



Business Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Asst Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Pete Parrish, Captains Brandon Vargas and Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

2023 Budget – We will need to start planning our 2023 budget at the next meeting. If there are particular larger expenditures, let Chief Andrews know.

KC EMS – Funding will increase by 10% for 2023.

Levy Lid Lift – The department is grateful for our supportive community who have passed the levy lid lift.

OPERATIONS

Wildland Mobilizations: We currently have one crew in OR with a brush truck. The IMT personnel have all returned. There are currently 2 brush trucks and a tender on the Bolt Creek fire.

Station 53 Repairs: The painters will be working into next week. The new appliances have been purchased and will arrive soon.

Stryker Cots: An additional two Stryker cots will be purchased for the new aid vehicles.

Boundary Line Adjustment: Harmsen gave an estimate for a boundary line adjustment for the house and Station 53. Chief Walters is still looking into the city requirements for the change.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)- All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team. The EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. The project is in the final stages and a final draft has gone to the county for approval.

EMT Training- There are currently 22 students signed up for the EMT class. 19 students completed the evaluator course.

Personnel- Jason Leighty has returned to the department.

August ALS coverage- 90%

SUPPORT SERVICES

Wildland Fires – Captain Coulson returned from the Jones Creek fire with an emergency demobilization in order to work on the Bolt Creek fire.

Drones: The department drones have been invaluable at the Bolt Creek fire.

USDA Community Wildfire Defense grant – We are applying for \$250,000 grant for wildland fuels mitigation and risk reduction. The grant would fund paid staff from June- Sept to do structure assessments and bring the chipper into the community for fuel reduction. The grant would fund this program for 2 ½ years.

T-Mobile- T-Mobile is giving the department modems to test in some vehicles. They are trying to improve reception in the area.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 69%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the August minutes. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 395 through 431 for \$68,438.11, and vouchers 6 and 7 from the construction fund for \$31,586.14. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$156,501.83. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The Bolt Creek fire has been very challenging. There was no way to stop it early on. The drones were extremely valuable. Despite the very limited visibility from the smoke, a drone was the first to see that the fire had jumped to Heybrook Ridge, before helicopters or satellites, which was the trigger point for evacuating the town of Index.

The fire went from local, to DNR, to a type 3 IMT team in record speed.

There will likely be ongoing issues with slides and erosion for some time.

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Action Items

A list of surplus items was approved.

Old Business

Doug discussed the North Fork 911 project, and the commissioners noted that Snohomish County will be doing a countywide study of Wi-Fi access that could possibly include this area.

Next regular meeting October 12, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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