

# Whatcom County Fire District 4

## Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

### June 14, 2017

The 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, Steve Ness and Harry Andrews; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet, Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester, Division Chief Hollander and Training Captain Kris Jorgensen.

Commissioner Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Board Action Request
2. Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
3. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
4. Financial Report / Vouchers  
District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$416.00  
District #4 Expenditure Voucher: \$3,336.00

The Board received clarification on the following consent agenda items:

#### **Financial Report: Expense Fund Revenue**

Chief Pernet provided the Board with information regarding the other revenues listed on the monthly summary of revenues.

#### **Operations Division Report: Staffing May 2017**

Chief Noonchester provided information regarding the minimum staffing to the Board.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Washington Survey & Rating Bureau**

Chief Pernet informed that the results from the WSRB are not available yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Possible Bellingham Annexation**

Chief Pernet informed the Board that he was contacted by Chief Newbold regarding the staffing cost at station 12. A District 4 resident wanted to connect to the city water lines but he lives in the county and the only way to connect to the waterline is when the area gets annexed by the City of Bellingham.

Chief Newbold will forward the information to the city planners should a petition for annexation be filed so the city is aware of the cost. The Fire Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of NWFR and the City of Bellingham will meet regarding the annexation. Nothing is official at this time.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Board Meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at station 61 in Blaine.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Harry Andrews recessed the meeting for an Executive Session, per RCW 42.30.140 "*Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or... that a portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposal made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.*" at 12:44 p.m. for 20 minutes until 1:04 p.m.

## **MEETING RECONVENED**

Chairman Harry Andrews called the regular meeting back into open session at 1:04 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

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Harry Andrews, Chair

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Kris Parks, Board Secretary

**Motions and Directives:**

Consent Agenda:

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