

North County Regional Fire Authority

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

via ZOOM

April 22, 2020 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

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm

EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS - N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Cade

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Iverson

2nd Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 08, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1st: Commissioner Iverson

2nd Commissioner Johnson

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Nelson with DA Davidson provided an overview of the 2020 Bond Issuance. He reported that the All-In true interest cost with a AA- rating will be 2.37%

If the ballot measure is approved by Arlington voters at the February 2021 election, by law the RFA levies can be applied to Arlington properties no sooner than January 1, 2022. The Annexation Advisory Committee recommends that the annexation start date should also be January 1, 2022.

Motion to approve the levy start date of January 1, 2022

1st: Commissioner Longley

2nd Commissioner Iverson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

The Advisory Committee recommends that the RFA and City plan to achieve a standard of cover / service response times that meets or exceed the current standards in place after the City annexes into the RFA.

Motion to approve a plan to achieve a standard of cover / service response times that meet or exceed the current standards in place after the City annexes into the RFA

1st: Commissioner Cade

2nd Commissioner Williams

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous



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The RFA Annexation Committee continues to meet twice monthly. The Labor Representatives have also been attending these meetings. The Committee will soon present a governance and communication plan for discussion. There will also be a website put together so both City of Arlington and NCRFA can ensure that the same information is being provided across both organizations.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Krumm provided the most current Treasurer's Report

The 2019 – 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement is complete and ready for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion to approve the 2019 - 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with changes to include blue card training, adding rope rescue, and to correct the education matrix to reflect 60 months

1st: Commissioner Iverson

2nd Commissioner Longley

DISCUSSION: Thanks were provided for all parties and the hard work put into this

APPROVED: Unanimous

CHIEF'S REPORT

There have been multiple RFA Annexation planning meetings with Arlington. The process is positive and moving forward as targeted with weekly meetings and staff to-do lists.

Rich Davis and Chief Cermak worked to get the finalized CBA forwarded to Local 4033. They approved the final version that is before you tonight.

We continue to attend twice weekly meetings addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic with the County Chiefs, FOC, ECC at Department of Emergency Management. With each meeting comes research, equipment issues, deliveries, and processes that have to be updated and developed.

All stations are now being disinfected monthly with a machine acquired through the ECC. We will be assisting the City of Stanwood in disinfecting City Hall. The machine is being shared with Camano and Arlington.

We met multiple times with DA Davidson representative Jim Nelson. NCRFA received a AA- rating from Standard and Pours. Randy Krumm and Chief Cermak ran multiple scenarios stress testing for the bond and the future. It was clear that the best approach was to continue with the process for best outcomes from the perspective that we have already spent capital to be replaced by the Bond for land and vehicle acquisition, the Strategic Plan to develop personnel and that existing need, and probable revenue from use to cover the cost of the Bond and provide the best training opportunities that we currently lack.

We completed the first day of Station and equipment inspections. We have two more days of personnel inspections, one tomorrow, and one next week. Staff will be developing an action plan for addressing needs moving forward from the information obtained during the inspection. One of the items has already been addressed with Spring Cleaning weekends that will begin with vehicle focus and transitioning into Station focus. Three full vehicle detail kits were purchased for addressing vehicle maintenance needs. Training videos will either be developed or have been developed by the manufacturer to train personnel on the proper maintenance process of different surfaces. The BC of Training will assign this training before we begin Spring Cleaning next week when the new detailing kits arrive. The chief officers will inspect outcomes, physically, every Monday morning on their way to work. Chief Cermak will review the outcomes at Station 90, Chief Bartlett will review the outcomes at Station 99/96, and Chief Makela will review the outcomes of Station 97. We will continue the process until the vehicles have been completely detailed and in acceptable condition. Following the vehicle focus, we will complete the same process on each station.

We took delivery of a new aid unit from Braun and a new Ford AC-CRR staff vehicle last week. Steve Towers has mounted the box onto the chassis of the new Brush unit and is fabricating everything for the pump and reels.



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A lot of work and preparation has been conducted in preparation of placing new equipment into service appropriately. Each piece of equipment will be properly outfitted, waxed, and detailed, and trained upon before they will be placed into service. AC Bartlett has put a comprehensive plan together to make the transition and a recommendation of vehicles to be surplused moving forward.

Commissioner Cade noted that he would encourage the application for the next SAFER grant. Chief Cermak stated that we are doing our best to get to it however with the COVID-19 issue in its current state he's not sure we will be able to meet the May 15th deadline to apply.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N.A

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

N/A

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 4:54pm

1st: Commissioner Cade

2nd Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED; Unanin

Greg Oakes

Chair

Katile Casey

Board Secretary

