

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting
Friday, March 23, 2018 @5:00 p.m. @Station 49

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Nordstrom.

Attendees: Chairman Eric Nordstrom, Commissioners Dave Safford & Ed Taft, Fire Chief Chad Schmidt via facetime, Executive Assistant Tiner. There were two Crew and several guests present.

Flag Salute: Dispensed with.

Agenda: Decision on Consultant Services for District Financial Modeling – Chief Schmidt met with Bill Cushman, along with Commissioner Taft and three citizens of the Citizen’s Advisory Group, for a demonstration of the Cushman Financial Module. It aids in financial projections for all areas of the District. The Chief stated that it is a very in-depth program and Mr. Cushman answered many questions for them. If approved by the Board the timeline is:

- 3/27 - Chief Schmidt will meet with Mr. Cushman to start process.
- 4/9 - Mr. Cushman will attend the regular Commissioner meeting so that the Commissioners may specify how they would like the program tailored to the District.
- 4/16 - At a special meeting, Mr. Cushman will present the final product.

Commissioner Taft expressed that he felt this program was more for larger districts than District #21. He feels it is the Board of Commissioners’ job to handle this.

Citizens Scotty and Laura & FF Kraski, who attended the Cushman presentation, spoke very highly of the program. They felt it was extremely efficient, will aid in passing a levy, is a proven system used by several other fire districts, is easily understood and it takes the personality out of the financial decisions.

Citizen Tillman mentioned that it is important to keep things simple and open. Chairman Nordstrom stated that it is endorsed by the WA Fire Commissioners Association. Chief Schmidt stated that there will be a packet that can be put on the District’s website and also be available at the Fire Station.

Cost – Bill Cushman charges \$100/hour and estimates the completion of the program for the District to run approximately between \$2,500 and \$3,500. Once complete, it is owned by the District and Mr. Cushman will have no proprietary rights over it.

Chairman Nordstrom moved to hire the services of Bill Cushman to develop a financial module for the District at a cost of \$100/hour; Commissioner Safford seconded. Motion carried by a vote of two to one, with Commissioner Taft voting Nay.

Commissioner Safford stated that he feels so strongly about the importance of this program for the benefit of the District, that he will be donating \$1,000 towards the cost.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Safford moved and Commissioner Taft seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Chairman Nordstrom

Commissioner Safford

Commissioner Taft

Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt