

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

January 17, 2018

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, Harry Andrews and Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief William Pernet, Division Chief Henry Hollander, Chief Joe Noonchester and Captain Kris Jorgensen.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 12:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
4. Vouchers / Payroll
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll: \$416.00
 - District #4 Expense Voucher: \$458,028.99

The Board received clarification on the following consent agenda item:

Chiefs Report: Chief Pernet provided information on the transport/response stats and on the NWFR commissioner meeting video streaming.

Support Services Division Report: D.C. Hollander gave an update on the inspections done and the Tegriss system.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Bellingham Annexation

Chief Pernet provided the Board with an update on the Mt. Baker Highway/Britton Road annexation by the City of Bellingham. The city council voted to accept the annexation petition and to initiate the annexation review process. Chief Pernet will meet with the City of Bellingham regarding an interlocal agreement for automatic aid and mitigation payments.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair

The Board asked for nominations for the year 2018 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.

2018 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board set the following dates for their regular board meetings:

February 13th, March 13th, April 17th, May 16th, June 12th, July 12th, August 15th, September 13th, October 16th, November 13th and December 12th. All meetings are held at 12:00 p.m.

2018 Annual Interlocal Agreement Meeting Date

The annual interlocal agreement meeting date is scheduled for April 19th at 1 p.m. at station 61 as a joint meeting with North Whatcom Fire and Rescue.

BLS Interlocal Agreement

Chief Pernet provided the Board with information on the Interlocal Agreement for first response emergency medical services.

Commissioner Neal moved to approve the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation)

Chief Pernet provided information on the GEMT Program. Under this program the department will receive federal funds to bring the payment per transport up to our actual cost. This applies to Medicaid runs and amounts are based on a free feasibility study. The fee for the cost report is \$30,000.

The Chief will provide the Board with more information once available.

Next Board Meeting: February 13th - 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Harry Andrews, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda

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

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