

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
NO. 2**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on March 8, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting, were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley, and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Administrator Trina Norsen, and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Agenda Approval. It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

Presentations/Announcements.

- a. Presentations: The exit conference for the 2020 annual state audit by personnel from the State Auditor's Office (SAO) was conducted. Alex Beherendt introduced the subject and the primary auditor, Rebecca, did most of the detailed presentation of this clean audit. The cost of the audit came in under budget and all comments were very favorable. They thanked, particularly, Trina and Christina for all their help. There were no findings or any adverse comments. Alex stressed the Center for Government Innovation and other miscellaneous services that the SAO offers. The Board thanked them for their report.
- b. Announcements: March 25: Municipal Roundtable on Issues related to sick leave, presented by the Quinns. The roundtable will be held virtually on Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The link to the Zoom is contained in the *Firehouse Lawyer* extra for March.

April 15: Reminder: Commissioners to file PDC Form F-1 on Personal Financial Affairs with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Public Comment. The following department members presented public comment about the proposed non-disciplinary termination of Colby Cruz, as caused by the Governor's vaccine mandate for health care providers: Matt Nugent, Joe Walker, Ian Watkins, Jamie Cissell, Colby Cruz, Matt Ready, Mike Ziegler (retired), and Chris Reed.

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Correspondence. None.

Local 1461 Comment. See above.

Administration Reports. Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's report as follows:

Facilities. N/A.

Equipment. Chief Marrs handed out lists of equipment needs to be considered in the near future for purchase including ladder equipment (\$73,395), equipment for F550 Brush rig (\$46,147.36), equipment for 2 Colorado's (\$65,000), equipment for two engines (\$24,340) and a technology request for various apparatus (\$30,500). He said this item is for information only at this point.

Chief Marrs discussed the need to replace body armor, which is becoming obsolete due to the manufacturer's recommendations. There is a motion under New Business to purchase the ballistic vests for each rig in service.

Engine 19, which was declared surplus at the last meeting, was sold to Klickitat Rural 7 Fire & Rescue for \$18,000.

Personnel. AC Wayne Metz delivered the Operations Report. There were five residential fires recently. One was a fatality fire. Wayne said district personnel helped with the promotional process for an AC at Enumclaw Fire. He said the first round of recruit interviews are ongoing and mentioned that numerous district personnel are participating in the Seattle Stair Climb annual event. Interviews for the Fire Marshal position were completed today and the staff would like to do the oral presentations to the board on March 15th. Chief Marrs said that it does look like the March 15th regular meeting will work just fine for vouchers so there will be no need for a special meeting on March 22nd after all.

Events. Chief Marrs presented the Covid-19 update and said case counts are way down in King County. The voluntary daily testing process at the stations is continuing.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report and the meeting minutes of the special meeting of February 22, 2022,

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. Motion: Purchase of Ballistic Vests.

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Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs to purchase 26 Covert Armor ballistic vests from Blue Line Innovations, LLC, for a total cost not to exceed \$22,000.00, which includes shipping and state sales tax. Motion carried, 3-0.

Executive Session: The Board convened into an executive session at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) to discuss the performance of a public employee and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel who was present. Chair Elwell said the executive session would last for 20 minutes, although it might be extended. The session was extended to 6:40 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 6:40 p.m.

Good of the Order. None.

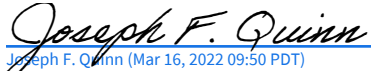
Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

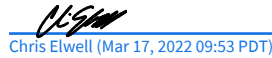
1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Lists of equipment needs
5. Quotation from Blue Line re: ballistic vests
6. Letter to AC Metz from Jason Gay re: vest replacement

Minutes Approved: **March 15, 2022.**

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn (Mar 16, 2022 09:50 PDT)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Chris Elwell (Mar 17, 2022 09:53 PDT)

Chris Elwell
Chairman



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden (Mar 17, 2022 20:04 PDT)

Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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