

**Mountain View Fire and Rescue
Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 14, 2020**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Farrell called the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 pm.

Present from MVFR

Commissioner Jim Farrell
Commissioner Cathie McKinney
Commissioner Don Gentry
Commissioner Scott Currie
Commissioner Joanne Seng
Deputy Chief Mike Barlow
Chief Greg Smith

The meeting was held at Mountain View Fire and Rescue Station 95—32316 148th Ave SE, Auburn, 98002

II. Pledge of Allegiance, United States Flag

Commissioner Farrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members

Commissioner Seng sworn into office Commissioners Farrell (Position 4) and McKinney (Position 2) who were both re-elected to the Board of Commissioners.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Seng moved and Gentry seconded to approve the amended and abbreviated agenda. Motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda

Commissioner McKinney moved and Commissioner Currie seconded to approve the minutes from the December 10th regular meeting and the vouchers from the second half of December 2019 and 1st half of January 2020. Motion carried.

Kent CARES Program presentation by Deputy Chief Aaron Tyerman from Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

Commissioner Seng moved to nominate Commissioner Jim Farrell for the position of Chair and Commissioner Cathie Valentine-McKinney for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Farrell called for nominations from the floor three times. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Account Balance Report—Deputy Chief Barlow

Dep. Chief Barlow shared highlights of the financial report he prepared. At the request of the board, the report will now have a revised format to make it easier to follow. Dep. Chief Barlow shared that "BIAS" Software Company will be combining with a different company. There will be a purchase of new tablets in 2020. Originally the purchase had hoped to happen in 2019, but quotes just came in. The older tablets will be surplus or repurposed.

VI. Budget Expenditure Report—Chief Smith

Vouchers for the month December were \$ 189,713 and payroll for December was \$323,124. For the first half of January vouchers totaled \$122,988 and payroll totaled \$160,637. Some of the bigger expenditure for January included volunteer f/f medical coverage (\$2,737), keyboards for the fire apparatus computer (\$1,853), legal services, volunteer physicals (\$2,355), insurance (\$21,019) and L&I 4th Qtr. payment (\$40,443). Utilities were \$10, 484. Funds were moved from the 5-month float into the expense account which now has \$2,590,235.30 as of January 12th. Revenue accounts were at \$3,364,550.52. Chief Smith shared that the office staff has requested the use of an old district truck for doing district business that requires transportation. **Commissioner Seng moved and Commissioner Gentry seconded to approve making the necessary repairs to the truck.** Motion passed. There are other older pickups that the district will be selling.

VII. Chief's Report

Chief Greg Smith provided the board with a handout containing highlights of his report for the purpose of expediting the meeting due to a special presentation and the swearing in of newly elected commissioners. There was also a threat of a snowstorm coming into the area during the meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

1. ILA CARES Program

South King CARES program uses social workers, whereas the Kent FD CARES program uses a nurse with a FF/EMT and social workers. Some of the commissioners expressed concern on how the union would respond to Puget Sound Regional FA/Kent FD firefighters coming into our district to do work. There is also the concern of the Kent FD Cares program creating a relationship with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe which is where

most of the district's low-acuity calls originate. There was concern expressed about the distance from the unit location in Kent to our district. Response time should be less than 20 minutes, but with the distance and traffic concerns most likely the response time would be 20+ minutes. Commissioner Seng expressed concern about the distance and contract length. If the district decided to go forward with the SK Cares program, most of our personnel are already familiar with the South King County personnel. Chief Smith stated that district would still be responding to all calls, based on response times. Chief Smith feels that the SK CARES program would be a better fit for the district at this time, as both VRFA and Mountain View serve the Muckleshoot community.

Commissioner McKinney moved and Commissioner Gentry seconded that Chief Smith sign the ILA between MVFR and VRFA and South King FR for the South King CARES program. The district will enter into a friendly agreement and that the contract be reviewed on a yearly basis. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business:

1. 2020 Excess Levy Discussion

The board discussed contracting with Liz Loomis Public Affairs which would help the district strategize about the M & O Levy. Commissioners Currie and Farrell met with her and had a very favorable opinion of the meeting. She would be good to work with and she is willing to take on the job. **Commissioner Seng moved and Commissioner Currie seconded that Chief Smith be given permission to sign the contract on behalf of the board with Liz Loomis Public Affairs. Cost would be about \$45,000. The motion passed unanimously.** Chief Smith will sign the contract and send it to Liz Loomis.

X. Commissioners Report

- Commissioner McKinney will attend the meeting with Black Diamond on Thursday since Commissioner Farrell is not available that day.
- The "Fire Garage" contract will start in February.

Board Meeting Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney moved and Commissioner Seng seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting will be January 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Station 95.
Documents were signed.

State Board of Volunteer Firefighters

A former volunteer firefighter will be receiving a lump sum for service as a volunteer. Commissioner Farrell moved and District Secretary Baker seconded to approve the lump sum payment. **A volunteer firefighter who received care for dehydration has a medical bill needing payment.** Chief Smith moved and District Secretary Baker seconded to forward the medical bill onto the state for payment.

Joanne Seng (Position #1)

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Cathie Valentine-McKinney (Position #2)

Scott Currie (Position #3)

James Farrell, Chair (Position #4)

Don Gentry (Position #5)

Kim Baker, District Secretary