



North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
via ZOOM
October 13 , 2021
4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

Greg Oakes, Chair
Jan Iverson
~~Judy Williams~~
Ric Cade
Larry Longley, Vice-Chair
Rob Johnson
Marilyn Oertle
~~Debra Nelson~~
Barb Tolbert

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief
Dave Kraski, Deputy Chief
~~Don Bartlett, Assistant Fire Chief~~
~~Mike Makela, Assistant Fire Chief~~
Chris Dickison, Assistant Fire Chief
Katie Casey, Board Secretary
Randy Krumm, Finance Director
~~Theresa Ramey, Executive Assistant~~
Kayley Mizell, Administrative Assistant
Doug ten Hoopen, Temp. Project Manager

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman Oakes

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Johnson 2nd Commissioner Oertle

Discussion:

APPROVED AS AMENDED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Cade 2nd Commissioner Iverson

Discussion: none

APPROVED AS AMENDED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

1st: Commissioner Oertle 2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion: none

APPROVED AS AMENDED: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Doug ten Hoopen provided an update on the Training Center

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10132021-01

1st: Commissioner Longley 2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10132021-02

1st: Commissioner Oertle 2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Randy provided a new proposed 2022 Budget Schedule. There was discussion regarding the dates not providing enough time for several of the Commissioners. A poll will be sent out to all Commissioners with proposed dates and times.



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Commissioner Oakes is looking for volunteers for the 2022 Compensation Committee. Interested Commissioners will send an email to Commissioner Oakes stating their interest.

Commissioner Johnson would like to review a succession plan for Randy.

MOTION TO APPROVE FIIRE PILOT PROGRAM SAVINGS MOU

1st Commissioner Cade

2nd Commissioner Iverson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Chief Cermak provided the Commission with a new letter addressed to District 21 regarding a potential contract. Direction was given to the Fire Chief to continue communicating with District 21.

Strategic Planning agenda requests should be sent to Chief Kraski. Theresa Ramey is working on an agenda. The Strategic Planning Retreat will include 3-year goals that will be communicated with Administration, Labor, and Commission.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cermak attended the first evaluation for Blake Smith at the County Training Academy with BC Smith at Snohomish Fire District 4, where this portion of the academy is being conducted. He is doing very well and representing NCRFA well. They were sharing that they are limited on space and places that they can conduct training as places to burn are limited to Gold Bar, the State Academy in North Bend, and Camano Island.

Andy Helms was presented his 40-year service pin and we will recognize him formally during our next banquet.

Chief Kraski and Chief Cermak met with the City of Arlington City Administrator and staff about potential shared services to explore as we move forward.

Letters thanking our Senators and Congressman for support for the AFG grants were sent out letting them know we were not successful in the SAFER grant, however received \$100k from AFG for training and equipment. We educated them that of the \$355 million in SAFER grants distributed to the 50 states, WA State fire agencies were the recipient of less than \$1 million in SAFER Awards. WA State was the 13th most populous state in the nation but ranked 33rd in awards received, not to mention 7th fastest growing state in the nation. We have primed their support for next year's submission and hopefully lobbying for some of the SAFER funding to be routed towards WA State next year.

I met with the Interim Fire Marshal to discuss an Interim Fire Marshal contract. Since our last meeting, Chief Makela has resigned effective 11/30/21. We wish him well in his move back to Spokane area.

Katie Casey and Chris Dickison coordinated and conducted the Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic Test and Oral Boards. We have four solid candidates. Chief's Interviews are occurring and in progress for the above candidates.

The Station 90 water system estimates came in at \$12k for a reservoir tank. The current issue was a water restriction in the Culligan Reverse Osmosis system. They dropped our contract without letting us know and their new management relayed those people no longer work at this office. They have made the repairs to the system and have us back on a service rotation.

We currently have 59% of PTE with vaccinations and seven exemptions. We have 64% of FTE that have turned in their proofs of vaccination, but reported all but two FTE with exemptions that are vaccinated and turning in cards before the 18th.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

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CORRESPONDENCE

Several thank you notes were received and read.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Cermak introduced Interim Fire Marshal LeRoy McNulty.

Daily Dispatch has a nice article regarding the Station 48 opening.

Steve Daggett has been working with Ryan Jaromin (part-time Firefighter and Paramedic student) and Chief Dickison wanted him to know that he appreciates the thoughtfulness and caring showing to Ryan.

Katie Casey stated that the Captain's promotional written exam was given last Friday and every candidate passed the exam, some with flying colors. It is evident that a lot of time was taken to prepare for this exam. Congratulations

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 5:01pm

1st. Commissioner Oertle

2nd. Commissioner Johnson

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

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Greg Oakes

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary