

**King County Fire District 44
Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 27, 2008**

- I. Meeting Called to Order.** Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:45 hours.
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| <u>Present from District 44</u> | <u>Present from District 17</u> |
| Commissioner James Farrell | Commissioner Andy Benedetti |
| Commissioner Phillip Hamilton | Commissioner Rusty Mines |
| Commissioner Fred Heistuman | Commissioner Robin Mauro |
- Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom had an excused absence.

Also present were Chief Smith and Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe. Deputy Chief Mike Barlow had an excused absence.

Union Representative: Ryan McGinnis and Karl Hangartner

The meeting was held at District 44 Headquarters, Station 95, 32316 – 148th Ave SE, Auburn, Wa. 98092.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Union President Ryan McGinnis led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Approval of Agenda.**
Commissioner Phillip Hamilton made a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- IV. Consent Agenda.**
Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of May 13, 2008 and the vouchers. Commissioner Phillip Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW DATE: May 27, 2008
FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: May 16, 2008 through May 31, 2008

Period	Voucher #	Amount	Total
May 2 half-Operations		53119	33906.46
May 2 half-Payroll			95,986.73
May 2 half-Payroll Volunteer Reimbursements			2,338.73
May 2 half-Volunteers Operations		53172	375.81
Semi annual Local Loan Payment (31733/R95)			57,933.48
Total			190,541.21

V. Account Balance Report. Finance will re-align several accounts during its normal account review in August 2008. Several accounts for review are diesel fuel, and Public Educator salary.

VI. Budget Expenditure Report. Overall expenditures are meeting budget expectations. The district has not yet been able to save towards the 5% for the Emergency Operating Fund.

VII. Public Comment. n/a

Union Comment. n/a

VIII. Chief's Report.

1. **Recruit Academy** graduated 15 recruits, Sunday, May 18, 2008, 1500.

2. **Vehicles** – all in service.

3. **Incident Responses.** 08-636, May 17, 2008. Structure fire in garage, looks to have started by spontaneous ignition of gun materials. Several hours later that day there were two Swiftwater rescues at either end of the district. 08-637 on the upper Green River and 08-639 at Flaming Geyser park. There was one loss from a party of 5 kayakers at the upper Green River, the patient was located yesterday, May 26, 2008, and a recovery mission is planned. At Flaming Geyser there was one loss from a party of 6 people stranded on a sand bar in the river.

4. **City of Black Diamond.** Jamie Kiblinger, named Police Chief. Aaron Nix, named Stewardship Director (Ecology), Seth Boettcher, named Public Works Director.

5. **KC17 Vote.** As of May 27, 87.93% Yes (153 votes) and 12.07% No (21 votes). 815 registered voters in District 17. June 4, 2008 is the certification date.

Next step will be passing resolutions in both districts to confirm vote and accept merge. Also District 44 will need to re-negotiate the contract with the City of Black Diamond.

Chief Smith will follow-up with Joseph Quinn, Attorney to handle the merge documents for District 17 and Brian Snure, Attorney to process District 44 response documents.

IX. Old Business.

1. **Station 96 replacement.** Chief Smith and Chief Barlow met with a realtor. There was one piece of possible property to look at. Prices ranged from 275,000 to 589,000 in current properties for sale. Copies will be made and provided to the Commissioners.

Property at Cooper's corner is still available per Commissioner Hamilton.

2. **Bond 08.** Chief Smith is working on a Long Range Plan for the district. He is working on a Capital Project list to attach as well. Election Committee meeting scheduled for May 30, 2008, 1400, Station 95.

3. **Enumclaw/28.** Chief Smith and Chief Barlow met with City of Enumclaw and District 28 at 0900 at the new King County Library on May 7, 2008. Next meeting scheduled for May 29, 2008, 0900. Commissioner Heistuman will be included as well. Short term as well as long term items to be discussed. Major item to be solved before any regionalization can move forward is the communication issue. This is a huge financial issue for the City of Enumclaw.

X. New Business.

1. Declaration of Vacant Commissioner position #3. Tabled until further information can be obtained from King County. KCFD17 commissioner joining the board January 2009.

XI. Commissioners Report.

1. **Commissioner Ken Seng.** Commissioner Farrell thanked those that attended. Commissioner Seng had more friends than the church could hold and he appreciated the fire district presence.

2. **District Award Picnic.** Confirmed moving forward with planned picnic. Will revise to reduce functions to make it easier to put on. Commissioner Farrell and Ryan McGinnis agreed to help. August 24, 2008, 2:00 PM, Station 95.

Executive Session. N/A

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

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillip Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1915.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, June 10, 2008 – 1830 hours.

The next joint meeting at Station 95, June 24, 2008 – 1830 hours

Pamela Ratcliffe, Secretary

James Farrell, Chairperson/Commissioner

Phillip Hamilton, Commissioner

Frederick Heistuman, Commissioner

n/a

F. Dan Bjurstrom, Commissioner
