

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

December 14, 2016

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date at the district office. Those who attended were as follows: Commissioners Mary Beth Neal, Harry Andrews and Steve Ness; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet, Division Chief Henry Hollander and Captain Joe Noonchester.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2017 BUDGET

The Chair opened the public hearing for the 2017 budget at 12:05 p.m. and asked for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chief Pernet gave the 2017 budget presentation to the Board. He provided a budget overview which included challenges ahead, our future financial outlook, healthcare costs and solutions, the contract payment, revenues and expenditures and bond information.

BOARD ACTION

- Resolution 2016-4: Adopting the 2017 Budget/Fire
- Resolution 2016-5: Adopting the 2017 Budget/EMS

Resolution 2016-4: Commissioner Ness moved to approve the Resolution 2016-4.

Commissioner Neal seconded; motion passed.

Resolution 2016-5: Commissioner Ness moved to approve the Resolution 2016-5.

Commissioner Neal seconded; motion passed.

The public hearing adjourned at 12:55 p.m. and the regular board meeting opened at 12:55 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes

- November 5, 2016 Special Meeting
- November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting

2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report / Revenue - November: \$127,070.51
4. Vouchers / Payroll
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$728.00
 - District#4 Expense Voucher: \$8,167.29

Commissioner Andrews moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Neal seconded; motion passed.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Budget Adjustment for the Floor Replacement in Bldg. D

Commissioner Ness moved to approve the Board Action Request. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair

The Board asked for nominations for the year 2017 for the position of Chairman and Vice Chair of the Board. Commissioner Neal made the motion to nominate Commissioner Harry Andrews for Chairman of the Board; all are in favor and motion passed.

Commissioner Andrews made the motion to nominate Commissioner Mary Beth Neal as the Vice Chair of the Board; all are in favor and motion passed.

2017 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board received the 2017 board meeting calendar in the meeting packet.

2017 Budget Study Sessions/Retreat Date

Chief Pernet asked the Board if they would like to schedule one or more budget study sessions at the end of October/beginning of November in 2017. The Board agreed to hold the budget study sessions.

2017 Annual Interlocal Agreement Meeting Date

The annual interlocal agreement meeting date is scheduled for April 20th 2017 as a joint meeting with North Whatcom Fire and Rescue.

Commissioner Compensation Policy

No discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Captain Noonchester informed the Board that Chief Pernet received the Chief Fire Officer Accreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Chief Pernet informed the Board that Captain Noonchester got hired as the new Assistant Chief of Operations and will start in that position on January 2, 2017.

Division Chief Hollander informed the Board that Engine 12 was repaired and is back in service.

Next Board Meeting: January 11th - 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Mary Beth Neal, Vice Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Resolution 2016-4: Adopting the 2017 Budget/Fire

Commissioner Ness moved to approve the Resolution 2016-4.
Commissioner Neal seconded; motion passed.

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Consent Agenda

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