

King County Fire District 44
Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting
August 11, 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

Chief Greg Smith
Deputy Chief Mike Barlow
Darrol Iverson, Union President

Not Present

Commissioner Mark Clayton
Commissioner Dan Bjurstrom

The meeting was held at District 44 Station 95—32316 148th 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 McKinney and seconded by Commissioner Seng to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Seng moved and Commissioner McKinney seconded to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

V. Account Balance Report—Dep. Chief Barlow

62% of budget is spent year to date. WA State Patrol has a grant system that covers some of the cost for basic firefighting training. There is a certain amount allotted per trainee. So far the district has received more money than originally budgeted. All other revenues are tracking according to the budget.

VI. Budget Expenditure Report—Chief Smith

Since we did not meet during the second half of July our total expenditures for July was about \$437,066. The first half of August was \$240,230. We had another DNR deployment so the district should be getting another \$5-6,000 in addition to the \$3,200 for a previous deployment. The total amount paid by the DNR might cover the \$10,000 voted on by the board at the previous meeting on July 14 to cover the cost of purchasing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for wild lands firefighters. Median house sale prices dipped in July.

		Aug
1st	Vouchers	111,733
1st	Payroll	128,497
2nd	Vouchers	
2nd	Payroll	
Totals		
	payroll	128,497
	Vouchers	111,733
	Total	240,230

VII. Public Comment

None

Union Comment

Darrol Iverson, Union President distributed overtime costs. Overtime costs are up quite a bit at the moment--\$139,419 which is 111% of the budget. Some of the extra overtime costs included time at the White River Amphitheater and the Pacific Raceways. Also, the district is losing a career firefighter. Overtime Costs for WRA and PR are reimbursed by venues.

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 July 14th and August 10th there were 204 incidents, averaging 7.3 per day.
- There were several wildfires in Mason County, the Puyallup area, and Klickitat County (off Hwy 8). KC Fire District 44 had personnel dispatched to some of them. We have 4 wild land trucks in use during this time.
- The Chief will be at the Ad Hoc meeting with Black Diamond on Aug. 13th with the mayor and city council to work on the draft for Pre-annexation.
- Met with the Enumclaw and Buckley Chiefs on Aug. 11th.
- On Aug. 13th meeting with Civic Plus about the district website.
- Maple Valley wants to annex 14 acres of land in our fire district for the purpose of developing it and building 69 homes. Chief Smith feels the land area in question might belong to Black Diamond. Further inquiries will be made.

- The Chief brought to the board's attention that so far this year we have spent \$92,972 to repair vehicles. This amount is excessive considering a full time mechanic could be hired for \$82,000-93,000 with benefits. There is a mechanic on staff at this time, but the workload is too much for one mechanic and so the district has had to go to other mechanics which is becoming costly and the year still has 4 ½ months to go. A new hire would work under the current personnel. Commissioner McKinney commented that on National Night Out (August 4th) some of the firetrucks that were used to visit the local communities broke down. Commissioner Seng moved that the board authorize Chief Smith and Dep. Chief Barlow to research and bring info to the Aug. 20th budget meeting the cost and process of hiring a new mechanic for the district. Commissioner McKinney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) has been making inquiries into erecting a 140 foot radio tower possibly at one of the station houses. They are currently doing engineering studies.

Unfinished Business

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

Meeting scheduled for August 13th.

2. District News Letter (Web Page report)

On August 13th there will be a call-in with Civic Plus.

3. Capital Improvement Plans (report)

There was a meeting on July 24th.

- Concerning Station 97—they will be changing the siding to hardi-board. Bids will be going out this week.
- Concerning Station 92—there has not been any substantial work done on the building since the 1970's. Minor changes were done in 2004 to make it live-able for career staff personnel. It is starting to show its age. Costs for upgrading the building are not in the 2015 budget, but it needs to be higher on the priority list. A new building might be possible 10 years out, but there need to be some cosmetic changes done now.

4. Post-Retirement Medical (report)

No report

5. Strategic Plan (report)

There were 11 volunteers from the various station houses for the meeting in early August. It lasted about 3 hours and we gathered good info and it was enlightening. The group has agreed to try and meet quarterly and move forward.

6. Staffing Discussions (committee report)

Have not met yet and there might not be enough info to present at the Aug. 20th budget meeting. A meeting was scheduled for Aug. 18th at 6:30pm at Station 96.

IX. New Business

Chief Smith presented information about the Best Starts for Kids which will be a levy on the ballots this November. The concern is that this will possibly impact the tax money coming into the fire districts. Chief Smith has not had an opportunity to discuss this with the other local chiefs, but we need to stay aware of how this could impact the fire district. Commissioner Farrell will be meeting with Dow Constantine and others on Aug. 19th to discuss this topic and its impact on local districts. If this levy passes, they will hopefully add some protection agreement to protect the districts.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner McKinney and Seng went to the National Night Out event on Aug. 4th with Tim Perciful and volunteer Sarah to seven different locations on the fire trucks. They visited the home of the Mayor of Black Diamond and several BD locations. Handed out pencils to the kids. It was a lot of fun and well worth the effort.

Commissioner Farrell will be meeting on Aug. 12th at 3:00 pm with Gov. Inslee and Senator Murray's staff to look at training facility funding.

X. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Signing of Documents

July 14th 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 7:55 pm.

Next meeting will be August 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Station 95.

Cathie Valentine-McKinney

James Farrell, Chair

Joanne Seng

NOT PRESENT

Dan Bjurstrom

NOT PRESENT

Mark Clayton

Kim Baker, District Secretary