SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

March 27, 2012
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Fossos and Freitas in attendance. Commissioner Thompson called and he will be a little late or he may not make it. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rickert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2012 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2012; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas reported that he attended a few different meetings this month that he thought would be interest to the Commissioners; he attended a meeting sponsored by the Federal Way Emergency Management Group, preparing for the recovery phase after a disaster, this was a follow-up to the FEMA training that took place in Emmitsburg 2 years ago. Chief Church did a wonderful job helping them set some good policies. The community is still coming together trying to plan for emergency management recovery phase. We have applied for another grant to go back to Emmetsburg one more time as a follow up to the activities we have done in the past. He also attended an EMS Trauma Steering Committee Meeting (Governors Steering Committee). The Department of Health is really trying diligently to track calls for service for seniors falling, the documentation helps the programs that we report to and it makes the public aware of what is going on, it also helps marshal some of the forces at the Department of Health to educate and track. The WFC and WFCA are also following this closely. The committee is trying to put together a video for elected officials or some type of presentation so they don't slash funds in these kinds of areas where we can't track the problem.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that there were two (2) committee meetings this month. Commissioner Rickert reported that at the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee Meeting, they discussed the Interlocal Agreement with King County; this would have us performing the building inspections in unincorporated King County. He added that the committee is in favor of this agreement and it will be discussed at our Regular Board meeting in May. Chief Church added that the County is pushing to have the Interlocal Agreements signed by June 1st. If the department doesn't sign the agreement, the County will contract with another fire department to provide inspections in our area of unincorporated King County. Commissioner Gates added that when we discuss this at the May meeting, Commissioner Thompson will be recusing himself, since he works for this department.

Commissioner Gates noted that the JLM Committee met on March 15th, it was a short meeting; there was a presentation by Nationwide in regards to another option for our employees, Roth 457. Commissioner Freitas asked if this is a rotating committee meeting, and there was one (1) Commissioner at the meeting. Commissioner Gates replied, that Commissioner Thompson was invited to the meeting and he was unable to attend so Commissioner Rickert was invited, he was scheduled to attend until something came up, and he was unable to attend so Commissioner Fossos was invited and we were uncertain if he was going to be able to attend or not until the morning of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church thanked the Commissioners that attended the Town Hall Meeting last night at Station 64; he added that we will have another Town Hall Meeting tonight at Station 62 at 6:00 pm and tomorrow night at Station 26 at 6:00 pm. Chief Church noted that the PDC has reviewed and approved the video that we will be showing.

Chief Church added that Commissioner Rickert, A/C Plumlee, CFO Lawson and himself have been very involved with the King County EMS Levy. SB5381, which allows for simple majority for EMS Levis has passed both houses, but the Governor has not signed it, she isn't signing any bills until the four (4) corners of the Legislature work on a balanced budget, he added not to worry it will become law, twenty (20) days after the Special Session has ended the clock begins and then 90 days after that it becomes law, unless the Governor vetoes the bill.

On Thursday, March 29th we will be honoring the Retirements of two (2) of our Deputy Chiefs, Mike Knorr & Steve Trackwell, they both have more than 30 years of service, Chief Church asked if they wanted to speak. D/C Trackwell noted that 31 years have flown by and it all started with a knock on his door at home by Volunteer Lt. Jerry Thorson who was looking for additional volunteers to join the department, 33 years ago, here he is. He added that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with everyone here, it is a great place to work and the years have flown by. He wishes everyone makes the most of what they can for this department and the communities that we serve. (D/C Trackwell volunteered for 2 years prior to being hired full time with the department, he has 31 paid years with the department for a total of 33 years).

D/C Knorr noted that he began his career as a volunteer in 1974; he has 31 paid years with the department and a total of 34 years with this department including his volunteer time. Your support as Commissioners has been wonderful; he can't imagine doing anything else for the last 31 years.

MARCH BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that we are .05% under budget for the month of March; he then read into the record the list of expenditures for the month.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (102920-102936) totaling	$34,193.40
Accounts Payable Warrants (102937-103023) totaling	$695,713.69
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 147 individuals DD004099-004245 totaling	$932,794.26
Payroll Warrants (#100071 -100073 for 3 individuals)	$2,932.64
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$209,921.70
TOTAL approval	$1,875,555.69

Commissioner Gates thanked D/C's Knorr & Trackwell for everything they have done and added that they will definitely be missed.

Commissioner Fossos also thanked them for their outstanding leadership and the sacrifices they have made over the years.

Commissioner Rickert thanked them for their dedicated service to the community and the fire department. It goes to show that when you get hired in the fire service it is a career that lasts forever until you can retire. The fire service isn't like a job you can move from one place to another, we have a lot of firefighters, officers, administrative staff and clerical workers that come into the fire service and they are here their entire career, which is outstanding and a real service to the community.

Commissioner Freitas reported that his written report is in their mailboxes.

Commissioner Gates apologized; he should have recognized Lakehaven Commissioner Tim McClain who joined us here tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 1618 hours.

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