



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

**September 11, 2024
4:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Chair Oertle called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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
Kari Wheeler, Business Proc. Coord. / Comm. Secretary
Randy Krumm, Finance Director
Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director
Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Chief Support Services

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

PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS – *there were no public or employee comments*

IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT – *no report given*

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA with the addition of an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a).

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. [August 28, 2024 Minutes](#)
- b. [General Fund Accounts](#) Payable Check #'s 125226-125281 in the amount of \$668,820.20.
- c. [August Payroll in the amount of \\$1, 483,591.70](#)

1st: Commissioner Schreiber **2nd** Commissioner Kelley

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

QUARTERLY DIVISION PRESENTATIONS

[Q2 2024 Support Services](#) - presented by Assistant Chief Doug ten Hoopen



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED THROUGH MEDIATION AND DIRECT THE FIRE CHIEF TO WORK WITH ATTORNEY ERIC QUINN TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS THROUGH 2024.

a. [FD 21 Mediation for EMS Services](#)

1st: [Commissioner Kelley](#) **2nd:** [Commissioner Schreiber](#)

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS – *no new business scheduled*

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Cermak met with Mike Despain of MED Enterprises to discuss scheduling strategic planning. Community involvement day will be Saturday, December 7, 2024. December 9 and 10, there will be 2 internal work days scheduled for those that are on the Strategic Planning Committee. The sessions will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon) for all 3 days.

A negotiations prep session was completed with both the local and management team. Chief expressed thanks to Greg Koontz, Nich Sacha, and Kirk Normand for spending time to share and understand all of the things on the table. Chief felt the process and time was well spent. A management meeting followed to help expedite and take those concepts into consideration to move the process forward to meet the year-end goal of achieving and completing a contract for the collective bargaining agreement.

Chief Cermak and Chief Kraski attended the County Fire Chief's meeting.

Chief Cermak had received calls about the PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the SnoCo Fire Commissioners meeting regarding SCEMS, now Snohomish County EMS. That group has had some challenges for many years, tasked with a large amount of work relating to County EMS providers. Over the last year, there has been a lot of work by a committee to restructure the interlocal agreement between SCEMS and the provider agencies with suggested changes. Since it started, Snohomish County EMS has doubled in population, which has created challenges. Chief will continue to bring updates and is hopeful there will be a resolution in the near future.

Chief worked on prepping for the initial meeting with Liz Loomis.



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Chief expressed thanks to AC Goforth and his team for their work and preparation for the 9/11 events.

Chief attended a county Flock System demonstration. This type of intelligence has been helping communities like Arlington in solving crimes. As relating to emergency response, a benefit to our Command Staff would be a drone could arrive on scene to an incident quicker, and offer an aerial view. This technology has the ability to keep personnel safer and get the appropriate response to a scene quicker. Chief recalled a long-term vision that in rural communities, you may one day see drones dropping off AEDs to families.

PHOENIX AWARD PRESENTATION – Chief John Cermak presented NCRFA part-time Firefighter / EMT, Kyle Danz with a Phoenix Award. Recently, while off duty, Kyle was alerted via the Pulse-Point app that a citizen near his home needed CPR. Kyle led of team through the cardiac arrest, providing CPR, managing the AED with several shocks, and ensuring 9-1-1 was contacted for the response of Bellingham Fire. The patient is recovering in the hospital. Thank you for your selfless service, Kyle!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Schreiber expressed thanks to AC Goforth and those who work with him on the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremonies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chair Oertle called for an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). The anticipated length of the session was announced as 15 minutes.

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:30 pm.

The session ended at 4:45 pm with no action taken. The regular meeting resumed at 4:45 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:45pm

1st: Commissioner Kelley

2nd Commissioner Oakes

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous



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Marilyn Oertle
Commission Chair

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Kari Wheeler
Commission Secretary

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