

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

August 14, 2019

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, Interim Fire Chief Joe Noonchester and Division Chief Herschel Rostov.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The chair introduced Dave Hanson who is running for the Fire Commissioner position that expires on 12/31/2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support

3. Financial Reports

4. Vouchers

District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll \$640.00

The Board received clarification on the following items:

Staff Reports:

Chief Noonchester gave the Board an update on the GEMT payments that NWFR has received. So far, the district has received roughly \$300,000.00 in reimbursements.

The Chief explained the monthly auto aid given and auto aid received to the Board.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation Update:

Chief Noonchester provided the Board with the information that is currently available. He attended the annexation meeting that was held at the Squalicum HS in July. He explained the proposed annexation area to the Board and stated that the city has to provide public safety for the annexed area. Revenue is our biggest impact since the district receives usually only 3 years of mitigation payments from the city. The Chief will monitor the financial and staffing site and more questions will be answered in the future. Commissioner Andrews addressed that the Bellingham Fire Department is currently using the training facilities free of charge. After the mitigation payments are ending the district should consider charging for the use of the training facilities. Chief Noonchester stated that we share resources with BFD.

First Amendment to the interlocal agreement for fire and emergency medical services between Whatcom County Fire District 4 and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue:

A meeting between the Chairs of both departments will be arranged for informal discussion.

Next Board Meeting: September 18th at 12 p.m.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Mary Beth Neal, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda:

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