SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE
August 25, 2020
Virtual Meeting per Governor Inslee's Proclamation
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the regular meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Fuller, Berger and Thompson in attendance via the virtual meeting. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020. Commissioner Berger made a motion. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Berger mentioned that he was very pleased with the excellent communication and collaboration that he observed during the Joint Labor Management Meeting, this is the first one that he has had the opportunity to attend. He was pleased at how quickly operational issues get resolved. He was amazed at the story in the Federal Way Mirror and on KIRO 7 TV on Lt. Mathis, he wasn't aware of this before, he made a very selfless decision to put his family first.

Commissioner Fuller mentioned that he has been working with AC Goodsell there was a post on Nextdoor in regards to natural vegetation that a neighbor was concerned about being a fire hazard. AC Goodsell did some negotiating and was able to get the area cleaned up, great work by AC Goodsell and his team.

Commissioner Rickert attended the JLM meeting it is nice to see how we can accomplish so much, get along together and work out the details of day to day operations, very good to see the cooperation of both sides. He has also participated in the King County EMS COVID – 19 conference calls, they are still very interesting, with a lot of information being given out. Every week it seems like we are getting a little better handle on our community and King County.

Commissioner Thompson was pleased to see results of Prop One (Maintenance & Operations Levy) it looks to be passing. It was a real plus to answer everyone's questions and get our information on what we do out there, he was very pleased to see the overwhelming support of the Department. Commissioner Thompson added that he has been working with different groups and organizations in regards to the Special Purpose Districts – CARES Act and requesting they send letters of support to our Representatives and Senators in Washington, DC. He has also been talking to a number of different Commissioners and groups to send letter to King County Councilmembers on the Fireworks Ordinance Ban. He added that Commissioner John Kennison from Shoreline Fire has resigned from his position, this also disqualifies him to continue as a Director with King County Fire Commissioner Association, he has been a Commissioner at Shoreline for 34 ½ years, we will definitely miss him. The King County Commissioners Association website is up and running, please check it out. They will be starting virtual

meetings, the first Executive Board meeting went really well. The election of officers is up, it will be opening the end of September, if anyone is interested in being a Director please submit your name and send a letter of intent to the Executive Board, they will review it and get you on the ballot, the Association will be voting on the Officers in November. Commissioner Thompson added that they are working on getting their email list updated, lots of Commissioners have left.

Commissioner Gates mentioned that he had 2 comments to make, however both of them have already been mentioned. Congratulations to everyone that helped on the passage of the M & O Levy and the story on Lt. Chris Mathis was great, he had heard about a firefighter staying at one of the stations during the pandemic however he did not know the background story.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Gates noted that due to COVID-19 and the virtual meeting all public comments were to be submitted in writing prior to 5:00 pm today, we have not received any public comments at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates reported that there was a JLM meeting, which was mentioned by Commissioner Berger.

RESOLUTION 578 – ENCOURAGE KING COUNTY COUNCIL TO BAN FIREWORKS ORDINANCE 2020-0109

Chief Pennington read Resolution 578 into record.

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to adopt Resolution 578. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller. Commissioner Thompson added a few King County Councilmembers have responded that they are in favor of the Ordinance and the amendments, they have received stacks and stacks of emails from citizens complaining about the fireworks going off at all hours of the day and night. After lots of discussion by the Board and Legal Counsel in regards to organizations lighting off their own fireworks vs using licensed pyro technicians to set-off fireworks, the impact on non-profits that sell fireworks to raise funds, the recommended penalties, the timeline for setting of fireworks only on the holiday and not dragging on for weeks, all hours of the days and the different holidays that fireworks are discharged. Commissioner Rickert would like Chief Pennington to forward a copy of the Resolution to the City Council for the City of Federal Way and the City of Des Moines and anybody that he thinks would have a stake in this in our area. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPPORT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY AND FIRE OFFICIALS (NAEFO) – SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS CARES ACT

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to send a letter to the 8th and 9th Congressional Representatives and Senators showing support for the Special Purpose Districts as explained in the letter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Commissioner Fuller added that the WFCA supports the Special Purpose District Cares Act. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

OPERATIONS – AC Crossen

AC Crossen reported that Operations has been really busy the last couple of weeks between fires, car accidents and etc. there have been some long days and nights, it seems that incidents are picking up

a little bit. The Administrative Team has been working on the 2021 budget. We have three promotional tests for coming up in September for Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief.

BOND – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – AC Mataftin

AC Mataftin mentioned that he will let AC Chaney report on the Station 60 Shop update. He added that the District went out to bid for Station 60 Bldg. 1/Logistics Building, with bid closing on September 3rd we are hoping to get a good number of bids turned in and will have a report for you at a later date. In regards to Emergency Management he has talked to Ray Gross on how we are going to have a refresher in regards to Emergency operations although we had a real time refresher when we had demonstrators in Federal Way not long ago and he expects that we should probably do something before the weather gets bad. We are also working closely with the City of Des Moines in regards to the other EOC operations. In talking with Michelle Plorde at King County, it sounds like we will be a repository for Zone 3 PPE for long term storage, that document is still being refined.

