

**King County Fire District 44
Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting
March 11, 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 Dan Bjurstrom

Also present were Chief Smith and Deputy Chief Barlow.

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

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Commissioner Farrell let in the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Seng moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bjurstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- IV. Consent Agenda.**
A. Minutes for approval: February 25, 2014 regular meeting.
B. 1st half March 2014 vouchers.
Commissioner Seng moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Clayton seconded. The motion carried.
- V. Account Balance Report.** Deputy Chief Barlow distributed the Account Balance Report. The balance reflects approximately 20% spent which is within the projected expenditures for this point in the year.
- VI. Budget Expenditure Report.**

March processing was approximately \$187,819.00

Revenues as of January 7, 2014 is approximately \$3,885,044
- VII. Public Comment.** None.

Union Comment. President Lyon noted he's anxious to begin negotiations with the district.
- VIII. Chief's Report.**
Emergency responses: Total incidents 53 from 2/25/14 – 3/10/14 for an average of 4.08 per day.

Have been keeping an eye on the high levels in the Green River.

Recruit academy began March 8, 2014. 15 recruits are attending. Currently our recruit academy, along with the majority of other departments, is not accredited. However all of our volunteers receiving

Firefighter 1 certification. There is a need for certified drivers. Commissioner Clayton recommended looking into adding a requirement of the recruits to complete EVAP (Emergency Vehicle Apparatus Preparedness) training. Chief Smith advised the Board that initial EVAP training occurs each year as well and continuing education.

Tender Operations: This process with Enumclaw has not moved forward since the meeting with them February 3. It was agreed that their training officer was to contact our Training Department and contact information was provided, we are still waiting on mapping from Enumclaw, as well as a copy of their tender operations and a time that they can meet with Training Department.

2014 Budget: Impact Fees. Chief Smith has set up a meeting with Brian Snure (district attorney), Larry Rabel (from the Kent Regional Fire Authority). Scheduled March 17, 2014.

Continuing to work on comparable study for salary inquiry for Administrative Staff.

Received a call from the State Environmental Agency that there was potentially has been some illegal dumping of waste. There wouldn't be an environmental hazard to the district property.

Fishery's on Auburn Black Diamond is spending approximately \$10 million to revamp the hatchery.

Deputy Chief Barlow reported on gas detectors. He's researched expense and quality of various detectors. We currently have a computer that reads and monitors the current gas detectors (we rent this system). Still looking into the monitors and expense whether rent or purchase.

Next Ad Hock Committee Meeting is scheduled on March 18, 2014 at 6pm at station 92.

At station 98, large trailer moved in to house staff on duty. Also a large container delivered to store furniture in while indoor remodel is going on.

The Villages, by Yarrowbay, has begun the excavating on the site (1A), which is approximately 400-500 homes along with the business portion.

IX. Unfinished Business.

- 1. 2014 Draft Department Operating Budget (report).** Deputy Chief Barlow recommended to determine budget direction for the M & O levy.
- 2. Ad Hock City/District fire committee, (report).** Meets at station 92, March 18, 2014, 6pm.
- 3. Report and Discussion RFPs (Stations 98 and 92, insulation 95 WIRELESS).** Station 95 is about 90% completed. Station 98 contractors beginning on Monday, March 17, 2014.
- 4. Establishing Impact Fees (report).** Meeting scheduled March 18, 2014.

X. New Business:

Draft Policy 2.3: Employment Selection Process. Commissioners will review the draft copy. Deputy Chief Barlow will also send the Board the districts application and the district policy addressing qualifications.

XI. Commissioners report/comment. Commissioner Clayton noted he's looking forward to watching the remodel project at station 98.

Commissioner Clayton moved to have the Chiefs compile a list of furniture needs at station 98 and report back to the board. Commissioner Mauro seconded. The motion carried.
Commissioner Farrell noticed that Covington Water is out clearing around fire hydrants which is very positive.

Executive Session: Per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. This will last approximately 10 minutes beginning 1955 hours. Executive session ended at 2005 hours.

Board Meeting Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. Commissioner Farrell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Seng seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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None.

Next meeting is March 25, 2014 at Station 95, 32316 148th Ave SE, Auburn, WA 98092.

James Farrell, Chair

Robin Mauro

F. Dan Bjurstrom

Joanne Seng

Mark Clayton

Robin Mauro, District Secretary
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