

**King County Fire District 44
Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 22, 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 Joanne Seng
- Commissioner James Farrell
- Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom
- Commissioner Robin Mauro
- Commissioner Andy Benedetti

Commissioner Frederick Heistuman had an excused absence. Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow, Project Manager Mike Stankus and District Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: Capt. Bill Eberlein, FF Bryce Kraft

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner James Farrell led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Joanne Seng 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 August 25, 2009 and the vouchers. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Joanne Seng seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW DATE: September 22, 2009

FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: September 16, 2009 – September 30, 2009

Voucher Payroll	4,046.30		
Vouchers 55568-55620	92,788.83	96,835.13	
Online Payroll		105,165.65	
Total Operations Processing			202,000.78
Bond Vouchers 01045-01046	1,348.88		
Total Bond Processing			1,348.88
Operations & Bond			203,349.66

V. **Account Balance Report.** Expenditures to date are within normal range. Mid-year adjustments have been posted.

VI. **Budget Expenditure Report.**

As of September 30, 2009	YTD	Budget	Spent	Remaining
44 Capital	\$ 137,639.98	\$ 618,360.00	22.26%	77.74%
44 Operating	\$ 729,983.81	\$ 1,288,816.04	56.64%	43.36%
44 Payroll	\$ 1,697,064.59	\$ 2,391,713.35	70.96%	29.04%
44 Volunteer Operating	\$ 27,350.77	\$ 48,400.00	56.51%	43.49%
44 Volunteer Payroll	\$ 118,073.00	\$ 195,000.00	60.55%	39.45%
44 Transfers Out	\$ -			
*Does not include VRFA pymt				
Mountain View F&R	\$ 2,710,112.15	\$ 4,542,289.39	59.66%	40.34%
BD Capital	\$ (108.61)	\$ 5,000.00	-2.17%	102.17%
BD Operating	\$ 70,273.76	\$ 136,949.00	51.31%	48.69%
BD Payroll	\$ 295,469.74	\$ 417,706.00	70.74%	29.26%
Black Diamond	\$ 365,634.89	\$ 559,655.00	65.33%	34.67%
2009 44/BD Budget	\$ 3,645,210.54	\$ 5,671,407.89	64.27%	35.73%
*Does include VRFA pymt				
Bond Project 2008	\$ 203,403.26	\$ 4,431,200.00	4.59%	95.41%

VII. **Public Comment.**

Volunteer Recognition. King County Fire Protection District 44 recognizes and honors the dedication of volunteer service from Paul Barnes, Black Diamond 16 years, Dennis Richardson, Black Diamond 38 years, and David St. Clair, Kent/Mountain View Fire & Rescue 25 years. Volunteers were recognized with a plaque, and letter of commendation from Chief Smith and a small gift.

Union Comment. No comments.

Legislative (31st District) Visit. Christopher Hirst, 31st District representative shared news with the board regarding recent topics of discussion in Olympia to include the Howard Hansen Dam issue and Initiative 1133. See <http://washingtonfirechiefs.org/>, click Legislative Action tap to follow current legislative topics for 2010.

VIII. **Chief's Report.**

1. Incidents. Large animal (horse) rescue. Car fire on the Auburn Black Diamond Road. Small house fire in Park Place mobile, possible start from military flare.

2. Howard Hansen Dam. Continued meetings to prepare for possible flooding in the district. Tim Perciful in conjunction with King County Sheriff's office to make door-to-door visits with homeowners that may be affected.

3. Station 99. Bay doors and siding completed. Painting in progress. Final electrical inspections due this week.

4. Black Diamond. Working with the City regarding Yarrow Bay development Master Plan.. The City of Black Diamond annexing a portion of the district into the City. The property is owned by Yarrow Bay and is currently undeveloped with no plans to develop in future.

5. E921. Due to arrive November/December 2009.

6. Bond. SCBA delivered. Contract signed with Sutphen.

7. MIT. Waiting to hear from MIT regarding lease.

8. Mentoring Committee. Chief Smith did survey, comments returned so far are positive.

9. Finance Committee. Next meeting set for October 9, 2009, 1300, Station 95.

10. Grants. Will meet 9/24/09 with City of Black Diamond regarding the safer grant. The Federal Government continues issuing grant money this year.

Executive Session. Closed session 2147-2150. No action taken.

There will be a brief CLOSED 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 5 minutes and the meeting will be back in open session at 2150.

IX. Old Business.

1. District Bonds. Mike Stankus presented his update regarding Bond projects. Two contracts were signed as follows:

Zion Construction, Inc. (95 Roof)	175,230.44* Noted not to exceed \$200,000. Plywood replacement unknown until project started as noted in contract.
Pace Engineers, Inc. (95 Storm Water)	30,600.00

Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion to approve the contracts as listed. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Phone RFP. Phone bid reviewed by Deputy Chief Barlow and IT Manager Joe Lorenz. Qwest was the only bid received.

Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to approve Deputy Chief Barlow and Joe Lorenz to accept and negotiate the RFP from Qwest (Cisco Equipment) not to exceed \$132,035.73 (not including tax). Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Station 98 remodel. Concrete work done. Generator and transfer switch to be installed next. Firewall and old generator removed after completion.

3. Station 99. See Chiefs Report

4. MIT lease. See Chiefs Report.

X. New Business.

1. Fire District 17 account balances. Tabled for further discussion. The board would like to review policy on fund management after a merge. Chief Smith will provide document to track activity of the accounts for King County Finance, the State Auditor’s office as well as the Board of Commissioners.

2. Rescue Boat Proposal. Deputy Chief Barlow presented a request from Assistant Chief Young for a “Rigid Hull Inflatable” rescue boat, motor, trailer, shelter, and training time not to exceed \$10,000.00

Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the request for a Rescue Boat not to exceed \$10,000. Commissioner Joanne Seng seconded the motion.

Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion to table the proposal. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The board requested that Chief Young attend a meeting for further fact clarification.

Commissioners Report.

1. Annual Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Farrell requested permission to use proxy’s votes at the next Commissioner meeting October 22-24, 2009.

Andy Benedetti and F. Dan Bjurstrom completed the proxy authority forms.

Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion naming James Farrell to use proxy authority provided by Andy Benedetti and F. Dan Bjurstrom at the October 22-24, 2009 meeting. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 Joanne Seng made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:55.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, October 13, 2009 – 1830 hours.

James Farrell, Chair

Robin Mauro

n/a
Frederick Heistuman

F. Dan Bjurstrom (phone)

Joanne Seng

Andy Benedetti

Pamela Ratcliffe, District Secretary
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