

**King County Fire District 44  
Board of October 27, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order.** Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:30 hours.

Present from District 44

- Commissioner James Farrell
- Commissioner Robin Mauro
- Commissioner Andy Benedetti
- Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom

Commissioner Frederick Heistuman and Commissioner Joanne Seng had excused absences. Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow, and District Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: FF Ryan McGinnis, Capt. Bob Jewett

The meeting was held at District 44, Station 95, 32316 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Auburn, Wa. 98092.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Commissioner Andy Benedetti led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Consent Agenda.** Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of October 13, 2009 and the vouchers. Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW DATE: October 22, 2009  
FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: October 16, 2009 – October 30, 2009

Voucher Payroll	15,301.01		
Vouchers 55695-55825	66,239.25	81,540.26	
Online Payroll		117,077.82	
<b>Total Operations Processing</b>			198,618.08
Bond Vouchers 01051-01053	5,590.08		
<b>Total Bond Processing</b>			5,590.08
<b>Operations &amp; Bond</b>			<b>204,208.16</b>

V. **Account Balance Report.** Expenses in order YTD. Utilities and district pagers need updated. King County Investment Pool report provided for September 2009. Impaired loss report provided for September 2009.

VI. **Budget Expenditure Report.**

As of October 30, 2009	YTD	Budget	Spent	Remaining
44 Capital	\$ 149,358.83	\$ 618,360.00	24.15%	75.85%
44 Operating	\$ 812,302.40	\$ 1,288,816.04	63.03%	36.97%
44 Payroll	\$ 1,888,636.64	\$ 2,391,713.35	78.97%	21.03%
44 Volunteer Operating	\$ 36,023.42	\$ 48,400.00	74.43%	25.57%
44 Volunteer Payroll	\$ 140,781.00	\$ 195,000.00	72.20%	27.80%
44 Transfers Out	\$ -			
*Does not include VRFA pymt				
<b>Mountain View F&amp;R</b>	<b>\$ 3,027,102.29</b>	<b>\$ 4,542,289.39</b>	<b>66.64%</b>	<b>33.36%</b>
BD Capital	\$ 324.70	\$ 5,000.00	6.49%	93.51%
BD Operating	\$ 105,039.96	\$ 136,949.00	76.70%	23.30%
BD Payroll	\$ 319,719.15	\$ 417,706.00	76.54%	23.46%
<b>Black Diamond</b>	<b>\$ 425,083.81</b>	<b>\$ 559,655.00</b>	<b>75.95%</b>	<b>24.05%</b>
<b>2009 44/BD Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,021,649.60</b>	<b>\$ 5,671,407.89</b>	<b>70.91%</b>	<b>29.09%</b>
*Does include VRFA pymt				
<b>Bond Project 2008</b>	<b>\$ 1,396,135.35</b>	<b>\$ 4,431,200.00</b>	<b>31.51%</b>	<b>68.49%</b>

VII. **Public Comment.** None

**Union Comment.** Local President Ryan McGinnis provided commentary on the help the local is providing the City of Black Diamond Police Guild in the upcoming EMS Levy they have on the November ballot. Signs, mailers and door-to-door knocking is being done. The local provided advice along with funds to purchase signs.

VIII. **Chief's Report.**

**1. Incidents.** Kitchen stove fire in Black Diamond-put out by neighbor. MVA off Thomas road due to sleet storm 10/27/09.

**2. Howard Hansen Dam.** Continued meetings to prepare for possible flooding in the district. Next meeting is November 3, 2009. Zone 3 has met to discuss their position in the process. The Cities are not involved at this time. Chief Smith provided a report on the monitoring stations placed along the Green River. He will monitor daily. October 27, 2009 water level is 55.5 feet; flood stage 1 level is 61.7 feet.

The Swiftwater Team is training with the Sheriff's office. They had a practical drill in the water October 27, 2009.

Weather reports indicate a 33% change of having a drier winter in 2009. The Howard Hansen Dam will continue to drain to keep water levels low in anticipation of rain/snow this winter.

**3. Housing Market.** Chief Smith provided update on the housing market.

**4. Politics** Christine Gregoire is requesting funds to upgrade mobile Doppler to track weather to give Fire Service more tools to manage flood conditions. A new weather station has been stationed on the west coast of Washington.

**5. Grants.** Black Diamond is discussing Safter grants and will likely apply hoping to eventually provide 24 hour staffing in Black Diamond. To date we have not heard when they will open the grant for applications. Currently left of FEMA fire station grant funds for distribution in 2009 is 40 million.

**6. Bond.** Mike Stankus and John Stankus are in Amlin, Ohio for pre-construction review on the three new apparatus purchased through the bond levy.

**IX. Old Business.**

**1. District Bonds.** Working on property description for the new Station 96 lease with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. Average cost of new station is \$291 per square foot. Selling 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Bond Levy November 2009. Conference call with Standard & Poor's scheduled October 29, 2009.

**2. Station 98 remodel.** Waiting on delivery of Generator.

**3. Fire District 17 account balances.** Chief Smith presented policy update for board approval.

Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve revised King County Fire Protection District 44 Fiscal Policy 3.0. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**4. Rescue Boat Proposal.** Chief Smith has been looking for other source of funding for boat purchase. It appears that the Muckleshoot Tribal Council has approved funding for the new rescue boat but no official word has been received.

**X. New Business.** None

**Executive Session.** Session call at 20:05. No action taken.

There will be a brief 10 minute session as per RCW 42.30.140 section 4 subsection (b) to discuss Collective Bargaining. It is anticipated that the executive session will last approximately 10 minutes and the meeting will be back in open session at 19:20.

**Commissioners Report.**

Valley Regional Fire Authority looking to buy off our SCBA bid, Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety buying an engine off our apparatus bid and King County Medic One is looking at our generator bid. Good job Mike.

Commissioner Farrell provided Snure Legal brief received at Commissioners conference.

**XII. Signing of documents.** The commissioners signed approved documents.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner James Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:22.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, November 10, 2009 – 1830 hours.

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James Farrell, Chair

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Robin Mauro

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Frederick Heistuman

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F. Dan Bjurstrom

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Joanne Seng

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Andy Benedetti

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Pamela Ratcliffe, District Secretary  
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