

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

**Summary Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 10, 2010**

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

General Public comment:None

Union Comment: Union Vice President McConnell stated that the union is pushing upwards of \$60,000 in overtime savings now. He added that the savings results from decreased service at station 72 and debit day savings. He also noted that the rebuttal statements for pro and con statements are due on Friday. The union is networking with other groups in favor of the EMS levy.

Minutes:

The summary minutes of the May 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting was submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Hausmann moved to approve the summary minutes of May 27, 2010 as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary's report:

Board for Volunteer Firefighters – None.

Financial Report:

The June 15, 2010 regular pay was submitted in the amount of \$358,327.97.

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

Vouchers #603-10 through 635-10 in the amount of \$16,691.96 were submitted for approval.

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

A public hearing- Regarding proposition 1 the EMS levy. Commissioner Waugh asked for public comments on the EMS levy. No public comments were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Waugh moved for the resolution to support proposition no. 1, the EMS levy. The motion was seconded and passed.
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Commissioner Waugh closed the public hearing.

Resolution no 2010-06 was re-signed, as the original from the prior board meeting was misplaced.

The Chief's report:

Discussion Items:

a. Pro-con statements for the voter pamphlet

Chief Eastman introduced Pam Pruitt, former Mayor of Mill Creek. Ms. Pruitt is gathering information for an article on the EMS levy. Commissioner Waugh asked to be sure that her article gets to all of the commissioners.

Old Business:

Training Center Update

Chief Eastman stated that we have a meeting on the 16th at station 71. We will be discussing bringing Boeing in as a partner. Kirkland has also expressed some interest.

Merger Discussion

Commissioner Waugh asked for comments on the interlocal agreement, and meeting times and dates. Commissioner Hausmann stated that he does not want to switch to all night meetings. It was agreed that it would be okay to alternate between day and night meetings. There was some discussion about using lieutenants as paramedics in charge of both the unit and the patient. Referring to the org chart that District 1 had proposed, Commissioner Waugh stated that our board supports Chief Eastman as we support our chief officer contracts. Commissioner Andrew stated that their board thinks they can control Chief Widdis, but they do not how to control Chief Eastman. Chief Eastman handed out District 7's most recent revision of the org chart. He stated that we took Commissioner Waugh's suggestion of splitting operations and administration. Chief Eastman discussed splitting the personnel resources. Commissioner Knapp agreed with Chief Eastman and Commissioner Waugh. Commissioner Knapp noticed that District 1's org chart had done away with the billing department and that Peggy Meek was also missing from the org chart. It was also pointed out that there is no one person who reports to the board who is in charge of the organization. Commissioner Knapp stated that we are looking to provide better service to the tax payers, and if this is not going to do that, he questioned why we are going to merge. Union Vice President McConnell expressed the union's full support of Chief Eastman.

Bothell Annexation

No new news. Bothell has put their signs back up, indicating they are moving forward with the annexations.

Voter Pamphlet Committee

New Business:

Commissioner Waugh thanked Chief Wirtz on his work on the Wellness Program.

Lynnwood/ Mukilteo Fire Partnership/ Expansion

Chief Eastman suggested that they may realize that their financial dynamics will not be good, and that they might want to participate in the talks we are having right now. Commissioner Doherty suggested we send them an invitation to participate. Commissioner Waugh agreed the Chief should to put a letter together. Commissioner Hausmann asked what the advantages of putting together fire authority. Chief Eastman explained that if you can get all of the players to agree, that absent future annexations, the funding for the area is virtually guaranteed. The levy is an additional levy to the City residents when a city is part of a fire authority. The dynamics of getting cities involved is tough. Commissioner Doherty asked about the annexation capability of annexing into a fire authority. Commissioner Waugh explained that an outside entity cannot annex into a fire authority.

Financial graphing

The commissioners asked for some explanation on the graphs. CFO Tabor explained that the dotted lines showed budgeted expectations while the solid lines were for the actual amounts.

Union Vice President McConnell asked for some change in verbiage in the resolution of the board in support of proposition no. 1. He wanted it to include some reference as to the consequences that would occur should the EMS levy fail. Chief Eastman explained that the resolution gives the each of the commissioners the authority to speak his own opinion. The impact of losing staff and browning out stations is a separate issue. Chief Eastman added that we will have less property tax revenue next year than we have this year, even if the EMS levy passes because the assessed values are going down. We will have to cut \$3,000,000 in services if we cut \$3,000,000 in property taxes. Commissioner Waugh thinks that the public needs to be education on how we deliver our service. Commissioner Knapp thinks that we need to have a plan if it doesn't pass. Commissioner Waugh asked for a budgeting scenario if we lose the EMS levy.

Commissioner Knapp congratulated Captain Dorsey on the work he did at District 26 on educating the public.

Committee Reports:

The Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2010

Joint Fire Board: TBA

Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2010

SNOPAC meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2010

Risk Management meeting is scheduled: August 24, 2010

Joint Shop meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2010

Training Committee: June 16, 2010

Executive Session:

An executive session was held to discuss staff contracts. It was expected to last approximately 10 minutes. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

The regular meeting adjourned at 09:51 hours.

Camille Tabor

Secretary of the Board