

# North County Regional Fire Authority

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

via ZOOM **July 22, 2020** 

4:00pm

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS** 

Greg Oakes, Chair - Excused

Jan Iverson

Judy Williams

Ric Cade - Excused

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 4:02 pm

# **EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Williams

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Program Participation Agreement for the Training Consortium was presented

Motion to approve the Fire Chief to Sign the Program Participation Agreement

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Williams

**DISCUSSION:** 

APPROVED: Unanimous

Randy Krumm presented the Finance Report

#### **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. This period is focused on asset and liabilities transfer and financial feasibility. The RFA Committee met and approved of staff recommendations to bring forward a financial feasibility and action plan if the RFA annexation is successful.



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A lot of time and work was put into insuring that it was financially feasible for the RFA to annex the City of Arlington. We met with Arlington to develop the model and Randy Krumm and Kristen Garcia did an outstanding job working together on a transparent model to illustrate the capabilities.

The Regional Training Center progress continues with MacKenzie, AC Bartlett, FF tenHoopen, and Chief Cermak. Paul Ellis, Dave Kraski, Heather Logan, Jim Kelly, and Chief Cermak sat on a panel to choose a company to provide RFA educational guidance and public outreach for the RFA. Liz Loomis was chosen.

Chief Cermak met with Senator Cantwell's office to share our direction and goals for the training center and what it means to our community and surrounding communities. They were very interested in the project and expressed support for the program. They will be providing a letter of support to FEMA supporting the use of grant funds for this project. Chief Cermak has also been in contact with Rick Larsen's office regarding the same.

BC Smith convened the Snohomish County training cadre helping us with developing specifications for their needs in the training center. They are working hard to provide input into the areas they would like to see developed to build on our capabilities.

Chief Cermak attended two of the Zoom sessions for All American Leadership. Both were well attended and the program is developing nicely. Several of our employees have expressed that they are enjoying the added leadership development. Chief Cermak met with Everett Fire Matt Sorenson about the training center. He has provided several very helpful insights on the training center.

There was an all officers meeting where RFA progress and programs were shared. Crews have been doing some really great things to place the new apparatus in service. From hose loads to ladder studies and evaluations, they have provided some very professional changes to our equipment.

Chief Cermak has reached out to Nick Yanity to explore doing a 9-11 video as a virtual recognition and remembrance for the RFA and City. It appears a gathering of any significance wouldn't be allowed and will not be allowed by September 11, 2020.

There were two more JATC meetings held during this period.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RFA Committee – Asset transfers have been agreed upon. Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment rates are being evaluated by an engineering firm who specializes in this. Governance has been agreed upon

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Bartlett provided an update on the new apparatus and remount status. The cleaning and waxing detail is continuing and making great progress. Kudos to the apparatus committee. Quarterly inspections will be August 24, 25, and  $27^{th}$  – all Commissioners are invited to attend. The brush rig is still in progress, the timing of it's completion was slowed due to Steve Towers being unable to work for a short period of time.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 4:54pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Larry Longk Vice-Chair Katie Casey Board Secretary

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