



**North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
via ZOOM
August 26, 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 4:02 pm

EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Iverson 2nd Commissioner Williams

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Cade 2nd Commissioner Iverson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1st: Commissioner Longley 2nd Commissioner Johnson

DISCUSSION:

APPROVED: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Cermak asked for the Board's consideration to purchase a versatile tractor to help offset costs of the training facility and prepare for the needs of the facility in the future.

Mackenzie Architects pointed out that the RFA could potentially get a better bid for the project if the land was cleared. If the land is overgrown, as it is now, the contractors could potentially overbid the project because they are unable to see the land they will be grading and preparing for the project.

Commissioner Johnson inquired as to who would be operating the equipment. Chief Cermak explained that it would be himself, Chief Bartlett, or whoever else is trained. He believes that forklift and equipment training can be provided through L&I.

Chief Cermak also explained that a large shed type structure will be built on the training center grounds to house this equipment as well as the water treatment supplies however in the meantime it will be stationed at Station 96.

The total cost of the tractor will be \$74,344.89.



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The material that is cleared will be piled up and composted.

Commissioner Oakes stated that there could potentially be an issue with not paying prevailing wage for the land clearing by our staff and suggested that this be looked into and run by attorney Rich Davis for clarification.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of the diesel tractor as proposed in the staff report.

Further discussion regarding the potential issues of not paying prevailing wage occurred.

Commissioner Cade made a friendly amendment to the motion to include making sure Rich Davis confirms no prevailing wage issues will occur if the Assistant Chief or Fire Chief clear the property.

Commissioner Longley suggested that a Construction Manager be hired sooner rather than later to alleviate any potential issues.

Commissioner Cade withdraws his friendly amendment

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A DIESEL TRACTOR

Motion to approve the purchase of a diesel tractor as proposed in the staff report

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

DISCUSSION: Chief Cermak will bring to the Board at the next Commission meeting proposal to hire a Construction Manager and information on any potential prevailing wage issues.

APPROVED: Unanimous

CHIEF'S REPORT

Nick Yanity completed the interview with Chief Cermak for the video series he is completing. The Mayor, City Administrator, Rob Freedman, and Tribal Chairman have been interviewed for the video to date. I think he is seeking dates from Comm. Williams, Police Chief Martin, and the School District Superintendent Jean Shumate. He is working with Chief Smith and Capt. Koontz to get training opportunities before the 9-11 Memorial recording. He will be here in the morning to video the sunrise, the placement of the flags on 532, and the raising of the aerial ladder.

Big thank you to the candidates that made the effort to take the examination and Oak Harbor Fire, Mt. Vernon Fire, Arlington Fire, Everett Fire, South County Fire, and Snohomish County Fire and Rescue for their assistance in the recent Lieutenant examination. Three candidates took the examination with two passing scores.

There have been ongoing discussions with the Training Center with Mackenzie and separately with the training officers for their input on the site.

Thursday SitReps continue with DEM. COVID numbers are leveling for the time being.

The All American Leadership training is growing and expanding with the number of attendees. We will soon begin Zoom lunches offering to meet with the Arlington and NCRFA Fire Chief.

Research and staff report was conducted on a diesel tractor for this Commission meeting.

Liz Loomis and AJ have begun collaborating and developing key messages for the next steps in the RFA communications to the public. We met on Monday to discuss the committee direction in preparation for our September Committee meeting with the elected.

AFG and SAFER have started dropping every Friday. So far, we have not been approved. We will continue to monitor. Warm Beach Camp provided a donation for our help with the Lights of Christmas involvement in the amount of \$2000. A letter of gratitude was sent to the Camp from NCRFA.



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Chief Cermak met with Chief McFalls, Chief Kraski, and Chief Hovis to discuss current issues regarding the county and directions that we see can help as a team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Warm Beach donation as noted above

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations at 4:50. Executive Session concluded at 5:21pm with direction given and no decision made.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:21pm

1st Commissioner Johnson

2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Greg Oakes

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Greg Oakes
Board Chair

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Board Secretary