

**King County Fire District 44**  
**Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting**  
**June 23, 2015**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Commissioner Farrell called the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 pm.

**Present from District 44**

Commissioner Jim Farrell

Commissioner Cathie McKinney

Commissioner Joanne Seng

Commissioner Dan Bjurstrom

Commissioner Mark Clayton

Chief Greg Smith

Deputy Chief Mike Barlow

Darrol Iverson, Union President

The meeting was held at District 44 Station 95—32316 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Auburn, 98002

**II. Pledge of Allegiance, United States Flag**

Commissioner Farrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Seng and seconded by Commissioner McKinney to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Clayton moved and Commissioner Seng seconded to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**V. Account Balance Report—Dep. Chief Barlow**

48.3% of budget is spent year to date. Spending is on schedule for the year.

**VI. Budget Expenditure Report—Chief Smith**

		June
1st	Vouchers	108,018
1st	Payroll	126,066
2nd	Vouchers	75,545
2nd	Payroll	122,791
<b>Totals</b>		
	payroll	248,857
	Vouchers	183,563
	<b>Total</b>	<b>432,420</b>

**VII. Public Comment**

None

**Union Comment**

Darrol Iverson, Union President distributed overtime costs. Still looking to schedule the staffing meeting with Commissioners Seng and Bjurstrom.

**VIII. Chief's Report**

Chief Greg Smith presented a PowerPoint report which is incorporated by reference and reviewed Personnel, Facilities, Vehicles, Equipment, Budget and Emergency Incidents/Responses.

- Between June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> there were 78 incidents, averaging 5.57 per day. Heroin deaths are spiking in numbers due to the increased potency of the drug.
- Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> all burnings will be closed until after Labor Day. Between June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup> it is predicted that we will experience above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. NOAA is predicting higher temperatures through September and precipitation to be normal or less than normal. Drought development is likely through September which raises the concern for fires. Chief Smith talked about limiting the response teams to Eastern Washington to make sure King County is covered in the event of local fires.
- With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up, statistics from 2014 showed there were 432 injuries and fires due to fireworks. Most of the injuries were sustained by males 36 years old and older.
- Chief Smith shared a document dictating laws regarding fireworks—what was allowed and not allowed and the dates they were permissible.
- Met with Chief Fehr, Enumclaw Fire on June 11<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

### **1. Ad Hoc City/District Fire Committee (report)**

Commissioner McKinney reported that they met with the Mayor Benson of Black Diamond at the last Ad hoc meeting. The Ad Hoc committee continues to work on the Draft pre-annexation agreement between Black Diamond and Mountain View. The committee wants to allow each party—Black Diamond and Mountain View—to exam the proposed agreement individually then convene together to finish up the details and language of the agreement. Commissioner Farrell added that the Mayor repeatedly said she wants her city to annex with Mountain View. The whole pre-annexation process will take about a year to work through. Chief Smith added additional comments about the elements of the pre-annexation agreement. He asked the board if they had input on any other concerns beyond what was already presented. The next meeting of the committee will be July 21<sup>st</sup> with Black Diamond.

### **2. District News Letter (Web Page report)**

Chief Smith is working on scheduling a phone conference with Will Spencer from Civic Plus including Commissioners McKinney and Clayton. Scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Bjurstrom expressed concern about how useful/how many people would check the website versus the cost of making the website. Chief Smith said the subcommittee will report back to the board when they have solid information in regards to what the website will provide and the costs involved. Several local cities use Civic Plus. Dep. Chief Barlow shared that on the current website the biggest hit is on information regarding volunteer applications.

### **3. Capital Improvement Plans (report)**

Deputy Chief Barlow said the generator issue is still progressing forward. He further shared that at Station 97 it was discovered that the septic tank is under the addition that was added years ago. The cost to fix the problem—pump out and fill the old tank with sand and add a new tank--will cost about \$10,000-\$12,000. The whole process will have to go through King County for permitting. More solid numbers on actual cost will be made available at the next board meeting. Several other station houses are under reconstruction of some sort.

### **4. Post-Retirement Medical (report)**

Commissioner Farrell proposed waiting until August when the budget issues are re-examined to look into this issue also.

**5. Strategic Plan (report)**

On August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am there will be a combined budget and strategic planning meeting. Commissioner Bjurstrom suggested that the board look over all the info and choose important points and then the Chief and Commissioner Bjurstrom will use those points for starting points regarding the strategic planning.

**6. Staffing Discussions (committee report)**

Meeting for June 23<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled. Trying to reschedule.

**X. New Business**

Chief Smith has started requesting quotes through July 15<sup>th</sup> to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the district's use.

**Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Clayton reported on his trip to Chelan.

All five commissioners are planning to attend the Commissioners Conference at Tulalip October 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. Executive Session**

Commissioners held an executive session from 7:40 to 8:00 pm pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b). No action taken.

**Signing of Documents**

June 9<sup>th</sup> Board minutes were signed.

**Board Meeting Adjourn**

Commissioner McKinney made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Commissioner Seng seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting July 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Station 95

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Cathie Valentine-McKinney

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James Farrell, Chair

Joanne Seng

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Dan Bjurstrom

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Mark Clayton

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Kim Baker, District Secretary