FMO – CAO – AC Goodsell

AC Goodsell reported that Drew Lowen will be transferring back to shift on September 1st, he was very helpful in the CAO Office, especially during the elections.

There is a COVID testing site at Station 35 in Auburn with another one scheduled to open soon at the King County Aquatics Center in partnership with Franciscan.

Captain Chaney thanked Drew Lowen for his hard work and dedication in the CAO Office, he brought a lot to the table every day. He was pleased to see all of the support for the M & O Levy, it turned out great. He is working on the 9-11 tribute since we cannot have an event in person.

FLEET & FACILITIES – AC Chaney

AC Chaney noted he will pick up with the PPE report where we left off last time, at the Logistics Center we have the following inventory on hand; 24,220 N95mMasks, 23,200 procedure masks, 24,066 disposal gowns, 1,600 pair of protective glasses and 43,500 pair of gloves, this does not count the 100 plus complete sets of PPE at each station.

Station 60 is coming along very nicely, we are waiting for the occupancy permit, staff has been installing shop equipment and shelves and IT is finishing up getting everything connected.

AC Chaney is also working on the 2021 budget.

Commissioner Thompson recommended that since we aren't able to have an Open House in person that maybe we could do a video of the station and put it on our website.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

There was no report from IT.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR Manager Mary Stevens mentioned that she has been working with AC Crossen on upcoming promotional exams for Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief.

Chief Pennington

Chief Pennington thanked the public for voting and supporting the M & O Levy, this is a big deal for our organization and to have that level of support is amazing. This speaks volumes to what our folks do out on the streets, the CAO, Administrative team, the Elected's group and labor group, he thanked everyone that had anything to do with it. Chief Pennington noted that Andrew Lowen will be going back to shift, he did a great job and we appreciate the work that he did. Chief Pennington attended a meeting in regards to our service level agreement with Valley Com as a contract agency, more to come on this at a later date. Also it's the time of year to think about your legislative priorities, what are the priorities as a Board and as an organization.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Executive Director Ganem noted that Administration has been working on the 2021 budget and looking at budget objectives. There will be some significant changes to the budget, he is excited to present it to the Board.

AUGUST BUDGET

Business Operations Executive Director Ganem read into record the list of expenditures for the month of August.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (114412-114442) totaling	$507,735.91
Accounts Payable Warrants (114443-114511) totaling	$762,948.94
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 185 indiv. DD021278--021461 totaling	$1,144,121.26
Payroll Warrant for 0 individual #	$0
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$241,809.82
Medical Claims Processed as of August 19, 2020	$198,635.84
TOTAL approval	$2,855,251.77

He added that we are at 66.57% for the year, or .10% under budget.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Gates noted that since this is a virtual meeting and the Board will not be signing the vouchers tonight, he requested a Motion and a second to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fuller asked if we have heard anything about PSERN. AC Crossen replied that they have definitely been impacted by COVID, testing has taken place out in the field, things seem to be working as planned. There has been a number of delays as they couldn't get into the dispatch center to test as they needed to do. At the present time we anticipate they will requesting a radio count in January 2021 with a roll out date of late 2021 or January 2022.

Commissioner Fuller inquired if we can ask those that are calling in to the meeting to identify themselves at the start of the meeting, Legal Counsel did not have a problem with that.

Commissioner Thompson asked Chief Pennington to email the Board a copy of the legislative agenda from last year so they have a starting point and possibly add to it. Commissioner Thompson wanted

to thank Joe Quinn for his comments in regards to the Fireworks Ban Ordinance, they are all good comments and he appreciated your perspective, it will be up to the King county Council on what they want to do.

Commissioner Rickert wanted to confirm that there is no cost to the District for our personnel staffing the COVID testing sites, he thought King County EMS is paying the salaries for the testers. AC Goodsell replied that, there is no impact to the District, King County will be paying.

Commissioner Fuller inquired if we have had anyone get COVID and is anyone is in quarantine. AC Goodsell responded that we respond to several COVID patients each week, these are not considered exposures since personnel are wearing PPE and are protected. So far we have only had 1 positive staff member and no one has been in quarantine for several months.

Commissioner Berger wanted to make a comment in regards to the M&O Levy; back in April the Board needed to make a decision with having no knowledge on what the COVID impact would be today on our citizens. He wanted to recognize the entire Administrative Staff but especially Executive Director Joe Ganem for recommending the tax and putting on both the August and November ballot. In looking backwards he sees it as a bold decision to make, unfortunately now we have a number of people still unemployed and unemployment checks have changed since they are no longer receiving the federal portion. We really made the right decision to put it on the ballot in August, who know what the financial situation will be like in November.

Executive Director Joe Ganem thanked Commissioner Berger for the kind words adding that we don't know what will happen in November with property tax collection and presidential election. We will be taking a conservative approach on the 2021 budget.

Commissioner Gates added that mortgage payments are believed to be at a five (5) year high, unfortunately things are not getting any better for a lot of people. He is pleased that the M & O passed in August.

Meeting adjourned at 1812 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

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