

**Commissioners' Meeting
June 13, 2017**

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson & Entze, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson, Nixon and Bjurstrom, D. Weyn, D/Chief Waters & Lyon, FF/EMT C. Foster, Friends & Family of C. Foster, Shift Personnel, and Citizen K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

Communications

There were no Communications

Change to the Agenda

Commissioner Duncan asked that discussion of an Ad Hoc Committee for District funding be added to New Business.

Commissioners Sutich and Smith moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the May 23, 2017 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Smith moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 170808 - 170888 in the amount of \$157,054.27 and Payroll Vouchers 170784 - 170807 in the amount of \$1,349,810.46, for a total consideration of \$1,506,864.73. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

At this time FF/EMT Chad Foster was recognized for the successful completion of his probationary year. He was presented with a certificate and photos were taken.

Chief's Report

A/Chief Bjurstrom updated the Board on the following:

- B51 was involved in a non-injury accident this weekend. The vehicle is expected to be out of service for one to two weeks.
- Research for the per diem advance travel has been completed. There are three allowable methods. We will now review our policy and update it to comply with the State Auditor's rules. Expect a draft policy to be presented at a future meeting.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Lieutenant interviews will take place tomorrow to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Grant Wiltbank.
- The promotional process is complete and a list established for the years 2018 and 2019. Thanks were extended to A/Chief Bjursrom, B/Chiefs Kauppila & Meyer, LT's Szczepanski & Stark and FF J. Bissenas

Executive Assistant D. Weyn updated the Board on the following:

- The support staff hiring process is underway. We received 137 applications for two open positions. 30 applicants have been chosen to move forward with the skills testing portion of the process. Panel interviews will take place June 21st through June 23rd.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- The CCN contract is in order. The only concern left is the charges for service. We will be reaching out on behalf of all the Districts involved to get greater clarification. We will also be asking for clarification on the exit plan.

Standing Committee Reports

D. Weyn updated the Board on medical insurance renewal rates for administrative staff; by changing to a Premera Blue Cross plan from a Regence Blueshield plan, the District will save \$4,174.00 per month over our current premiums. The new coverage is similar in structure and includes a 15k life insurance benefit the Regence plan does not. Pending approval from the insurance committee, we would like to move forward with the change effective August 1st.

Chief Burgess addressed the Board about the upcoming negotiation process and who will represent the Board. Commissioners Nelson and Entze will represent the Board as members of the Labor Management Committee.

Commissioner Sutich updated the Board on his recent attendance at the Washington Fire Chiefs Conference where he attended classes that included information on Medicaid transport fees.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Commissioner Duncan made a motion that the Board form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the District's long-term funding options. Discussion followed. Due to the need for further research and discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

District #5 Member Comment

D/Chief Lyon invited the Board to the volunteer recruit graduation that will be held at the Gig Harbor City Park, Saturday, June 24th, at 1:00 p.m.

Good of the Order

Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

At 5:50 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4) (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. At 6:20 p.m. the executive session was extended 5 minutes until 6:25 pm. The Board reconvened into regular session at 6:25 p.m.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday June 27, at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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