



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

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SRFR Station 31 Training Room / Via Zoom

163 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272

September 26, 2024, 1730 hours

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elmore called the meeting to order at 1730 hours. In attendance were Commissioner Edwards, Chairman Elmore, Vice Chairman Fay, Commissioner Schaub, Commissioner Steinruck, Commissioner Waugh; and via Zoom were Commissioner Gagnon and District Secretary Snure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

UNION COMMENT

N/A

CHIEF'S REPORT

As presented. Chief O'Brien thanked the crews for their hard work on a significant hazmat response. We have a lot of things going on and we appreciate everyone's hard work.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Capital Facilities Committee – Commissioner Steinruck commented that they met on Tuesday, and he shared the good news that crews will start moving in at Station 83 on Sept 30. He thanked everyone who worked on this project. The Station 31 Shop roof is being completed, the walls are going up and they toured the space. They reviewed draft layout options for Station 32; they reviewed the draft layout for Station 81; and they reviewed plans for water and sewer for Station 72. Additionally, the Fire Marshals and IT have moved into the Admin Building. Their next meeting will be November 26.

Finance Committee – Chairman Elmore commented that they met earlier today, and they discussed future funding and the forecast model review. Most of their time was spent on compensation studies, and they lightly covered the Emergency Medical Services Snohomish County discussions.

Sno911 Committee – Commissioner Waugh commented that most of their time was spent on policy reviews. They also had a primary run through on the go live project for the beginning of the year, and so far everything is in working order.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Policy Committee – September 12, 2024



CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Vouchers

Benefits Vouchers: 24-02277 to 24-02286; (\$780,838.85)

AP Vouchers: 24-02287 to 24-02320; (\$179,016.37)

AP Vouchers: 24-02321 to 24-02415; (\$559,310.69)

Approval of Payroll

September 13, 2024 (\$1,641,342.86)

Approval of Minutes

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Steinruck and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards.

On vote, Motion carried 7/0.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion

Continuous Improvement: Wildland Deployment

Lieutenant Dickinson introduced the SRFR Wildland Program.

- 22 SRFR members are a part of the wildland team, these are deployable members
- 8 Lieutenants, 4 Drivers, and 10 Firefighters
- 14 of our 22 members have been deployed this year, for 186 days and a grand total of 1912 hours on incidents throughout Washington and Oregon for 13 different fires
- We need to make sure our shifts are covered before we can deploy members
- For just the use of our apparatus: Type 1 Engine charges \$3724 per day, Brush Truck charges \$1578 per day, and Tender charges \$1467 per day
- We are billing the state approximately \$110,000 for apparatus rental, though we still need to pay for fuel and then pay for vehicle maintenance afterwards, and then we should still be \$50,000 net positive for the apparatus
- We are billing the state approximately \$193,000 for personnel costs

Lieutenant Dickinson commented that we have great support from the department when it comes to mobilization. There are a couple contract issues that hinder the program and we hope to work on those as we move forward.

Action

Policy Review

- Policy 615 Firefighter Health, Safety and Survival
- Policy 707 Communications Operations
- Policy 803 Patient Medical Record Security and Privacy



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Motion to approve Policies 615, 707, and 803 as submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Waugh and 2nd by Commissioner Edwards.
On vote, Motion carried 7/0.

Oak Street Station 32 Property

Chief O'Brien commented the feasibility study is coming to an end, and the soil study shows that the property would be very favorable for a station. There is a small wetland issue and we will be able to work through that.

Deputy Chief Rasmussen commented that the feasibility study ends on the 30th. He reviewed the site notes and mentioned there are some soil issues that will be manageable.

Motion to authorize the Chief to move forward with the purchase of the Oak Street property for Station 32.

Motion by Commissioner Schaub and 2nd by Commissioner Steinruck.
On vote, Motion carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

Emergency Medical Services Snohomish County Initiative

Chief O'Brien thanked Commissioner Waugh for being a part of the EMS Task Force to try and find an improvement for our EMS services. We know we can do better as a county.

Commissioner Waugh commented that this has been quite an event for the last year. The base problem is at the county level with Snohomish County EMS. Sno911 does not want to take this over. We need to develop medical protocols for the county and develop training for them, provide measurement keys and ongoing oversight, oversight on audits of recertification, maintain federal regulation on the oversight of narcotics, and coordinate delegate positions.

Commissioner Waugh explained that the chiefs voted for this, however it was not unanimous. The only way for this to be successful at the county level is if the acceptance covers 90% of the assessed valuation. At this point the recommendation of the task force is to accept the lower level of funding with the 3.1 FTE model.

The Board thanked Commissioner Waugh for his efforts.

Action

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Schaub wished Commissioner Gagnon a Happy Birthday.



Commissioner Steinruck thanked the crews and our admin team for all that they do.

ATTENDANCE CHECK

Regular Commissioner Meeting October 10, 2024, at 1730 - Station 31 Training Room/Zoom.

The Board moved the October 24th Regular Board Meeting to Monday October 21, at 1730, due to the WFCA Spokane Conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- RCW 42.30.110(1)(g): To Review the Performance of a Public Employee
- RCW 42.30.140(4)(b): Labor Negotiations
- RCW 42.30.110(1)(b): To Discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Estate

Chairman Elmore called for an Executive Session to begin at 1825 hours for 5 minutes. Chairman Elmore resumed the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting at 1830 hours and announced there would be no decision at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Elmore adjourned the meeting at 1830 hours.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue

Commissioner Rick Edwards

Chairman Troy Elmore

Vice Chairman Randy Fay

Commissioner Paul Gagnon

Commissioner Jeff Schaub

Commissioner Jim Steinruck

Commissioner Roy Waugh