SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

June 24, 2014
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson, Fossos and Freitas in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fossos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the May 27th minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting against the minutes.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos reported that he attended the King County Fire Commissioners Executive Board meeting, it was a good meeting, they discussed the issue of prorationing, and he thanked Chief Church for his hard work and knowledge. Commissioner Fossos added that he attended the EMAC meeting and Retreat, there seems to be an issue with King County Emergency Management, an Officer decided to try and change the committee structure and a lot of Homeland Security funds have dried up, which makes it more difficult on public safety such as; Police, Fire & EMS. It appears that there is some resistance from the committee to fully fund the needs of the fire and police services, so the emergency services are trying to create their own subcommittee.

Commissioner Thompson reported that he also attended the King County Commissioners Executive Board Meeting; they discussed the PSERN (Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network) funding mechanism. He updated them on the funding mechanism and they voted in favor of sending a letter to the King County Executive and the Director of the Program expressing displeasure with not being involved in the process and proposing a lid lift vs a Bond. They also encouraged Commissioners from other Districts to send a letter speaking out against the lid lift funding mechanism. On the second Saturday in September the King County Commissioners General Membership Meeting will be held at the Fire Training Academy in North Bend, this will be a great opportunity for those that haven't been there. Commissioner Thompson applauded the crews that responded to the Crestview Fire, there were some very good rescues, while fighting the fire that was an uphill battle with the double roof. Great job guys! That's what it's all about, taking care of life, safety and rescue. There will also be a meeting on Thursday at the PDC Office in Olympia if anyone is interested in attending.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas reported that he attended Flag Day, it was a nice ceremony and he is involved in the strategic process for the EMS Trauma subcommittee and injury and violence prevention.

Commissioner Gates echoed Commissioner Thompson's comments on the Crestview Fire, great job to everyone that was on the scene of the fire. Commissioner Gates reported that he attended the Advancing Leadership Graduation and congratulations to Joe Ganem, and Jeff Bellinghausen on their graduation, Joe gave great and very inspiring speech and congratulations to FF Kim and FF Mertlich who will be attending Advancing Leadership next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scot Dornan commented on the Crestview Fire, he added that SKF&R is doing a great job with their limited staffing, including some great rescues of several people standing on their balconies at the Crestview Fire.

Commissioner Fossos added that Chief Church recently brought up that Mary Gates was recognized by the City of Federal Way for her outstanding contributions to the community. He personally wants to say it makes us all proud, what she does for the City of Federal Way, please tell her thank you.

Jerry Galland had a few questions about personal vehicles stored inside fire stations, he requested a list of company owned vehicles and received it, however the Kenworth stored at a station near Thomas Jefferson High School, is not on the list and your policy states personal vehicles are not to be in Station during certain hours and this vehicle has not been moved. There is also a fire engine stored at a station in Des Moines. He is curious why these things are being allowed, they are privately owned and should not be parked at the stations, he also inquired who is responsible for the liability and he believes that revenue is owed to the District as they are not collecting rent for $300.00 per month and the Kenworth has been parked there for several years, 5, 6 or 7 years.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates reported that the Policy & Procedure Committee met.

Commissioner Thompson reported on behalf of the Policy & Procedure Committee, they met and reviewed the Ethics Policy. There should be a copy of the Policy in your packet; all new revisions are in red. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to adopt Section 20, Ethics Policy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Commissioner Freitas asked if the public has had the opportunity to review the policy, they may or may not care. Commissioner Gates noted that we did not receive any comments from anyone by the deadline of Friday, June 13th. There was some discussion on the public seeing and commenting on the Ethics Policy, the department did not receive any Public Records Request for a copy of the policy. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church congratulated Joe Ganem & Lt. Jeff Bellinghausen; they graduated for the Advancing Leadership Class of 2014. Joe Ganem did an incredible job with his speech. FF Kim and FF Mertlich will be attending the next Advancing Leadership Class. Teri Hickel announced her retirement as the Executive Director of Advancing Leadership; she will retire June of 2015. Chief Church will be the past President of the AL Board; however he will be assisting in the hiring process of Teri's replacement. The current plan is to hire a new Executive Director by mid-September, they will shadow Teri until January, then January – June of 2015 Teri will go part-time and she will retire in June of 2015.

Chief Church also reported on the following items:

- Kudos to the all of the responders to the Crestview Apartment Fire, what an incredible job with at least 9 rescues.
- The new Mansard Roof at Station 62 is almost complete, thank you for approving the work, it looks very nice and should last a long time.
- We are still working on the Bond numbers; we will work with the Chair on scheduling a Bond Workshop.
- We are still waiting to hear from King County on the PSERN funding mechanism. Two weeks ago Chief Church, Chief Chubb from District 20, and Chief Doerflinger from District 43 met with Fred Jarrett and staff from the King County Exec's office to express their concerns on the funding methodology and how 8 fire departments would be prorated immediately if the County decided to go with a lid lift. Fred and the Exec's staff were going to work on a few different options and get back with Chief Church.
- In response to the misinformation that was brought up earlier tonight it is too bad that misinformation has already been posted to a blog and in the paper, however we are following our policy. The apparatus parked at Station 65 per policy has been approved by the Station Captain and the Chief of Operations, this apparatus is occasionally used for events in the community so it benefits the community and the District. The antique apparatus that is parked at Station 66 in Des Moines is owned by the District, it is parked inside the station, not outside. This apparatus was parked outside Station 68 for a few days, while it was being worked on. These apparatus are really no different that the Ham Radio Equipment, we don't charge rent for that and it benefits the community and therefore benefits the District. It is unfortunate that misinformation gets broadcast before the truth comes out, now you know the truth.

JUNE BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that the June budget is 1.25% over budget; CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of June.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (106019-106037) totaling	$37,500.17
Accounts Payable Warrants (106038-106118) totaling	$617,664.34
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 156 indiv. DD008142-008297 totaling	$935,939.64
Payroll Warrants for 3 individuals (100119-100121) totalling	$3,129.25
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$211,917.88

TOTAL approval $1,806,151.28

Meeting adjourned at 1729 hours.

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