



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

June 28, 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 – Chief Halverson asked to add Purchase Order 2021-2753 for Scissor Lift, and the Surplus of an old poorly functioning Air Conditioner unit. Commissioner Fox added an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel conduct and a contract.

Public Comments – None

Consent Items – None

Chief's Report – See Attached

Commissioner Geiger inquired if the bid that was received was for the type of hover craft that was previously shown to us. Chief Halverson confirmed that it was.

Secretary's Report – None

Old Business –

Commissioner Fox asked Chief Halverson if there was anything new to report regarding the ALS application. The Chief replied that there was nothing new to report. Commissioner Geiger asked if the application had been submitted. The Chief replied that yes it had been.

New Business –

PO# 2021-2667 Atlantic Signal - A motion to approve [Rescue Helmets with Headsets](#) and [Communications \(Comms.\)](#) was made by Commissioner Geiger, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

PO# 2021-2736 Laerdal Medical Corporation - A motion to approve the [Airway Manikin Trainer](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

PO# 2021-2753 HE Equipment services -

The Commissioners discussed the need for a Scissor lift, the height of the lift, the possibility of renting or an Interlocal agreement with the School District to borrow their lift, inquiring with other Fire District's about their experience with Scissor Lifts. Also to check on the station filters and how often they need to be changed and if that is covered under warranty. It was also suggested by Commissioner Geiger, and Commissioner Copple agreed, that perhaps waiting a few months after occupancy of the building, we might have a better idea if a lift should be purchased or rented. Deputy Chief Fulcher provided additional information regarding the lift, cost, and rental fees. Commissioner Copple suggested that over the next six months he could bring his truck and do any work that might be needed and this would help determine the need to purchase or if a rental would suffice.

The Commissioners asked Chief Halverson to do some further research and bring the information back to them for review.



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Surplus of an Air Conditioner - A motion to approve the surplus of an Air Conditioner that is in poor working order, in accordance with our standard practices, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 7:44 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 for discussion of personnel conduct and a contract, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously at 7:34p.m. Commissioners Fox, Copple and Geiger were in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:46 p.m. No actions were taken.

Returned to the regular meeting.

A motion not to renew the Chief Halverson's existing contract was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple and passed unanimously. A letter will be written and provided to Chief Halverson from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox thanked all staff for their hard work during the excessive heat. And commented that he was happy that Covid was winding down. He further stated that he would be sorry to see Chief Halverson leaving but appreciated his dedication, service and the excellent job he has done for the District, we wish to thank him. Commissioner Copple thanked his fellow Commissioners for taking the time to work through and come to this decision smoothly and quickly. He commented that it was a pleasure to work with them during this process.

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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Station Construction

- The contractor is responsible for the building and utilities until substantial completion.
- A list of corrections and completions that need addressed prior to sign off has been provided to Trico.
- We inspect the building weekly with the Architects and representatives of Trico to assess progress.
- It is increasingly difficult to get subcontractors back to the building once they leave and begin new projects.

Hover Craft

- We received only one Hovercraft Bid.
- It was from Neoteric Hovercraft out of Indiana.
- We are reviewing the details prior to acceptance.
- Delivery is expected 10 to 12 weeks from go ahead.

Covid

- There are still Covid positive cases in Snohomish County but they are greatly diminished from the peaks earlier this year.
- We have changed some of our PPE requirements to reflect the extreme heat conditions.
- We now require Level III PPE only for aerosol-generating procedures, and when responding to a known COVID-19 outbreak in a facility.
- The present science is looking at vaccinations for the very young, how well today's vaccines protect against the Delta variant and whether boosters will be needed in the fall.

Assistant Chief Recruitment

- After some back and forth we have a signed agreement with Strategic Government Resource (SGR) and are communicating with SGR to get the recruitment for an Assistant Chief underway.
- The first project is to educate SGR about District #5 and the surrounding area.
- Thereafter we can create a brochure and begin advertising.

DC Clark

- DC Clark was off last week because of a horseback riding accident.
- He will remain off for the rest of this week.
- We expect an update from Chief Clark later this week.

911 Responses

- As we would expect the heat is taking a toll on the elderly, the chronically ill and the homeless. We are doing what we can.
- There were 3 water rescues in the valley over the weekend, all successful.
- Our forested and interface areas are becoming alarmingly dry.
- Fireworks will be particularly threatening this year.
- We hope citizens will use restraint while celebrating Independence Day with fireworks.