



**North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

**February 28, 2024
1:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

Ric Cade
Rob Johnson
~~Leonard Kelley~~
Greg Oakes
Marilyn Oertle
Al Schreiber
Holly Sloan-Buchanan

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief
Dave Kraski, Deputy Fire Chief
Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Chief Support Services
Randy Krumm, Finance Director
Kari Wheeler, Administrative Assistant/Comm. Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Commissioner Chair Oertle.

Commissioner Chair Oertle led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

There were no public or employee comments presented.

IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT – verbal update from Capt. Kirk Normand – no action

- Capt. Normand updated the board that a news story had been broadcast by KOMO 4, as the result of a post on the Local's social media page. The union requested the story not be aired. The union maintains its position that uncrossing M46 and having a dedicated paramedic unit at STA 46 is a top priority.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Schreiber **2nd** Commissioner Sloan-Buchanan

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA w/ the amendment to pull the previous minutes and discuss as a separate item.

1st: Commissioner Johnson **2nd** Commissioner Cade

Discussion: Commission Johnson would like to address the public comment recorded in the 2/14/2024 meeting minutes.

APPROVED: Unanimous



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MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 14, 2024 MINUTES with the added notation that Commissioner Johnson states his comments were not of a personal nature.

1st: Commissioner Johnson 2nd Commissioner Cade

APPROVED: Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No discussion

NEW BUSINESS

January Finance Report – *Presented by Finance Director, Randy Krumm
Presentation only, no action. No discussion.*

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

Chief attended the Local Heroes Puck drop at the Everett Silvertips Angel of the Winds Arena with a South County, Everett Fire and Police representative and Sheriff Susana Johnson. He will be meeting with Sheriff Johnson on March 27 at the Fire Training Center for a tour.

Chief attended an Arlington City Council meeting to be present for the newly appointed council member for the vacancy created by Mayor Vanney moving up.

Chief, Comm. Cade and Theresa met with Comm. Safford, Jasmine Perez, Trent, and Chief Schmidt over the current ILA. Further discussion to come at the retreat.

The Awards Banquet was well attended and very positive. Chief thanked all that attended and participated. Big thank to Theresa for making it all flow smoothly. She is already working on securing dates for next years' event.

Chief met with Comm. Sloan-Buchanan and Schreiber to answer questions about all the acronyms and such. He hoped it was helpful and made himself available anytime in the future.

Time spent preparing for the retreat.

HR Director interviews are complete and an offer is being presented. We will bring a contract forward if accepted. 30 applicants were vetted through initial phone interviews, 6 brought to zoom interviews with a panel consisting of Comm. Oertle, Kari Wheeler, and community member Cindy Huleatt, Thank you to all for participating. Archbright provided three great candidates. All would do fine if chosen.



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DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

All are looking forward to a good time at the retreat/work session.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN 1:20pm

1st: Commissioner Cade

2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

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**Marilyn Oertle
Commission Board Chair**

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**Kari Wheeler
Commission Secretary**