



**North County Regional Fire Authority**  
**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
via ZOOM  
**May 26, 2021**  
**4:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Greg Oakes, Chair  
Jan Iverson  
Judy Williams  
Ric Cade  
Larry Longley, Vice-Chair  
Rob Johnson

**FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF**

John Cermak, Fire Chief  
~~Don Bartlett, Assistant Fire Chief~~  
Mike Makela, Assistant Fire Chief  
Katie Casey, Board Secretary  
Randy Krumm, Finance Manager  
Kayley Mizell, Administrative Assistant  
Doug ten Hoopen, Temp. Project Manager

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

**EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from employees

Public comments regarding the 5G tower at Station 97 were received from Heather Andrus, Maggie Schueller, and Elizabeth McKenna. Thad Hovis provided comment regarding the positive working relationship South County Fire and North County Fire have.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cade

**DISCUSSION:** Executive Session will be moved to the beginning of the meeting

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session, a closed session to discuss negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations and expect it to last 20 minutes. At 4:21pm Executive Session was extended 15 minutes, and resumed at 4:39pm with no action taken.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Iverson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Williams

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF May 12, 2021 MINUTES**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS**

Temporary Project Manager Doug ten Hoopen provided an update on the training center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Makela provided a Community Risk Reduction Report.

Finance Manager Randy Krumm provided the Finance Report.

Policy 70 – Active911 was provided for the first review by the Board of Commissioners.



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**CHIEFS REPORT**

We began Monday morning staff meetings and implemented a plan to continue weekly by zoom and once a month in person as our team is spread out and in different places.

Chief Kraski and Chief Cermak continued one on one meetings with crews. They are going well.

NCRFA received its LUCAS device received through a Firehouse Subs grant. Kudos to Doug ten Hoopen for making that happen. All grant requirements and news release have occurred.

There were multiple sessions with the Negotiations Board Committee to discuss non-represented contracts. Good progress was made to have those done in a timely manner.

A letter was sent to AFG SAFER, per the RFA annexation to notify them that we would be incurring the remainder of their grant obligation. City of Arlington was cc'd on that communication.

Chief Cermak attended the North County Chief's meeting

Chief Cermak reviewed multiple ILAs to move forward for the annexation requirements from Rich Davis' office. They will be moved forward to the City of Arlington for their City Council to review, then they will be presented to our RFA Board of Commissioners.

The RFA Annexation Team met several times discussing upcoming goals and timelines.

We met with the Labor Group regarding Impact Bargaining and potentially a new contract.

We Signed the Purchase Order and received lease final approval for new Pierce E46. All associated papers were completed and filed by Randy Krumm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Cade reported that the Blue Card Simulation Lab was held last week and all NCRFA officers are now certified. Now that the certifications have occurred he will step back and let Chief Smith continue with the program.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Williams feels that if the 5G tower is something that is going to continue being disputed maybe we should reinvestigate the tower impacts.

**MOTION TO DELAY THE CELL TOWER INSTALLATION UNTIL FURTHER FACT CHECKING CAN OCCUR**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Williams**

**DISCUSSION:** Construction timeline is unknown at this time, the lease agreement has yet to be signed for forwarded to them.

**MOTION FAILED**

Chief Cermak extended sympathy to the families of Firefighter's Walsh and Freedman who both have lost a family member recently.

Commissioner Johnson noted that during public comment Chief Hovis with South County made comment and at the end of his 3-minute allowance he asked if anyone had questions. No one responded with questions and he was happy about that because although he appreciates Chief Hovis' sentiments the public comment portion of the Commission meeting is not meant for questions and answers.



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**ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:34pm**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Johnson**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson**

**Discussion:**

**APPROVED: Unanimous**

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*Greg Oakes*

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**Greg Oakes**  
**Board Chair**

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*Katie Casey*

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**Katie Casey**  
**Board Secretary**