



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing Commissioner Cople 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**

**Public/Staff Comments** – Debra Chase expressed her thanks and kudos to fire personnel for the work they did in response to the Woods Creek area fire. Due to their efforts the fire was stopped from spreading too far into the forested area or to other homes.

### **Consent Items –**

A motion to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2020 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2020 as amended, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$119,555.76 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 0477 through 0523 and totaling \$41,078.68 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 1011 through 1017 and totaling \$ 508,285.03 as verified by the District Secretary 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 payroll and vouchers for this month.

**Chief's Report** – See attached. Commissioner Geiger asked if the County is running out of PPE, (Personal Protective Equipment). The Chief replied that fire service organizations are still receiving PPE through the County and that he is not aware how much money is left in the grant. The allocations are established by call volume and do not fulfill the District's full need. Staff periodically reviews inventory and purchases additional PPE as need to maintain a three month supply.

**Secretary's Report** – District Secretary Cathy Barth, informed the Commissioners about the upcoming Snure Seminar and provided a registration form in the Board packet.

### **Old Business – None**



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### **New Business –**

**Budget View 2** - A motion to approve **Budget View 2** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Fox asked that a specific sub category be added for the new station expenses under BARS code 522 10 4009.

**PO#2020 – 2527 City of Sultan** - A motion to approve **PO#2020- 2527 Building Permit** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

**PO#2020 – 2538 Amazon.com** - A motion to approve **PO#2020- 2538 Covid 19 Supplies** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

**PO#2020 – 2535 Blue Line Innovations** - A motion to approve **PO#2020- 2535 Body Armor Vests** 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 Purchase Orders listed.

**Sno-Isle Commissioner** – Commissioner Fox reported that an informative discussion from DEM (Department of Emergency Management) was made at the most recent Sno-Isle Commissioners meeting.

### **Executive Session – None**

**Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Fox stated a great job is being done by all staff during this busy time. Thank you. He also stated that he is happy with the progress on Station.

**Adjourn** - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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## **Station Construction**

Framing material that was in short supply has been delivered and framing progress is satisfactory. The goal is to get the building dried in so that interior plumbing and electrical can proceed. Grade Inc. has installed the water main and sewer connection. Work on the storm water system and preparation for concrete aprons and asphalt parking areas is underway. Ideally all dirt work, paving and exterior slabs will be complete before major rains begin.

Trico has suspended work because of health concerns related to wildfire smoke. How long they intend to delay is dependent on the smoke clearing. Delays of a few days during dry weather can have a downstream effect of delaying project completion longer than just the days taken.

## **Illegal Burns**

The first of September it became evident we had a severe fire problem throughout the West Coast from Mexico to Canada. The state DNR banned essentially all outdoor fires excluding barbeques using propane or charcoal. We followed up with messages on Facebook and stationed the DEM electronic sign on SR2 advising people not to burn. Since that time we have responded to 16 illegal burn complaints. The calls are at once concerning and comforting. It is difficult to understand why anyone would allow an outdoor fire in this environment, but it is also comforting that others are willing to report those fires so we can deal with them before they get out of control.

## **COVID-19**

Snohomish County continues to see slight decreases in Covid infections as far as we know. There is great concern for the coming winter months when people spend more time together indoors. The death rate of the known positives in the County is 3.1%. It is clear that the primary method of infection is expiration aerosols. If you have been out and about you will find most people wearing masks but a small minority who continue to refuse.

The District is continuing to receive some PPE through the County grant. We have done an assessment and ordered enough additional PPE to get us through a potential severe Covid return this winter.

We are working with the County Chiefs to acquire enough seasonal flu vaccines to vaccinate all our emergency responders county wide. If we can get that model to work we will do the same thing when a Covid vaccine becomes available.

We will be receiving about 1400 masks to distribute to those who cannot otherwise afford them. They were purchased through a DEM grant and distributed to fire organizations, libraries and the VOA. We will work with the City and other local organizations to get them distributed.

**Web Site Construction**

The new web site is live. It will require ongoing adjustments but is available and functioning as designed. It is similar to most of the fire service web presence in the County.