

**King County Fire District 44
Board of November 24, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order. Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:30 hours.

Present from District 44

Commissioner James Farrell	Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom
Commissioner Robin Mauro	Commissioner Frederick Heistuman
Commissioner Andy Benedetti	

Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow, Project Manager Mike Stankus, and District Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: FF Ryan McGinnis

The meeting was held at District 44, Station 95, 32316 148th Ave SE, Auburn, Wa. 98092.

II. Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman made a motion to approve the agenda adding IX 5. Sole Source Resolution 09-452. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda. Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of November 10, 2009 and the vouchers. Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SWEARING-IN OF ELECTED BOARD MEMBER POSITION #3 – F. Dan Bjurstrom

Recess 1838-1845. Recognition of Commissioner Joanne Seng’s service from July 2008 through November 2009.

V. Account Balance Report. Expenses in order YTD. Levy limit information received today indicates revenues down 21.45% (\$872,815.00).

REVIEW DATE: November 24, 2009
FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: November 16, 2009 – November 30, 2009

Voucher Payroll	6,158.62		
Vouchers 55882-55940	59,127.27	65,285.89	
Online Payroll		115,033.61	
Total Operations Processing			180,319.50
Bond Vouchers 01061	2,628.13		

Total Bond Processing			2,628.13
Local Loan Payment Xfer	57,933.48		
Bond Payment Xfer	233,000.00		
Operations & Bond			473,881.11

VI. Budget Expenditure Report.

As of November 30, 2009	YTD	Budget	Spent	Remaining
44 Capital	\$ 209,480.86	\$ 618,360.00	33.88%	66.12%
44 Operating	\$ 1,110,396.41	\$ 1,288,816.04	86.16%	13.84%
44 Payroll	\$ 2,002,065.18	\$ 2,391,713.35	83.71%	16.29%
44 Volunteer Operating	\$ 40,295.80	\$ 48,400.00	83.26%	16.74%
44 Volunteer Payroll	\$ 147,816.00	\$ 195,000.00	75.80%	24.20%
44 Transfers Out	\$ -			
*Does not include VRFA pymt				
Mountain View F&R	\$ 3,510,054.25	\$ 4,542,289.39	77.28%	22.72%
BD Capital	\$ 324.70	\$ 5,000.00	6.49%	93.51%
BD Operating	\$ 114,937.02	\$ 136,949.00	83.93%	16.07%
BD Payroll	\$ 335,773.39	\$ 417,706.00	80.39%	19.61%
Black Diamond	\$ 451,035.11	\$ 559,655.00	80.59%	19.41%
2009 44/BD Budget	\$ 4,530,552.86	\$ 5,671,407.89	79.88%	20.12%
*Does include VRFA pymt				
Bond Project 2008	\$ 1,565,312.04	\$ 4,431,200.00	35.32%	64.68%

VII. Public Comment. None

Union Comment. None

VIII. Chief's Report.

1. Incidents. Sunpro report 11/11-23/09. 54 calls. Fire (6) totaling approximately \$5,500 dollars in damage, EMS (36), Power lines down (3), Service (3), Good Intent (3), and False Alarms (3)

2. Howard Hansen Dam. Table top walk-through exercise was on November 17, 2009. Next meeting date December 15, 2009. District Swiftwater team and Sheriff's Marine Rescue team have been out several times training together. Chief Smith provided "Atmospheric River" weather report. Anticipation that this winter will be warmer and drier than last year. District working on plan for media information in case our district residents need to evacuate earlier than other residents down the river.

3. SCBA. Training scheduled for January 2010. 4 packs will be at each station.

4. Sutphen. Pre-construction meeting complete. No additional charges expected.

5. Sta 96 (New). Building committee met. Recommendation to hire Brian Harris with TCA Architecture, Seattle. Scope of service and fee schedule provided.

Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to approve Mike Stankus to begin negotiating for scope of work and fee structure with Brian Harris, TCA Architecture. Final contract recommendation to be brought back to the board. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Grants. Currently working on Safer Grant due by December 18, 2009. Have not heard from City of Black Diamond regarding their participation. Some controversy with new grant regarding layoffs and resignations.

7. City of Black Diamond. Elections are certified today November 24, 2009. Rebecca Olness fills the mayor position 735 to 680 votes for Howard Botts. The EMS levy failed 717 no votes to 706 yes votes.

8. City of Enumclaw. City of Enumclaw has new mayor Liz Reynolds 2019 votes to John Wise 1031 votes.

PUBLIC HEARING. SETTING OF TAX RATE FOR 2010. 1915-1925. RCW 84-55-120, Chapter 251. 2010 tax levy rate will remain at \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV. Taxes are down 21.45%, revenue expected will be \$3,241,842. GO Bond taxes requested is \$607,727.00, this is a .265 per \$1,000 tax rate (approximately \$100 per year per household). Other anticipated income anticipated to remain flat from City of Black Diamond, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, King County EMS, Valley Medical Center, and King County Investment Pool interest.

Commissioner Frederick Heistuman made a motion to approve resolution 09-453 for Property Tax Levy 2010. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IX. Old Business.

1. Station 98 Remodel. Generator project completed. City of Black Diamond took possession of the old generator. Next project will be installing the fire wall, and as funds exist installing a sprinkler system. Catch basins were pumped this week. All future remodel work will be on hold until the fire station is connected to the City sewer system.

2. Dist 44/MIT Sta 96 Bldg Committee Recommendation. See Chief's report.

3. 2009 Safer Grant. See Chief's report.

4. Strategic Planning. Chief Smith putting together calendar for 2010. Groups to provide recommendations. Focus to be on future planning through 2016 along with the City of Black Diamond and City of Enumclaw. Joanne Seng will remain on the Mentoring Committee. A member of the last recruit class that participated will also be asked to join the committee. Will need to meet 1st or 2nd Quarter 2010 to make sure future plans can be met within current budget information.

Finance Committee will need to meet again to finish 2010 budget.

5. PPE Resolution. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to resolution 09-452 to use LN Curtis to purchase Globe Personal Protective Equipment as a sole source vendor. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Board approved purchase at November 10, 2009 meeting. Auditor's office is requiring resolution.

X. New Business.

1. 2010 Tax Levy resolution. See Public Hearing.

2. Credit Card Policy. Chief Smith provided draft of policy 3.4.1 “Use of District Credit Cards”. This policy drafted at auditor’s request. Board to review and provide recommendation at next board meeting.

Executive Session. Session call at 20:05. No action taken.

There will be a brief 10 minute session as per RCW 42.30.140 section 4 subsection (b) to discuss Collective Bargaining. It is anticipated that the executive session will last approximately 10 minutes and the meeting will be back in open session at 20:10.

Commissioners Report.

1. Nonprofit Boards. Commissioner Farrell purchasing book for board members, recommends reading.

2. January 20, 2010 Washington Commissioner and Chief’s **installation dinner** at the Maplewood Golf Course in Renton. <http://www.wfca.wa.gov/content/CalendarOfEvents.asp> for more information

3. Commissioners association looking to put together **grant** funds for the Soup Ladies.

XII. Signing of documents. The commissioners signed approved documents.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner James Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2010.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, December 8, 2009 – 1830 hours.

James Farrell, Chair

Robin Mauro

Frederick Heistuman

F. Dan Bjurstrom

Andy Benedetti

Pamela Ratcliffe, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners, King County Fire Protection District No. 44