



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2020

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Copple and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$ 109,187.37 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 196 through 253 and totaling \$83,922.61 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign the payroll and vouchers for this month.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Commissioner Fox commented that he was in attendance to the Bid opening process and felt it was handled very professionally.

Secretary's Report – No report

Old Business – ALS Contract

Chief Halverson reviewed the proposed ALS contract with the Commissioners. Commissioner Geiger inquired as to the contract wording requiring that the closest ALS unit to respond to ALS calls within our District. Chief Halverson responded that District 7 has insisted on this provision.

A motion to approve an **ALS Contract between SCFD 7 and SCFD 5** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02 authorized Chief Halverson to sign the ALS contract.

Commissioner Geiger asked if tentative dates for negotiations on the ALS contract due to expire at the end of the year had been set yet. Chief Halverson replied that due to the Corona Virus pandemic no dates have been set, but that he has been in phone contact with Chief O'Brien regarding future negotiations.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox thanked staff for getting the meeting set up and to those in attendance. Commissioner Geiger thanked everyone from the boots on the ground staff to the administration. There is a lot involved; from getting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for everybody working calls, as well as all of the extra work that is required of the administration staff. Thanks to everybody and keep up the good work.



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Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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Station Construction

Bid opening was conducted from the carport at the old sleeper quarters on April 7th at 14:00 hours. There were six bidders the highest being Tiger Const. at \$6,732,000 and the lowest Trico Const. at \$5,820,000. The opening was streamed via Zoom but all 6 representatives remained outside and watched and listened to the opening. The opening went well and the bids were published on Builders exchange the next day. On Friday we received a bid protest from the second lowest bidder Kassel Const. We are evaluating that protest with Lawhead Architects and Attorney Brian Snure. We have to make a choice, either accept the next highest bidder or reject the protest as minor and stay with the lowest bid. In either situation we may end up in court allowing a judge to make the decision. Kassel's bid is \$5,979,792 making it \$159,792 more expensive. We are doing further research and hope to make a decision at the end of the week. If we choose to take the low bidder the protester will be notified and allowed 2 business days to file for an injunction.

ALS Agreement

I forwarded each of you a copy of the Draft Agreement it has been approved by the District #7 Board. I believe it is as good as we're going to do and as such should be approved.

IT Servers, Network, Website

Through the efforts of ISOsource we have taken ownership of the URL. We are working toward rebuilding our web site to make it user friendly, secure, and reflective of our needs. We expect to use Leonard Bouche as he has done most of the Fire Sites in Snohomish County and knows most of what we need.

Apparatus

We continue to move forward on our strategy to replace two of our three licensed aid units one of which is also our utility rescue unit. The strategy changed slightly from putting one of our boxes on a Type I Ford 4 X 4 chassis to purchasing a demo 4 X 4 with a standard box nearly identical to the ones we have, and installing a box off the oldest Type III E350 on a new Type III chassis. This is much less expensive because installing a box off the E Series onto the F series is complicated and expensive.

Novel Corona Virus

We have had two personnel sick and tested for C19 both tested negative. We are doing all that we can to make certain our crews do not become C19 positive because of their service to District #5.

The District is very well supplied with PPE because we had gotten in the habit of keeping an emergency supply after the SARS virus in 2002 and H1N1 in 2009. None the less we are replacing gear, adding to our stockpile and investing in devices to disinfect the station, apparatus and equipment including some newer technology such as UVC light disinfectors. The goal is to reuse as much gear as we can to preserve and protect our stockpile. We use Level III PPE on every medical call and use the scout method of sending one person in to investigate and decide how many are needed before committing the entire team. We use half mask respirators with P100 filters that last up to a year in EMS use. That change has decreased our N95 mask use from 36 per week in the middle of March down to just 2 last week. N95 masks are expected to continue to be in short supply because the nation uses 2 billion annually.

The present model developed at the UW indicates the virus will trough around May 15th and that there will be spikes at 30 and 150 days following the low. This virus will continue to be a threat for many years unless we either develop a vaccine or a treatment.