

**Mountain View Fire and Rescue
Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 10, 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

Special Guest: Gabriel Mnah, Deputy Director of the Liberian Fire Service, Africa

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.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Consent Agenda

Commissioner McKinney moved and Commissioner Currie seconded to approve the vouchers from the first half of March. The minutes from the February 25th meeting were tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Years of Service Award, Captain Martin (was not present to receive award.)

Recognition of Santa for the Holiday Engine: accepting for Santa was Greg Brower, who was presented with an antique fire engine with a special plaque. Meeting was briefly recessed for cake!

V. Account Balance Report—Deputy Chief Barlow

Everything is in line with typical spending. Maintenance for the rigs is a bit out of alignment. Services with comcast have now been terminated. Now working with WAVE.

VI. Budget Expenditure Report—Chief Smith

For the first half of March vouchers totaled \$32, 642 and payroll totaled \$144,060. Some of the bigger expenditures included Pass through Volunteer F/F catchup (\$1,464),

Volunteer Academy (\$6,024), new engine in staff vehicle (\$6,336), software updates (\$1,271). Utilities were \$7,109. Revenue accounts were at \$2,292,468.03 with \$1,741,736.33 in the expense account as of Mar. 8th.

VII. Public Comment

None

Union Comment

None

Public Hearing, Mountain View Fire M & O Levy

Chief Smith presented a Powerpoint presentation: 2020 Community Update. This presentation will be used in public forums about the levy. At the end of the presentation there were no public comments on the hearing. The commissioners made some suggestions on additional information and edits that should be done to the presentation to make it more cohesive.

VIII. Chief's Report

Chief Greg Smith shared with the board about the latest information coming in from the county and state in regards to the growing COVID-19 pandemic. Each day KC public health and the KC fire chiefs/EMS have a briefing about the current protocols that are to be used as the epidemic progresses. Protocols change daily and the firefighters are being told to check the notebook from the briefings daily to make sure they understand how to proceed. The chief shared that station 97 will become the quarantine facility for district personnel should anyone test positive for the virus. Station 97 is already stocked with supplies, with the exception of food. He also suggested that the board of commissioners may have to put in place a protocol for teleconferencing if meetings cannot be held in person. Will also need to consider how the district can continue to spend money for operational purposes, not capital purposes, if the board cannot meet and approve expenditures.

Special guest Gabriel Mnah from the Liberian Fire Service was given the opportunity to speak to the board. He has been working with the chief for the last few weeks. Going to meetings and building a support network. The original connection between the Liberian Fire Service and Mountain view Fire and Rescue came through Senator Fortunato. Gabriel along with the chief will be working on a MOU to bring other firefighters from Liberia to do training here in the district. Chief Smith added that the hope is to have firefighters here in August if possible. Gabriel said there are many logistics to work through such as insurance, vehicles, and he is hoping that the Liberian government will help subsidize the salaries for those who might come to the US to train. The Liberian firefighters would train with the district like our volunteer FF and would take those learned skills home.

IX. Unfinished Business:

1. Black Diamond ILA for Service

Fire Engine has been ordered. The fire service study that the Black Diamond city council wanted completed, is not yet out for an RFP.

2. Mountain View Strategic Plan (2020)

Tabled

3. 2020 Excess Levy Discussion

No further report

X. New Business

Commissioner Currie suggested that the district's IT department look into what is needed to allow for teleconferencing or a Zoom meeting if necessary, because of COVID-19.

XI. Commissioners Report

- Commissioner Currie encouraged all the commissioners to complete filing their F-1 soon. Deadline is approaching and the process is more involved than in past years.
- Commissioner Farrell shared that the Snure meeting has been canceled.

A **Closed Session** pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a)--collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress-- was held for 15 minutes from 7:37 pm until 7:50 pm. No action was taken.

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Board Meeting Adjourn

Commissioner Gentry moved and Commissioner Seng seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Next meeting will be March 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Station 95.

Documents were signed.

Joanne Seng (Position #1)

Cathie Valentine-McKinney (Position #2)

Scott Currie (Position #3)

James Farrell, Chair (Position #4)

Don Gentry (Position #5)

Kim Baker, District Secretary