



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*July 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 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** – Commissioner Fox added to New Business a brief review of the Sno-Isle meeting he recently attended. Commissioner Geiger added a discussion about an open house for the new station.

**Public/Staff Comments** – No Comments.

### **Consent Items** –

A motion to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously

A motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of **\$130,530.84** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0325 through 0372 and totaling **\$73,090.06** 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: 0052 through 0063 and totaling **\$77,320.80** as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, 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 Chief Halverson if the company we are buying the Hover Craft from had been asked if there was a delivery priority given to emergency service organizations. Chief Halverson replied that most organizations wanting to purchase a Hover Craft are likely emergency services. He stated there was no conversation about moving ahead of others for receipt of the craft.

Commissioner Geiger asked the Chief if there was any progress regarding the ALS license. The Chief replied that has spoken to the State but there is no new progress at this time.



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### Chief's Report – *continued*

Commissioner Geiger asked if there was a time frame to determine if we are going to be awarded a license. Chief Halverson replied that once the application process is complete we will obtain the license.

Commissioner Geiger suggested that adding the retroactive payments union employees will receive, once the labor agreement has been settled, be added into Cushman model. Commissioner Geiger inquired as to how the labor negotiations were proceeding. Chief reported that they are breaking down and tackling the issues one piece at a time.

Commissioner Geiger asked what the timeline was for the employment agency we hired, Strategic Government Resource (SGR), to complete the process. Was it three months from the time the brochure is produced or once applications have been received. Chief Halverson replied that it was his understanding it was approximately three months total time estimate from all three responding organizations.

**Secretary's Report** – No report.

**Old Business** – None.

### **New Business** –

**Sno-Isle Commissioner Meeting** - Commissioner Fox gave a brief report of his attendance at a Sno-Isle Commissioner meeting. The discussion was about the process involved regarding Fire Benefits charge.

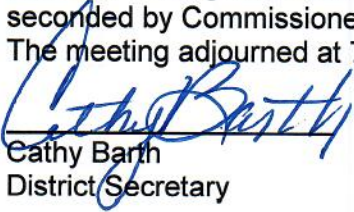
**Open House at the New Station** - Commissioner Geiger reported that he had spoken to several residents that were concerned they had missed the open house or expressed their interest in attending an open house for the new station. He suggested that something be advertised about an open house during the National Night Out festivities in August. Commissioner Fox suggested we could add an update or notification regarding an open house to Facebook and the Newsletter.

### **Commissioner Comments** –

Commissioner Fox we are all anxious to open the new station. Thanks to the staff and crews for all of their hard work, especially over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend.

Commissioner Geiger thanked staff and commented that the staff is very professional with everybody. During a recent water rescue everyone did a great job in a difficult situation. He also stated that he is looking forward to in person Board meetings at the new station.

**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 7:24 p.m.

  
Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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## Station Construction

- We've not yet reached substantial completion.
- We'll not occupy the building until most of the work is complete.
- Trico continues to work at the list of items as provided by Lawhead.
- Inspections are again scheduled for this week.
- Getting subcontractors back to the building once they leave and begin new projects is a continuing issue.

## Hover Craft located in Terra Haute Indiana.

- We have signed an agreement with Neoteric Hovercraft in Terra Haute Indiana.
- Delivery date has been expanded to September 1st.
- There is concern on the part of Neoteric about availability of materials and parts.
- Force Majeure is now a conversation in all contracts with deadlines.

## Covid

- There is a great deal of uncertainty about Covid prevention into the fall.
- There are mixed reports on the need for booster shots and how effective current vaccines are against variants, especially the Delta variant, the dominant strain of the virus in the US.
- In Washington 30% of the population remains unvaccinated.
- There are Covid breakthroughs after the vaccination, although they are rare.
- The vast majority of new infections are unvaccinated individuals.
- Our personnel who have been vaccinated are not required masks while on duty, those who have not must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

## Assistant Chief Recruitment

- We are gathering material for SGR to develop a brochure and begin advertising.
- The process takes about three months start to finish.

## 911 Responses

- We continue to experience high call volume throughout the County.
- Providence ER was double capacity last week.
- The Disaster Medical Control Center (DMCC) was activated and patients were diverted to other hospitals.
- Aid car wait times were up to two hours and 6 hours or more for walk-ins.