

**Snohomish County Fire District 7
8010 180th Street SE
Snohomish, WA 98296**

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2010**

Commissioner Waugh called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 0800 hours. Commissioners Knapp, Andrew, Hausmann and Waugh were present. Commissioner Doherty was excused.

Union Comment:

Lieutenant Smith reported that campaign efforts have started and that volunteers can sign up online.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the September 9, 2010 Regular Board Meeting was submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann to approve the summary minutes of September 9, 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Correspondence

Annual – Raffle and Silent Auction from the WFCA for the Harborview Burn Center

Financial Report:

The September 30, 2010 regular pay was submitted in the amount of \$546,747.04

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved for the approval of the payroll as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Vouchers #959-10 through #1003-10 in the amount of \$89,706.44 were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval of the vouchers as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Commissioner Hausmann asked about the voucher to Dimartino, which was for short term and long term disability.

Chief Eastman informed the board of the restrictions and fees associated with the current credit card the district has. He will present a resolution for a corporate Bank of America credit card that better meets our needs, and has no annual fee.

Action Items:

Memorandum of Understanding with Local #2781 regarding proposed 2011 budget cuts

MOTION: Commissioner Waugh moved for the approval of the memorandum of understanding with Local #2781 regarding the proposed 2011 budget cuts as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion Item:

General Election Update

Commissioner Hausmann noted that when he asked his neighbors about the election, many of them told him they had voted against it because it was a permanent levy. Chief Eastman discussed the information on our website that will be included in the public mailing.

Old Business:

Consolidation Meeting:

Commissioner Waugh spoke about the how the operations merger would affect the administrative side of the District. Commissioner Knapp thinks that it is more effective for Chief Eastman and District 7's administrative staff to remain at District 7 offices. There was discussion on the need for defining and standardizing policies and procedures for the operational merger. Further discussions will be made at the joint fire board meeting.

Bothell Annexation

The City of Bothell presented some options at the 9/13/2010 meeting, although we did not accept any of their proposals. It was agreed that it will be discussed further after the meeting with District 1. They agreed to work together with District 7, and District 1 on a proposal.

There was a five minute recess at 0930 hours and re-adjourned at 0935 hours.

Motion from September 9, 2010:

Commissioner Waugh asked Commissioner Knapp to retract the motion made on September 9, 2010 to advise the public of the elimination of ALS service if the EMS levy does not pass in November. There was some discussion as to whether the motion could be retracted. It was later determined that the motion could be reconsidered. Commissioner Waugh was clear that he did not want to eliminate ALS service altogether even if the levy fails in the November election. Chief Eastman suggested that the board identify the possible options, so the public is aware of the impact that the loss of the levy will have; whether it is closing stations, laying off fireman, or other possibilities. Dick Keenan, a District 7 resident, told the board that when he was when doorbelling, he found that our citizens want EMS service, but are afraid of the "permanent" levy. Commissioner Andrew asked Union President Smith how this affects the literature that has been prepared by the union. Lieutenant Smith explained that there is already literature printed that states the idea of "restoring the EMS service that may be lost if this EMS levy passes". Lieutenant Smith also stated that he and Chief Eastman need a clear direction on this.

The board identified the need to plan for two scenarios: 1) If the levy passes 2) If the levy doesn't pass. It was agreed that the planning meeting will be held during the work session of the next board meeting.

To reconsider the motion from September 9, 2010 that states," To advise the public that if the levy does not pass in November - we do not provide all paramedic services and Fire District #7 ambulance transports", and to revise the wording to state "To advise the public that if the EMS levy does not pass in November, the paramedic services and Fire District #7 ambulance transports that we provide the public will not be at the same level it is currently provided."

MOTION: Commissioner Knapp moved for the approval to reconsider the motion from September 9, 2010. The motion was seconded and passed. Commissioner Waugh abstained.

New Business:

Board reports to be emailed in PDF format to the commissioners.

Committee Reports:

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2010

Joint Fire Board has not been scheduled

Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2010

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2010

Risk Management meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2010.

Joint Shop meeting has not been scheduled.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.

Camille Tabor

Secretary of the Board