



Snohomish County Fire District 21

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The Board of Commissioners monthly meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 10, 2016 at Station 49, 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Commissioner's in Attendance: Chairman Jim Strago, Commissioner Dan Britton, and Commissioner Eric Nordstrom

Additional Attendees Included: Interim Fire Chief Branden Bates, District Secretary Wendy Britton, Captain Kraski, Captain Bono, Captain Marty, Captain White, Mayor Tolbert, Chief Cooper, John Jacobson, Scott Hillis, Lon Langdon, Sandy Baker, Craig Lutz, Dave Hoover, Kristi Hoover, Rick Isler, Deb Isler, Gayle Acidera, Randy Dobbins, Rob Deoneseus, Terry Johnson, Scott Hillis, Ken Johnson, Carl Larson, Jason Prueher, Jim Welch, Craig Wessel, Ken Johnson, Ronald Peterson, Glenn Martin, Jon Wessel, Mark Baugh and Gene Chase.

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Strago.

Special Guests and Presentations:

Chairman Strago introduced Mayor Barb Tolbert.

Public Comment:

Mr. Chase expressed concerns regarding service the South side of the District, objection to contract negotiations with the City of Arlington, and dissatisfaction with the removal of E46.

Mr. Safford expressed concerns regarding run card changes and potential delay for transports from the City of Arlington. He also expressed concerns regarding backup assistance and staffing during Station 49 transports.

Mr. Peterson stated that the District would be providing three months' severance pay for Chief Hots resignation and that he'd never heard of doing that; he requested Commissioners resign at the end of the meeting. The Board of Commissioners all stated that severance pay was not provided to Chief Hots. Mr. Peterson expressed concerns regarding Chief salary, Retreat, sale of equipment, levy lid lift, and Regional Fire Authority.

Mr. Johnson stated the rumor mill is claiming one Commissioner has resigned; is that true? The Board of Commissioners advised no that is not true. Mr. Johnson asked if the District would in fact be paying three months' severance pay. The Board of commissioners reiterated that no severance pay would be issued.

Mr. Hoover expressed lack of confidence and asked Commissioners to resign.

Mr. Lutz shared information and expressed concerns regarding serving as a volunteer, District identity, lack of trust, training requirements, and requested Commissioners return Station 49 to what it used to be.

Mrs. Acidera expressed a sense of loss of community and identity; requested Commissioners resign.

Mr. Taylor expressed concerns regarding Regional Fire Authority presentation and asked who paid for it. Assistant Chief Bates stated that the presentation was provided free of charge by a volunteer. District Secretary Wendy Britton stated that the Draft Plan was paid for by all three Districts.

Mr. Lutz asked about the status of the ambulance and the City of Arlington contract. Commissioner Strago advised working on completing verbiage and stated the city contract is in the final phase of approval.

Mayor Tolbert expressed concerns regarding service levels in the entire Stilly Valley. We still have work to do and are committed to working with the Commissioners.

Mr. Lutz further commented on ambulance and transport license. Assistant Chief Bates provided an overview of the ambulance purchase, use, and transport license.

Mr. Johnson commented on responding to calls and utilizing most versatile apparatus.

Mr. Lutz further expressed concerns regarding the use of the ambulance, Chief Hots administration, staffing, training requirements, sale of Rescue 49, Chief contract, and city contract.

Mr. Johnson expressed dissatisfaction with transition of Chiefs and desire for Chiefs to respond to calls.

Mr. Welch asked about staffing and transports. Assistant Chief Bates provided an overview of mutual aid. Laura stated nurse processes should be utilized.

Inquiry regarding eminent domain. The Board of Commissioners stated that they had no intention of considering eminent domain. Discussion regarding telephone conversation and potential misunderstanding.

Inquiry regarding response to public comments; Chairman Strago stated items that merit being added to the next meeting agenda will be included. Further inquiry regarding resignation; Chairman Strago announced Recall Petition and stated that it contains false allegations, he will not resign and plans to defend himself.

Consent Agenda Items:

- **Agenda** – Approval of the Agenda.
- **Minutes** – Approval of meeting minutes.
- **Finance** – Approval of finance reports, accounts payable, and payroll.
- **Protecting District Assets** – VFIS Quarterly Meeting Schedule (8/23, 11/1).

Old Business:

- **Regional Fire Authority** – Chairman Strago announced the need for one more meeting to bring planning committee to closure.
- **City of Arlington** – Chairman Strago stated that legal council is finalizing contract language. Discussion regarding BLS transport license and ALS service with the City of Arlington. Mayor Tolbert asked the citizens for grace for the City of Arlington and Commissioners to repair culture and build relationships.
- **South-Side Station** – Chairman Strago affirmed desire to build a station on the South side of the District and search for viable property; realizing funding is quite a ways out.

New Business:

- **Public Records Requests** – Chairman Strago commented on the volume of public record requests, the Districts legal authority to charge for records, cost of materials and time spent processing requests. The District will be evaluating charging for record requests in the future.

District Secretary Reports:

- **WA State Auditor's Office** – Auditor's office has resumed finalizing documents and anticipate providing closing documents within 30 days.
- **Records Requests** – Wendy provided a status update.
- **Emergency Reporting System** – Chief Stocker is finalizing reports.
- **Computer Server** – Chief Hots is working to complete server installation; Wiring has been installed at Station 68.
- **Recall Petition** – Wendy provided status update.
- **Finance Resolution** – Discussion regarding updating authorized signers. Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution. Commissioner Britton seconded and the motion was passed.

Executive Session:

Chairman Strago announced an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment; 7:37 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reconvene:

8:00 p.m.

- **District Fire Chief** – Chairman Strago announced that no decision has been made regarding the replacement of Chief Hots and Assistant Chief Bates will continue serving as Interim Chief for the time being.

Cash TB Summary:

- **Cash Account** – \$537,710
- **Investment account** – \$692,469

Approval of Monthly Payroll:

- **Monthly Payroll/Reimbursement** - \$21,997

Approval of Current Monthly Bills:

- **Bills Submitted** – \$177,954
Warrant No. 1918916 – 1918932

Meeting Schedule:

The next monthly Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday September 14, 2016 at Station 49; 12131 228th Street NE Arlington, WA 98223.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 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"