



North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Hybrid
AUGUST 9, 2023
4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

Rob Johnson, Chair
~~Jan Iverson~~, excused
~~Judy Williams~~, excused
Ric Cade
Debora Nelson
Barb Tolbert
Marilyn Oertle
Larry Longley
Greg Oakes

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief
Dave Kraski, Deputy Fire Chief
Randy Krumm, Finance Director
Kari Wheeler, Commission Secretary / Admin. Assistant
Steve Goforth, Assistant Chief CRR / Fire Marshal
Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Chief Support Services

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Johnson.

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A statement regarding the Outdoor Burning Policy was read on behalf of Mr. Adam Bursell.

OFFICER BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

- Battalion Chief Jason Nyblod

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA with the Amendment to remove the executive session.

1st: Commissioner Nelson 2nd Commissioner Tolbert

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Cade 2nd Commissioner Oertle

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE July 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd Commissioner Nelson

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OUTDOOR BURNING POLICY with the amendment to strike "and/or" from 3.1 and replace with "or".

1st: Commissioner Longley 2nd Commissioner Oertle

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 08092023-01 – New Bank Accounts

1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd Commissioner Cade

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT – presented by Chief ten Hoopen – no action

- Final Inspections are in progress at the Training Center
- ADA compliance updates are in process for final plumbing approval
- Classroom furniture will arrive Friday
- Approximately 2wks for HVAC completion
- STA 46 – new back-up generator is operational
- An ambulance replacement plan will be presented in September

CHIEF'S REPORT – as presented by Chief John Cermak

I'd like to recognize and thank all of those that participated in the EMS Levy education process. I think the process is a good reminder that we are constantly illustrating our professionalism while on calls, in the public, and the images we present in uniform and in action.

A big thank you to Liz Loomis and team for their successful guidance and direction in the EMS Levy work. We remain 100% success under the direction and guidance of her public affairs business.

AC TenHoopen and I met with CSD legal team on creating a legal letter of intent to take action on MacKenzie Architects over some significant issues that caused increase cost to our development of the training center. We will keep you informed on the legal advice and movement.

King Architect was chosen to guide us through the building of the training center storage/maintenance and facilities structure. We have architect renderings and meet to finalize the bid specification soon.

I met with City of Stanwood partners to discuss the preannexation of land for a large combined use project adjacent to the high school that will bring an additional approximate 150 units to that area.



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Staff attended the Stanwood Arch ribbon Cutting in down town.

Kudis to AC Goforth on his assistance with the Stanwood Camano Rotary Parade and DC Kraski on the involvement with the Arlington Rotary Duck Dash. NCRFA engages with both community groups regularly.

I met with MFD Fire Chief Vanderpol to discuss current issues and topics.

NNO was another success for both Arlington Police and Stanwood PD. We attended and participated in both, however were interrupted by a major brush fire adjacent to the I5 freeway in Marysville Smokey Point that took everyone except CRP Hickman, Chief Goforth, and Chief Tenhoopen to support our Explorer post at both events. We were spread thin to say the least.

NCRFA staff made final offers of employment to six new firefighters, immediately following the EMS Levy outcome to keep on the hiring plan for the next group to start the academy on Sept. 18, 2023. Additionally, I met with the candidate for the Community Healthcare Worker, Kristena Matthews, who will be a great addition to our team.

I met with crews for "Coffee with the Chief." Good discussions and questions.

Work continues at the training center for the grand opening, ribbon cutting and impending first academy. Many thanks to BC Rice and his academy staff for all of their assistance, Matt Kuntz for his hard work on site, and AC Ten Hoopen for all of the "make ready" final steps.

BC Rice discovered that a large amount of lumber that was stored on tribal property had been stolen after we conducted a training seminar last summer. It was present up until a month ago awaiting the training center completion. When they went to pick it up yesterday it was mostly gone. I filed a police report with Stilly Police for the loss. They are working on recovery.

The Stillaguamish Tribe awarded a \$275k grant towards the development of the Strip Mall Collapse Trainer based on the need for Heavy Wall Heavy Floor construction types being utilized in their larger construction projects coming soon.

IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT

BOARD DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

At this time, there is no set date for alternating Commission Meeting locations between Stanwood and Arlington. Any transition of Commission Board Meeting locations will be dependent on tech stability at STA 48.



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MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:46pm

1st: Commissioner Oertle

2nd Commissioner Tolbert

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

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Rob Johnson

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Commission Chair

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Kari A. Wheeler
Board Secretary