SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

Regular Board Meeting
March 22, 2011
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1502 hours with Commissioners Fossos, Rickert and Freitas in attendance. Commissioner Thompson called, he is on his way. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rickert.

Commissioner Gates welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates noted we have two (2) sets of minutes to approve, he asked for the approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2011 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert, Motion carried. Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Special Meeting, Commissioner Rickert made a Motion to approve the March 17, 2011 minutes, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos reported that he had physical therapy and he is happy to be here today, his hip is doing well.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Gates noted that we have received one (1) Public Comment Sign-up Sheet from Jerry Galland.

Jerry Galland Commented on 60th Anniversary Yearbook. Records indicate that in November and December 2009 the Board of Commissioners formed and approved the Yearbook committee and Chief Church consulted with Legal Counsel and agreeing at that time that there would be no use of public funds.

According to the minutes of those meetings, all costs would be recovered through the proceeds of the sale of the yearbook and Commissioner Fossos is on record as stating that "The group made some good decisions, we will be needing some volunteers to help", at the first meeting.

Anyone hearing that would conclude that the yearbook would indeed not cost the taxpayers any money and further would be supported by volunteer efforts.

The actions of this Board and in the publication entitled Commissioner Guidelines, reference is made that only meetings or activities which directly benefit the public qualify for compensation at different places as serving a public purpose.

However, records obtained from the district show that the word 'volunteer' is often misused by the district. Available documents show that for this failed yearbook cost over $800 of public money was spent on the effort in meetings and overtime.

Records also show that since no yearbook has been produced, no proceeds have been collected by the district.

As I recall, a few years ago the district suffered some turmoil as an employee was charged with, and later convicted of, embezzlement of district funds.

Can the board please tell me how this case of the yearbook and the overt miss-use of district funds is any different than the covert embezzlement perpetrated by the convicted employee? Commissioner Gates replied, we appreciate your comments and we will look into it.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that he is aware of only two (2) Budget, Finance & Audit Meetings, were there are other Committee meetings? He added that all Board members should have copies of the meeting notes in their packet. He asked if anyone had any questions about the meetings. Commissioner Freitas asked will there be a report on the Chiefs Advisory Committee? Chief Church responded there will be a report sometime later this year.

RESOLUTION #473 - REGARDING PROPOSED PARTIAL MERGER of a PORTION of KCFPD #39 into KCFPD 37

Chief Church reported that he was very pleased with the work done by D/C Knorr on the potential withdrawal. D/C Knorr has been meeting with the citizens in the Hospital District Overlap area and has come up with a good method for the overlap area and that is for the citizens petition to join KCFPD #37.

Chief Church read Resolution #473 into record.

Chief Church added that under the law 3/5th of the registered voters of the overlap area would have to sign the petition endorsing the partial merger into KCFPD #37. This protects us, we have also met with the District #37 Chief and staff, they are totally supportive and it accomplishes the same thing as the withdrawal without doing the harm to the citizens that potentially could have occurred. A straight withdrawal could have jumped their insurance rating from a Class 2 up to a Class 9, we worked with the Washington Survey & Rating Bureau and they mentioned that on an annual basis we would have to work with the State and have yearly contracts signed by the citizens, it could be very problematic. This

methodology protects the citizens, they maintain a solid insurance rating and it protects us and our revenue stream. Chief Church added that we needed to get 3/5 of the registered voters in the overlap area to sign the petition to merge into KCFPD #37, which would have been 36 signatures and D/C Knorr has already received 40 signatures, otherwise we could have put the measure on the ballot. D/C Knorr had nothing to add.

Commissioner Freitas asked if we followed all applicable PDC, RCW & WACS in the circulation of the petition. Chief Church replied yes, to the best of our knowledge. Commissioner Freitas asked to have the process explained. Joe Quinn outlined the process;

- Petition from citizens
  - Signatures from 15% of the registered voters and the measure can be placed on the ballot
  - Signatures from 60% of the registered voters and the measure does not go on the ballot, as by signing the petition they have already voted yes for the measure, the signatures will have to be verified and validated by King County.
- SKF&R (KCFPD #39) Board of Commissioners approve Resolution #473
- KCFPD #37 Board of Commissioners concur/approve a Resolution (accepting the area) , we have already met with them and they support the process
- Boundary Review Board process per RCW 36.93 once the notice of intention is filed with the BRB, if within 45 days of that filing, no one invokes jurisdiction then it is automatically approved, we don't see any opposition or agency that would have jurisdiction or care so we anticipate the process will run smoothly, it doesn't have to be approved by the King County Council as the other process did.

Commissioner Freitas asked if the residents expressed any problems with the service that they currently receive for wanting to merge into KCFPD #37. D/C Knorr noted that none of the residents expressed any issues with their current level of service, due to the location of their residence most of them assumed that Kent Fire responded to their 911 calls and it made sense for them to merge into KCFPD #37 as they had Kent addresses. Some of the other individuals said that if this is what our department needed, they were willing to go along with it and support the fire department. D/C Knorr clarified that presently Kent Fire is already responding to this area.

Commissioner Rickert made a motion to approve Resolution #473; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church stated that he is back, well kind of back, but moving slowly. He thanked Acting Fire Chief Ed Plumlee for everything that he did.

Chief Church reported that legislatively there is a lot going on; it looks like the Residential Fire Sprinkler bill has passed the House and is on the Senate Floor. There are a number of Regional Fire Authority clean-up and annexation bills that seem to be moving fairly well and the No Man's Land HB-1566 this bill really cleans-up a lot issues especially in Eastern Washington passed the House and is now in the Senate and moving pretty well. For an update on additional fire service bills please check the WFC or WFCA website. Chief Church added that with the additional 750 million projected loss in the States budget, the legislature is

going to have a tough time balancing the budget in the 105 day session. Due to the tough budgets the Governor has put a moratorium on any new rules, any implementation of rules and rule making at the state level which means the WAC Safety Standards are on hold.

MARCH BUDGET

The March budget is .26% under budget. CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of March.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (101702-101717) totaling	$27,651.56
Accounts Payable Warrants (101718-101809) totaling	$850,151.45
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 160 indiv. DD002275-002434 totaling	$1,255,159.79
Payroll Warrants (#100047 -100048 for 2 individuals)	$387.34
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$310,689.57
TOTAL approval	$2,444,039.71

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Galland had a comment on the merger, if that is what you call it, Kent Regional what funding mechanism do they use, is it Service Benefit Charge or Assessed Value or both. Commissioner Gates replied it is both.

Meeting adjourned at 1525 hours.

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