SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

April 24, 2012
Station 68

Commissioner Fossos called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson and Freitas in attendance, Commissioner Gates was excused. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fossos asked for the approval of the minutes of the Commissioners regular meeting on March 27, 2012, the Special Meeting/Town Hall Meeting on March 26, 2012, the Special Meeting/Town Hall Meeting on March 27, 2012 and the Special Meeting/Town Hall Meeting on March 28, 2012 Special Meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve all of the minutes (the minutes of regular meeting on March 27, 2012, the Special meetings on March 26th, March 27th and March 28th). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert noted that he attended the BLS - Medic One Levy Meeting, it seems that the County's estimate of an increase of 2 – 4 % in 2013 is now an estimate of a 4 – 6 % decrease due to assessed value decreasing. It looks like the projected levy rate will be .325 cents compared to .29 cents, the exact amount has not been settled, as it is still up in the air, they would have to make the increase to maintain the services as we know them currently.

Commissioner Freitas reported that he attended the Firefighter Memorial in Olympia on Sunday; it was quite an event and it was nice to see a number of members of the department there, it was a touching ceremony. He also attended the EMS Trauma Technical Advisory Committee Meeting; it is the pre hospital tac, which deals with things that the Department of Health, administers through the fire service and the medic service. To try and keep the playing field level and administering services throughout the State of Washington. It is mandated through legislation that took place in the early 90's, the committee is chaired by Russ McCallion of Bonney Lake, who is doing an excellent job. Commissioner Freitas would like to get A/C Plumlee involved in services because several of the things that they are talking about at the State level is similar to the things we are doing here at SKF&R, and that kind of leadership is really good. He would like to see A/C Plumlee involved if time ever permitted, but it probably never will anymore, but we will try.

Commissioner Fossos noted that he has a letter that he would like to read into the record we the levy is still too close to call but this letter caught his attention and it says a lot:

Fire Levy Failure: The Minority Has Spoken
The South King Fire and Rescue Levy did not pass. With 59 percent of our community voting in favor of it, it failed. In any other election, a 19-point margin would be a landslide victory. Here, we call it a "loss." The minority has spoken. Something's wrong.

In a country that champions representative government and "one person, one vote," we have somehow managed to enfranchise a minority to speak for the majority.

The majority has said that we should resource South King Fire & Rescue and enable them to do the job with which they have been entrusted. The majority has affirmed their performance and appreciated their sacrifices to ensure our safety. But the minority has spoken. Unreal.

Because South King Fire & Rescue is committed as an organization to protect and improve our quality of life, they will now endeavor to do more with less. The impacts of this vote may not be felt for a year or two, but they will be felt. Education programs have already been cut. Response times will go up. But more importantly, we have said to the men and women who serve us faithfully, "We aren't behind you." What does that do to department morale?

To South King Fire & Rescue, I would like to say, "Thank you." Thank you for your service and thank you for your sacrifice. Thank you for always being only minutes away, whether we need you or not. Thank you for the many other ways you care for our city, whether improving school grounds, collecting school supplies for under-resourced children, or providing a Christmas experience for families who wouldn't otherwise have one.

And when you become frustrated with lack of support from our community, please remember: The minority has spoken.

Jon McIntosh, Federal Way

Commissioner Fossos added that this pretty much sums up his feelings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT
Chief Church noted that he was doing pretty good emotionally until hearing John's poignant letter even though he had read it several times. That is our report for tonight.

APRIL BUDGET
CFO Lawson reported that we are 1.37% under budget for the month of April; he then read into the record the list of expenditures for the month.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (103040 -103054) totaling	$37,840.41
Accounts Payable Warrants (103055 - 103135) totaling	$488,093.65
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 145 individuals DD004246-004390 totaling	$764,313.89
Payroll Warrants (#100074 -100076 for 3 individuals)	$3,562.88
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$154,256.44
TOTAL approval	$1,448,067.27

Commissioner Freitas would like have an Insurance Committee meeting; he and Commissioner Rickert would like to go through some of the insurance requirements for the next year.

Commissioner Fossos thanked the department for continuing to do an outstanding job you folks, outperform everybody and Chief you are out there leading the way, great job and thank you for allowing me to be here tonight and chair this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1610 hours.

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