



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*April 12, 2021*

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**

### **Public/Staff Comments –**

Debra Chase commented that she has still not received the newsletter that was mailed out almost three weeks ago. Some of her neighbors have not either. She inquired if we had changed our distribution list. Chief replied that we had not but he will speak to the printer to see if he has any insight. She would like to see the newsletter added to the website.

### **Consent Items –**

A motion to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2021 as amended, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of **\$126,523.02** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0162 through 0218 and totaling **\$63,194.99** as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Geiger inquired as to a reason the charger purchases were not covered by the County .1% sales tax. Chief Halverson stated it was due to the fact that the chargers were not part of our original inventory. Only original inventory was covered in the County's Request for Proposal (RFP). The question of radios for the new station is still undecided.

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0017 through 0023 and totaling **\$629,822.07** 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 Geiger asked what color the new station will be painted. The Chief replied red and green.

Commissioner Geiger asked if two different ALS licenses are required, one for transport and another for aid only. The Chief replied that one license allows us to provide aid and transport patients.

### **Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.**



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### **Old Business –**

Commissioner Fox inquired as to how the recruit process for a Chief Officer position was progressing. Chief Halverson responded that the Request for Proposal (RFP), will be going out this next week.

Commissioner Fox requested the consideration of a Five Member Board be added to the Closed Issues.

Commissioner Geiger discussed the need for a committee for the "For and Against" statement on the Ballot measure for the increase in Board members. Chief Halverson commented that in the packet of information he received from Attorney Snure, there is a template to send to newspapers advertising for committee members. The Ballot title for the increase in Board members proposal was also in the material sent to him by the attorney.

Commissioner Geiger requested clarification as to what position the District would be advertising in Request for Proposals (RFP). Chief Halverson replied we are posting for a Chief Officer.

### **New Business –**

Commissioner Geiger asked if the Cushman model would be presented at the next Board meeting. Chief Halverson stated that the model will be presented at the next meeting along with the Hover Craft purchase orders.

### **Commissioner Comments –**

Commissioner Fox thanked all of the public in attendance and thanked the crews and staff for the continued hard work during these difficult times.

Commissioner Geiger thanked Cathy for a diligent job on the minutes. He thanked the crews and the administrative staff for all of their hard work, and the Chief for his good work on the new 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 7:51p.m.

  
Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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## Dispatch/Ebola

- Ebola first discovered in settlements along the Ebola River in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is again claiming victims there and elsewhere in Africa.
- We are aware of people traveling from infected areas of Africa to Snohomish County.
- SNOCOM is implementing an (EIDS) Early Identification of Disease Symptoms Protocol targeting Ebola symptoms and travel questions.
- Ebola is 25% to 90% fatal depending on how early medical treatment is started.
- Like most viruses Ebola early symptoms are similar to the seasonal flu.
- Similar to Covid the incubation period for Ebola is 2 to 21 days with the majority patients having symptoms in 8 to 10 days.

## Dispatch/General

- Both Smart 911 and Pulse Point are fully functional at dispatch.
- SNOCOM is searching for new location along the I-5 corridor between Lynnwood and Marysville.
- It appears they are willing to renovate a building or build new.

## Apparatus

- The new aid unit remount is at Station 51 response ready.
- It will not be placed in frontline service until decals are installed this week.

## COVID-19

- Snohomish County continues to support several vaccination sites including Boom City, Arlington Airport, Edmonds Community College and the Evergreen Fairgrounds.
- Some health organizations and pharmacies are also providing limited vaccinations.
- Presently there are few restrictions as to who qualifies for a vaccination
- By mid-month all prequalifications will be dropped and the emphasis will be on getting any willing participant vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Although Covid positive cases in Snohomish County are on the rise, hospitalizations are not presently increasing.
- However those hospitalized are younger than during previous surges.
- This is likely influenced by early vaccinations of older people.
- Our practices have not changed with respect to Covid precautions and will likely not change until we see another downturn in the overall Covid cases.
- On the horizon is the question of booster shots for Covid similar to the seasonal flu.

### **Station Construction**

- All concrete is poured with the expectation that paving will be undertaken this week if the weather holds.
- If the weather remains dry and warms slightly exterior paint will be prioritized.
- Much of the interior work centers on electrical and low voltage connections and paint touchup throughout the building.
- It is somewhat of a dance to get one discipline complete to a point that allows the next group to begin and/or finish their work.
- In addition to relying on one another's work to be completed the schedule needs to allow room for everyone to work safely.
- We are working on a schedule for commissioning as soon as all systems are ready for go live.
- Reports from organizations that have retrofitted the Plasma needlepoint ionization technology we have incorporated into the station have been positive.
- Building progress remains a sprint toward an early June completion.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Labor negotiations is ongoing. Progress is being made.
- The ALS application to DOH is near complete. We are reviewing regional plans and working on narratives.