of June 19th may need to be extended to assure an adequate and diverse applicant pool. He suggested narrowing the field ultimately to one or two applicants and then conducting board interviews.

Events. Chief Marris said they are still awaiting results of the DRS audit. It is moving very slowly, as the DRS is just now looking at records they requested back in April related to payroll. Among fire chiefs there is a perception that DRS is auditing issues outside of the agency's scope.

Chief Marris discussed the citizen CPR save that occurred recently at Starbuck's. He said it is important to get the word out that citizens learning CPR is important. Commissioner Elwell suggested inviting personnel from King County Medic One to the special meeting.

Chief Marris discussed the impacts of Sea-Tac Fire relocating their Engine 47, as that relates to mutual aid. There may be indirect impacts on District 2. Effectively, this may reduce by one the available engines for mutual aid to us. Sea-Tac Fire contracts for service with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority in Kent. Sea-Tac Fire has transferred all of their employees to the RFA, although Sea-Tac is not one of the fire protection jurisdictions that are parties in that RFA, as they just have a contract for service. Station 47 was only getting 3-4 calls per day, so that Station will eventually be closed.

Chief Marris discussed the Medicaid Transformation Project, which establishes "accountable communities of health". There are nine of these "communities" in Washington. This core group decides how to spend King County's Medicaid money. The ultimate question that Chief Marris asked of the Board was whether the District should establish an FD Cares program. Acknowledging there are budget constraints, Chief Marris said such a program might be funded from money outside the general fund budget. He discussed patients who frequently use the 911 response system and how they impact

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services. A handout by Chief Marrs showed that about 32.71% of our EMS calls are for Medicaid patients; 42.56% are Medicare patients. That is roughly 75% of the district's total EMS calls. An FD Cares program could reduce those numbers. The district, with an FD Cares program, could be "on the ground floor" of patient care on a long-term basis. Commissioner Elwell has participated in many presentations on such programs. Many involve partnerships between agencies, such as hospitals and fire departments, to reduce the unnecessary hospital/ER visits. He also discussed the GEMT program. Commissioner Elwell voiced concerns about the status or future of the Affordable Care Act, and how that might impact FD Cares programs and GEMT reimbursements. Chief Marrs said that, while he has been reluctant to seek Medicaid and Medicare funds, when 75 percent of the patients are in one of those categories, perhaps the issue should be revisited. Commissioner Elwell discussed the history of GEMT in Washington. Chief Marrs mentioned what other departments are doing with FD Cares and said these programs are the wave of the future. While a billing system might have to be developed for FD Cares, he feels the issue might be more a question of cost avoidance than generating revenue.

Chief Marrs asked if the Board had considered doing a planning retreat, and feels it may be time to do so. Such a retreat would focus on long term planning issues, such as adopting an FD Cares program.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved unanimously, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Hobbick, consisted of the Chief's Report and the Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations (list attached).

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Commissioner Hobbick mentioned that Wayne Britton, a former district Fire Chief, is having shoulder surgery.

Executive Session. Chairman Elwell announced that, after a brief five-minute recess, the Board would be convening an executive session for 15 minutes, commencing at 6:22 p.m. The purpose of the session would be to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), the section pertaining to the scope and applicability of the Open Public Meetings Act. The executive session ended at 6:37 p.m., and the Board re-convened in open session at that time.

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Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:38 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.

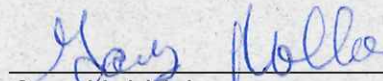
Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. surplus item list
5. email re payer mix for Burien/North Highline districts

Minutes Approved: JUNE 20, 2017.

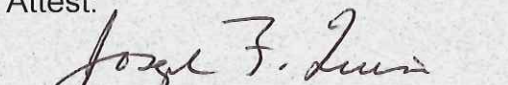


Chris Elwell
Chairman



Gary Hobbick
Commissioner

Attest:



Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

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