



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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Business Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 19:09. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Leigh Christianson, Dean Johnson, Doug Rupp and Tim Folsom. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, and Secretary Karen McPeters (Recorder). Molly Olson's absence was excused.

Public Commentary: There was no public commentary.

Administrative Reports

Levies: Brian Snure has drafted a resolution for the collection of taxes in 2018. Karen has been working with the county treasurer and comptrollers for next year's levy. The county needs direction from the commissioners as soon as possible to arrange 2019 tax assessments. The board determined during the investigation phase that GO Bonds would only apply to the tax payers in the area that was originally voted to approve them. After talking to our attorney this is entirely up to the board of commissioners. The board will stick with this plan, since that was conveyed to residents of the prior District 28 before the vote to merge. The resolution stipulates that GO bonds stay with voters approving and all other taxes will be equally applied.

Mobes: We have a lot of mobilization activity currently with personnel and apparatus at three different major fires. One crew is in California and expected to remain there for a two-week period. Likely they will ask for an extension. Mobilizations in state have been fairly short lasting three to four days. The outlook for August is poor for fire danger and likelihood of larger fires.

We have been working with Washington State EMD on out of state deployments and compensation and expectations. It now seems more likely than in years past that these types of requests will continue.

Dispatch: The dispatch centers moved into one facility (Old Snopac building) leaving the previous Snocom facility as a backup and training facility for new dispatchers. A new tac committee has been formed and we are working on updating dispatch procedures.

Revenues: Financial reports continue to look in great shape with revenues coming in higher than projected.

Gold Dust Days: We had great comments during Gold Bar Dust Days where we had set up our displays and booths and water dunk tank. A big thanks to Shane Roeder who put in many hours preplanning and during event. We are planning a good presence at the Index Arts Festival this weekend.

OPERATIONS

Ernie has been working mostly on maintaining staffing while personnel are deployed. He also has worked several 24 hour shifts so that we have a qualified officer and engine driver on duty. He is currently on deployment to California with our crew.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

Firefighter recruit class starts September 5th with 20 people signed up currently. Nine are from our department.

Research is ongoing to replace phone system for three stations in conjunction with the new server at station 54. Originally, we felt the old phone system would be the best decision to expand but more modern systems appear to be a better choice. More to come as research continues.

EMS

Matt has been working on updating department procedures that relate to EMS.

Monthly EMS CBT completed for both FD 26 and FD 50.

Scheduling of Medics has improved with near 98% coverage

The new contract signed by FD 5 with FD 7 requires that FD 5 uses the closest medic unit to a call, which may result in more calls coming to FD 26.

Secretary's Report

Transports: July transport payments by level of service were viewed.

Audit: The 2016-2017 audit will begin shortly. Commissioner Chair Tubbs will discuss any issues requiring commissioner input with the auditor. The board noted that the 2014-15 audit didn't occur until 2017, meaning there was little time to implement any changes.

Consent Agenda

Minutes: Michelle moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting, and with a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 326-2018 through 354-2018 for \$60,632.46 and 355-2018 through 366-2018 for \$11,472.91. With a second from Tim, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$105,016.54 (\$39,118.59 for mobes will be reimbursed) and with a second from Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Cell Coverage of Galena: Lt Coulson took Doug and a technician to the cell tower. Also went to SERS tower. Would require a repeater be mounted high on tower. No estimate on cost of repeater. Next step would be asking SERS for permission to mount a repeater.

Commissioner Elections: The board is still researching the requirements for reducing the size of the board now that the merger is complete. It is believed that every 2 years, all commissioners whose terms expire run for a single position until 5 commissioners remain.

Appraisal: The appraisal from Charles Schroeder was reviewed. Still need to talk to city about a boundary line adjustment for the property at 208 5th St. Bill moves we offer \$101K. Kate seconds. 9 commissioners voted in favor of making the offer, Leigh opposed. Expenditures would come from capital improvement fund, which needs to be utilized within 3 years of when we obtained the money.

New Business

Public Requests: A district resident wanted to know about hydrants and was referred to the city. Tracy Cottteril ordered house sign- Secretary will check with Rob. Google Map is inaccurate for Station 54. Doug called Google to have it changed.

Volunteers' Association Meetings: First Thurs of each month is Volunteers' Association meeting, if commissioners want to attend. Secretary will email to remind.

The next meeting of Fire District 26 will be on Sept 12 at 19:00 at Station 53.

Meeting adjourned at 20:31.