SOUTH KING FIRE
August 25, 2026
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Baruso apologized for the delay and called the Regular Meeting to order at 1702 hours, (due to a technology issue) with Commissioners Fuller, Burrus and Vadino in attendance. Commissioner Monroe was excused. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by BC John.

To listen to the full meeting, please visit our website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motion and a second to approve the minutes from the July 28th Regular Meeting. Commissioner Fuller moved approval of the Board meeting minutes from July 28th meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motin and a second to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 20th. Commissioner Burrus moved to approve the minutes for the August 20th meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuller reported that one of the fun things that Commissioners get to do is attend meetings around the community and get a pulse on what's going on. He attended the Federal Way Chamber where CEO Rebecca Martin discussed her activities and what she wants to get through. He also attended the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce meeting and lastly, he attended the Good Eggs Breakfast hosted by King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer. Congressman Adam Smith was scheduled to speak; however, he was not able to attend so Commissioner of Public Lands Dave Upthegrove spoke. It was very interesting discussion on where the wildfires are and what their organization is right now.

Commissioner Burrus had no comments.

Commissioner Vadino had no comments.

Commissioner Baruso thanked Chief for the meeting yesterday, he believes that the FAB (Fire Admin Building) is moving right along and looks really good. Commissioner Baruso thanked Chief for suggesting Firewise, it's a good thing to think about its an older building and the trees touch the building.

PUBLIC COMEMNTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Vadino reported the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee met, there are no change Orders for the Board to review and approve this month. We were able to take a tour. It looks great

DES MOINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION

President & CEO of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Traci Buxton gave a presentation on the Chamber and requested a Motion to bring this forward for discussion in a future Commissioner meeting. There was some additional discussion on how we can work/partner with the Des Moines Chamber

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES COMMITTEE PRESENTATON

BC John gave a presentation to the Board on behalf of the Mission, Vision and Values Committee. The Mission being the why, the vision being the how and the values being who we are in core belief. The committee started meeting in April, with a completion date of June. We wanted to keep it simple to say, make it representative of who we are and where we want to go. It also honors the past by embracing the future. The committee will begin visiting stations on October 1st sharing our new Mission, Vision and Values. The official rollout day will be October 31st, we plan on using videos, newsletter and social media to get our message out there.

Compassion – We treat every person with dignity and empathy, reinforcing the mission's focus on service with care.

Integrity – We act with honesty, accountability, and transparency, fulfilling the vision's call for responsibility and trust.

Unity – Working together as one team, aligned in purpose, supporting each other, and collaborating to serve our community effectively.

Stewardship – We responsibly manage the community's trust and resources, strengthening accountability and ensuring long-term service excellence.

Chief Woodey noted that he appreciates the work that the committee has done, this is easy to remember and recite.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Woodey reported that he and AC Michaels attended the FRI Conference in Kansas City – they learned about public and private partnerships. For instance, they learned that from the Fire Chief in Fort Lauderdale, FL is doing a partnership with the City and a private entity. They are going to build 2 fire stations into parking garages and are going to be on publicly owned land. The developer will get the proceeds from the parking garage, and the city and fire department will get new fire stations.

There were also several classes on AI and we are on the verge of launching our own AI policy.

Citygate will attend the next Board meeting and provide the Board with their rough draft of the Standards of Cover.

We are in the process of launching a Capital Facilities Plan, we are meeting with the first consultant this week. We want someone to look at all of our buildings and properties so we can start mapping out what the department looks like in the next three, five and 10 years and what are the large capital projects that we need to be working on specific to our buildings and land.

We will be launching the Advisory Board, that is comprised of department members and members of the community. We would like this group to meet on a quarterly basis and provide insight into some of our strategic initiatives.

Dermody has returned the counter signed Purchase and Sale Agreement.

AUGUST BUDGET

Finance Manager Barrett noted that we would expect to be at 64.33%, however we are currently at 66.77%, which puts us under budget by 2.34%.

Finance Manager Kelsey Barrett read the list of expenditures for the month of August into record.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#122112-122134) totaling	$952,624.46
Accounts Payable Warrants (#122135-122219) totaling	$1,990,494.58
Payroll Direct Deposit Document - DD010387-010625 totaling	$1,994,358.31
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$462,473.04
Medical Claims as of August 18, 2026	$258,091.95
TOTAL approval	$5,658,042.34

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Baruso requested a Motion. Commissioner Burrus made a motion for approval of vouchers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1735 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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