SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
January 23, 2012

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1730 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Fossos, Rickert and Freitas present. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Freitas.

Commissioner Gates asked if proper notice of this meeting was given. Lauri Perry replied yes.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Fossos had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas asked if proper notice to hold the Special Meeting was given.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR EXCESS LEVY – BOARD DISCUSSION & DIRECTION RELATIVE TO FUNDING OPTIONS
Commissioner Gates noted that the reason for today's Special meeting is to discuss the excess levy options and election dates. Chief Church reported that as requested at the Special Meeting on Thursday, you have received the different options to consider.

Commissioner Fossos reported that he appreciates all of the hard work that went into putting the packets together. Commissioner Fossos then made a Motion, I, move that the Board of Fire Commissions of South King Fire & Rescue directs Chief Church to prepare a resolution to have ready at the January 26th Regular Board Meeting approving an Excess Levy in the amount of $3.5 million dollars annually, collected for four (4) consecutive years beginning in 2013 at an approximate levy rate of .29 cents per $1000 of Assessed Value, with the intent to place this before our citizens on April 17th, 2012 at a Special Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freitas.

Commissioner Thompson reported that he hopes the economy and Assessed Values pick-up, adding that it is important to put another Aid Car back in service, he had also hoped to be able to do some capital improvements to the stations including some seismic upgrades.

Commissioner Rickert added that he is in favor of Option #1 (.29 cents excess levy per $1000 Assessed Value on the ballot April 17th). In these tough economic times, we have a very tight budget. Hopefully in the future we will be able to put some money into capital to help purchase apparatus and take care of other capital needs and complete seismic upgrades at the stations.

Commissioner Freitas asked that in the next four (4) years could we resend the election by a vote of the public if we wanted to put something else on the ballot. Chief Church replied that he has never heard of this being done but he believes we could. Commissioner Freitas added that we are all in this together, the department, community, labor and management.

Commissioner Gates reported that he also supports option #1.

Commissioner Fossos added that he supports option #1 to get an Aid Car back in service, it benefits the citizens and the staff, having the other Aid Car in service helps with our response times and we are better able to respond to life threatening emergencies.

Commissioner Thompson added that the excess levy helps bridge the gap and will help improve our response times.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Church thanked the Board of Commissioners; we will have everything ready at the next Regular Board Meeting.

At 1747 hours the meeting adjourned.

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