

**King County Fire District 44  
Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting  
February 25, 2014**

- I. Meeting Called to Order.** Commissioner Jim Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 18:34 hours.

Present from District 44

Commissioner Jim Farrell  
Commissioner Robin Mauro  
Commissioner Mark Clayton  
Commissioner Joanne Seng

Commissioner Commissioner Dan Bjurstrom was excused.

Also present were Chief Smith and Deputy Chief Barlow.

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

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Commissioner Jim Farrell led those in attendance in the pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Clayton motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Seng seconded. The motion carried.

- IV. Consent Agenda.**

- A. Minutes for approval: February 11, 2014 regular meeting.  
B. 2<sup>nd</sup> half February 2014 vouchers.

Commissioner Seng moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- V. Account Balance Report.** Deputy Chief Barlow provided the Board with an Account Balance Report from the new system. Revenues are displayed on the first page (this is new to this reporting as it wasn't available with the prior system).

- VI. Budget Expenditure Report.** Chief Smith reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of February was approximately \$357,496.00. On track for the 6 processings until tax revenues received with what we have in our reserves.

Housing, median price in south east King County has increased 11.3% since last year.

- VII. Public Comment.** None

**Union Comment.** Firefighter Jeff Lyon signed the letter to enter into negotiations with the District.

- VIII. Chief's Report.**

Total incidents: 64 incidents from 2/11/14 – 2/25/14 for an average of 4.27 per day.

Recruit Academy 2014-1 starts March 8, 2014 which will have about 15 new recruits. There will be 4 recruits from District 47 (this is the first time they have participated in this academy).

Tender operations with District 28 has no new information at this time.

Budget 2014: Chief Smith spoke with the King County Fire Chiefs to begin work on impact fees in the county. Working on comparable for Administrative Staff. Temporary admin support is in place. Finalizing study for the career firefighter staffing. There's a need to review our Hire Policy as we are looking as an alternate way to establish the eligibility list. Deputy Chief Barlow will send to the Board suggested recommendations for changes to the Hire Policy.

Gas Detectors: The department has about 3-4 detectors. All but one is out of service. Chief Smith is recommending to purchase 4 detectors, one for each battalion and have 1 for the Chiefs. Chief researched the option of leasing or purchasing. Firefighter Lowery has done research with various companies that sell these monitors. He did a comparison on costs and longevity on 4 different models. To lease, it's approximately, over 10 years is \$67,000 for everything (testing, maintenance, etc). To purchases over the 10 year period is approximately \$21,000 - \$32,000 for 4 units. In looking at the State Bid, there are 2 different units available. Further research on the cost if we go through the State Bid. Chief Smith will do the final research on cost and which avenue to get the bid and get back at the next meeting.

Next Ad Hock Meeting is March 18, 2014 at 6pm (location to be determined).

Tribal Council Meetings. Tim Perciful has been teaching CPR at the elder center.

## **IX. Unfinished Business.**

- 1. 2014 Draft Department Operating Budget (report).** This was discussed during the Account Balance Report.
- 2. Ad Hock City/District fire committee, (report).** Next meeting is scheduled March 18, 2014 at 6pm (location to be determined).
- 3. Report and Discussion RFPs (Stations 98 and 92, insulation 95 WIRELESS).**

Station 95 Wireless is in operation.

Station 92 is complete

Station 98: Tentative schedule is starting actual construction by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Looking at a trailer for housing as temporary quarters for residents.

- 4. Establishing Impact Fees (report).** Chief Smith will be discussing at his next King County Fire Chiefs meeting.

**Executive Session:** Per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. This will last approximately 10 minutes beginning 1939 hours. Executive session ended at 1949 hours.

**X. New Business:** None.

## **XI. Commissioners report/comment.**

Commissioner Farrell commented on his time spent at a Legislative Luncheon today.

**Board Meeting Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours. Commissioner Seng moved to adjourn. Commissioner Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**State Board of Volunteer Firefighters**

Called to order 1958 hours.

1. Commissioner Mauro motioned to approve a medical voucher for a volunteer. Commissioner Farrell seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours.

**Next meeting is March 11, 2014 at Station 95, 32316 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Auburn, WA 98092.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Farrell, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Mauro

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A  
F. Dan Bjurstrom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joanne Seng

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Clayton

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Robin Mauro, District Secretary**  
King County Fire District 44