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The Board of Commissioners Special Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 3, 2016 at Station 49, 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Jim Strago, Dan Britton and Eric Nordstrom

Additional Attendees Included: District Fire Chief Travis Hots, Assistant Chief Branden Bates, District Secretary Wendy Britton, Captain Cody Kraski, Captain Rob White, Riick Isler, John Jacobson, Lon Langdon, and Dave Safford.

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Strago.

Agenda:

- **Regional Fire Authority** – Chairman Strago announced the postponement of Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee discussions and withdrawal of District 22. District 21's focus will remain on sustainability to ensure that our citizens and their property are properly cared for with professionalism and by qualified individuals in the field.

Discussion regarding recent meeting difficulties and concerns expressed by local citizens. Commissioner Nordstrom asked if Chairman Strago received official notification from District 19 and District 22. Chairman Strago stated that the Chairman of District 19 informed him that their desire is to postpone discussions at this time. Commissioner Nordstrom asked if official notification would be forthcoming. Chairman Strago stated that District 19 would be discussing during their regularly scheduled board meeting. Wendy stated that she submitted a request for District 22 to submit formal written notice to District 19 and 21 Board of Commissioners.

Discussion regarding districts desire to not simply increase taxes and the ongoing need to provide services while being cognizant of what it takes to operate districts today and in the future.

Commissioners recommended putting activities on hold for the time being. Commissioner Strago expressed an interest in further evaluating options to sustain service needs.

Discussion regarding enhanced communications and desire for positive interactions with all.

- **District Fire Chief** – Discussion regarding District 22's decision to opt out of discussions for Regional Fire Authority and exercise their right to give 90 days' notice to cancel agreement for shared Fire Chief Services.

Executive Session:

The chair announced the Board will be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The executive session will be for 30 minutes:

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reconvene:

8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to accept District 22's request to terminate shared services agreements effective immediately. Commissioner Britton seconded and the motion was carried. Decision made to appoint Assistant Chief Bates Interim Fire Chief.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Recorder: Wendy Britton, District Secretary

Board of Commissioners Mission Statement
Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21

"We aspire to serve our community with professionalism, honesty and integrity by building a firm foundation that provides safety and security for all"