

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

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 11, 2010**

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

The support staff was recognized and thanked from the Board of Commissioners for a job well done.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the January 28, 2010 Regular Board Meeting & Retreat was submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved to approve the summary minutes of January 14, 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Commissioner Doherty brought out that the decisions regarding the EMS Levy are not final, but the leadership meeting minutes make it sound finalized. Commissioner Waugh asked the secretary CFO Tabor to amend the minutes to say that these issues will be discussed and not final.

Correspondence:

- Letter from a resident regarding the use of Village Green Drive as a cut through route.
- Letter back to resident from Chief Andrews.

Financial Report:

The February 15, 2010 regular pay was submitted in the amount of \$336,910.26

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

Vouchers #128-10 through 193-10 in the amount of \$120,266.22 were submitted for approval.

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

Action Items:

Resolution #2010-01 – Amending the 2010 Operating Budget

MOTION: Commissioner Andrew moved for the approval of the approval of the amending of the 2010 operating budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion Items:

Delayed Response Data Report

Commissioner Waugh spoke about an issue that was discussed at the retreat regarding data collection to better ourselves as a district. Chief Eastman answered that by explaining how how Chief Andrews

modified the program where the firefighters have to enter data if the response time exceeds the average and we can determine any deficiencies at the end of the year.

2010 EMS Levy

There was discussion about the amount we should present in the elections for the 2010 EMS Levy. A concern was if we didn't receive the fifty cent raise the ALS program would not be able to function. Many different point of views were shared about whether we should go 50/50 in the primary and general elections or if we should go 50/25. The conclusion was that this discussion will continue once the white paper is out, and the list of facts - comparison of the pros and cons and consequences of each decision be outlined. Chief Eastman also explains the difference between a permanent levy versus the 6-year term. Everyone agreed with Chief Eastman that 6-year term is fine.

It is scheduled that for the March 11 board meeting an item action item for the final decision for what we will do for the 2010EMS levy will be finalized. The next board meeting on February 25 – the white paper will be submitted and discussed further for final decision.

Old Business:

Training Center Update:

Executive session will speak about purchasing additional property.

Collections for Non-resident:

There was discussion regarding the collections for non-residents and if it was worth taking these outstanding accounts to collection. Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval for collections for non-resident accounts, but studies from other district showed that the amount collected was not worth the work involved. Commissioner Hausmann withdrew the motion.

New Business:

Merger Discussions

Commissioner Waugh scheduled a joint meeting with Fire District 1 – March 9th –Tuesday at 19:00 hour. Formal letter should be sent out, and it will be a public meeting. There was discussion about how the board felt about the merge, but generally as a whole felt open minded or neutral and will need more information about the merger until they come to a conclusion. Commissioner Waugh said we can compile the questions before the meeting and also presented the section on our website where we can ask Chief Eastman about the merger.

Honor Guard:

Commissioner Hausmann discussed the expenses about the honor guard and about the proposal – compensate the pipe, lessons, and uniform. He proposed that we compensate out of the uniform budget. Commissioner Knapp adds that if it is going to come from the uniform funds we should just buy their uniform. Commissioner Hausmann said - \$1500.00 per person to compensate for everything that they

have paid for until now and it can be a one-time. Commissioner Waugh asked Commissioner Hausmann to write it out on paper and with the facts for the next meeting so we can vote on it.

Committee Reports:

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2010

Joint Fire Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2010

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010

Risk Management meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010.

Joint Shop meeting is not scheduled.

Training Committee: scheduled for February 17, 2010.

Executive Session:

Permission to pursue the real estate required for the Training Center

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved for the approval to pursue the real estate required for the training property as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment:

The regular meeting was recessed at 0910 hours and executive session started at 0915 and adjourned at 0958 hours.

Camille Tabor
Secretary of the Board