

**King County Fire District 44  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
June 10, 2008**

- I. Meeting Called to Order.** Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:36 hours.  
Present from District 44  
Commissioner James Farrell  
Commissioner Phillip Hamilton  
Commissioner Fred Heistuman had an excused absence.  
Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom.

Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow and Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: Ryan McGinnis.

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

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- IV. Consent Agenda.**  
Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of May 27, 2008 and the vouchers. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Phillip Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW DATE: June 10, 2008  
FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: June 1, 2008 through June 15, 2008

Period	Voucher #	Amount	Total
June1 half-Operations		53173	67,914.91
June 1 half-Payroll			94,315.33
June 1 half-Payroll Volunteer Reimbursements			5,351.45
June 1 half-Volunteers Operations		53249	2,295.49
<b>Total</b>			<b>169,877.18</b>

**V. Account Balance Report.** 63% of budget remaining for 13 processing's. Pending is payment for real property taxes due Valley Regional Fire Authority (annexed January 1, 2008). The auditor's office is looking at the transfer of funds to the Fire Authority vs. the City of Auburn.

Chief Smith and Chief Barlow are working out portion of taxes to remain income for District 44 from these Lea Hill taxes to pay on the non-voted debt incurred while Lea Hill was part of the district.

Bates Tuition, Training Supplies (textbooks) and Gasoline Fuel have pre-paid expenses that are expecting reimbursements.

Expenses not budgeted for were for moving fuel tank and payroll for last pay period of December for 10 fire fighters transferred to Valley Regional Fire Authority.

Overall district continues to under spend nominally current budgeted expenditures.

**VI. Budget Expenditure Report.** Overall expenditures are meeting budget expectations. The district is looking at saving 2% vs. 5% saved in previous years.

**VII. Public Comment.** n/a

**Union Comment.** n/a

**VIII. Chief's Report.**

1. **Investment Pool.** New minimum-maximum loss exposure figures on impaired investments distributed. As follows:

As of 4/30/08	Maximum Loss Exposure	Unrealized Loss Exposure Based on Fair Value
KCFD#17	\$ 21,144.55	\$ 9,987.36
KCFD#28	\$105,000.02	\$ 49,755.12
KCFD#44	\$122,256.09	\$ 58,078.52

2. **Incident Responses.** 08-739, 1453, 39033 258<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Enumclaw. Structure fire with one loss of life. Enumclaw Fire Engine 2805 was first to arrive on scene. Fire was thought to be started by candles. It has not been determined if the smoke alarms were in working order. This fire is under investigation. Chief commended the crews including PIO from Kent and Tim Perciful from 44, the Medical Examiner, King County Sheriff's office as well as Ginger Senecal "the Soup Lady" who came in to help.

Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom questioned the mutual or auto aid with neighboring districts in our shared map box areas. The communications between Enumclaw Fire and 44 are still handled routinely by phone lines. He requests that we continue to work on improving service in our border areas.

3. **KC17 Vote.** Vote was certified on June 4, 2008 -17 Merge approved 154 (88%) votes Yes and 21 (12%) votes No. Merge will go into effect January 1, 2009. Resolutions are coming from Atty's Quinn and Snure for signature from each board.

4. **City of Black Diamond.** Chief Barlow is continuing his work with the city on the comprehensive plan and city ordinances relating to fire protection services. Information regarding the status of our communication with Enumclaw/28 is being shared with the City as well.

The City of Black Diamond has reported that our relationship with them is a positive and progressive one. Representative Bauer from Enumclaw concurs.

## **IX. Old Business.**

1. **Station 96 replacement.** Air samples (3<sup>rd</sup> set) have been completed. Reports are due in by June 13, 2008. This will indicate the next step in re-opening Station 96. Water testing has been done over last several years with no problems noted.

2. **Bond 08.** Bond Committee met with Martin Nelson & Company on Monday, June 9, 2008. New numbers were presented with updated information regarding the loss of Lea Hill – 30% of district income. They have provided us with a working timeline and print/publication ideas to move forward on processes to prepare for a November vote.

The committee will meet June 11, 2008 to determine the dollar request to be made based on the updated financial information received.

Public meetings will be scheduled for open communication with the district.

3. **Enumclaw/28.** Chief(s) met with Chief Dawson on June 5, 2008, their next scheduled meeting is June 25, 2008. Talks between the City of Enumclaw and KCFD28 and between Enumclaw/28 and District 44 are bringing about needed clarification on the direction that Enumclaw/28 is wanting to take towards regionalization.

4. **Vacancy on 44 Board.** Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to declare position #3 vacant on District 44 Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Phillip Hamilton seconded the motion. Resolution 08-427 declaring vacancy carried.

Procedure will be followed to fill position within 90 day period as required by law.

Chief Smith will contact legal to determine the ramifications of the 17 board merging with the 44 board on January 1, 2009.

5. **District Annual Picnic.** Scheduled for August 24, 2008, 1400. Station 95.

## **X. New Business.**

1. **MOU Addition of "24 hr Lt. Flex shift".** Tabled to June 24, 2008 meeting.

2. **MOU extension of current contract with 17.1 wages for 2009.** Tabled to June 24, 2008 meeting.

**XI. Commissioners Report.**

1. **Local visit.** Commissioner Farrell meeting with Covington Water District extending our appreciation for their services regarding district hydrants. This local district to be invited to our next NIMS training session. Chief Barlow and Tim Perciful already have good working relationship with the water district.

**Executive Session.** 2006-2026. Discussed negotiation item, no decisions made.

**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 F. Dan Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2030.

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

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

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Pamela Ratcliffe, Secretary

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James Farrell, Chairperson/Commissioner

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Phillip Hamilton, Commissioner

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Frederick Heistuman, Commissioner

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F. Dan Bjurstrom, Commissioner

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