



North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Hybrid
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

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

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 4:00pm by Chairman Johnson.

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public or employee comments

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Nelson 2nd Commissioner Oertle
Discussion: None
APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Cade 2nd Commissioner Nelson
Discussion: None
APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE August 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

1st: Commissioner Oertle 2nd Commissioner Longley
Discussion: None
APPROVED: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE 2 WAIVER REQUESTS AS PRESENTED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR, RANDY KRUMM

1st: Commissioner Nelson 2nd Commissioner Cade
Discussion: None
APPROVED: Unanimous



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PHOENIX AWARD – FF/PM's *Jacob Oesch, Alan Coombs and Blake Branstrom* were presented the Phoenix award for their swift professional response during a recent cardiac arrest M99 call. The patient, who has made a complete recovery, was present along with her family to express their thanks and gratitude to the crew.

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

**Fire Chief, Chad Schmidt of FD21 was present and gave remarks to the Commission Board.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Commissioners only, entered an Executive Session from 4:31pm – 5:01pm to discuss with NCRFA legal counsel Litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity; to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). – Discussion Only – No Action

MOTION FOR THE BOARD EXTEND A LAST AND FINAL OFFER TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,550.00 AS IT PERTAINS TO A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, WITH THIS AMOUNT BEING APPLICABLE TO THE 2023 CONTRACT YEAR, AND THAT DISTRICT 21 BE PROVIDED WITH A PERIOD OF TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THIS OFFER.

1st: Commissioner Nelson

2nd Commissioner Oertle

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

CHIEF'S REPORT – as presented by Chief *John Cermak* – no action

A HUGE THANK YOU TO KATIE AND ROB FREEDMAN FOR THIS YEAR'S COORDINATION OF THE 9-11 EVENT AND ALL THE STAFF THAT ASSISTED IN BOTH THE 9-11 EVENT AND THE RIBBON CUTTING. ADDITIONALLY, JESSICA TAYLOR AND ROB FREEDMAN FOR THEIR HONOR GUARD PERFORMANCE AT THE CEREMONY. JUST A SHOUT OUT TO THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE PROGRESS WORKING TOGETHER ON COMPLETING THIS PHASE OF THE TRAINING CENTER.

- Labor Management Committee met. We received a grievance we are working through with the Local.*
- Paul Ellis and I met for our first meeting since the new Fire Prevention ILA. AC Goforth provided data to share for the meeting. We are within our boundaries of spending for annual inspections.*
- The Snohomish County Training Consortium Admin Chiefs met and discussed the impending academy start at the training center. I shared that the AILA with EvCC would have to be individualized due to the Consortium not being a legal, separate entity. That ILA should be before you next meeting.*
- Dave Somers office visited the training center to view the site where the ARPA funds are proposed to be used and the viability of the project. They were very pleased with the project and expected outcomes for fund usage.*
- I met with South County Fire personnel regarding a possible use of the training center. Their Edmonds sister city is visiting from Japan and they would like to expose them to the training cadre and the current county fire academy on the training site in November.*



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- *More work was completed on the FD21 EMS contract. We will move forward with your direction from this meeting.*
- *AC Goforth is hosting a Fire Inspector class that meets the intent of certifying our officers as ICC Fire Inspectors once they have completed the test.*
- *I met with Captain Abrahamson and MFD Captain Bailey regarding County Haz Mat needs.*
- *I attended a meeting in Everett today regarding the potential for utilizing a program called Nurse Navigator. NSACH has agreed to fund the first year to gather full data on utilization. It would reduce unnecessary ER transports and divert them through Lyft to local clinics where possible or in-home personal care in lieu of hospital transport. This was shared at the last Sno Isle Commissioners meeting. Implications for us would be a reduction in revenue from transports (less than 5%), lesser wall time at hospitals, greater unit availability, and more efficient use of resources.*

IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT - no representatives present to report

BOARD DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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MOTION TO ADJOURN 5:07pm

1st: Commissioner Nelson

2nd: Commissioner Oertle

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

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Rob Johnson

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Commission Chair

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Kari Wheeler

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Kari A. Wheeler
Board Secretary