

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #12
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson DeMarco called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The following were in attendance:

Commissioners:

Dave DeMarco
Marilyn Sheldon
Gary Bontrager

Staff Members:

Martin McFalls, Assistant Fire Chief
Paula DeSanctis, Secretary

After giving a brief overview of the June 16, 2015, RFA Meeting Chairperson DeMarco asked the Commissioners what their minimum position is on the issue of governance. They all still feel strongly that forming an RFA is forming a whole new government and should not be a majority controlled organization but have equal representation from all areas. Interim Chief McFalls shared the following information on surrounding RFA's:

Kent Regional Fire Authority

Areas Include: Kent, Fire District 37, Covington, SeaTac (service contract)

Population Served: 140,000

Square Miles Served: 59

Stations and Locations: 11 Stations, 7 in Kent, 3 in SeaTac, 1 in Covington

Annual Call Volume and Staff: 22,006, 253 FTE's

Board of Director Make-up: 3 Kent City Council Members, 3 Fire District 37 Commissioners, 1 non-voting Advisory Board Member from the City of Covington (Mayor), 1 non-voting Advisory Board Member from the City of SeaTac

Valley Regional Fire Authority

Areas Include: Auburn, Algona and Pacific

Population Served: 80,000

Square Miles Served: 37

Stations and Locations: 6 Stations, 5 in Auburn and 1 in Pacific

Annual Call Volume and Staff: 10,500, 120 FTE's

Board of Director Make-up: Mayor and 2 Council Members from each participating city

North County Regional Fire Authority

Areas Include: Fire District 14, Fire District 18, and City of Stanwood (via contract for services)

Population Served: 15,000

Square Miles Served: 104

Stations and Locations: 5 Stations, 2 in Arlington, 3 in Stanwood

Annual Call Volume and Staff: 3828, 25 Career, 35 Part-Time, 6 Volunteers

Board of Director Make-up: 3 Fire District 14 Commissioners, 3 Fire District 18 Commissioners

The District 12 Commissioners discussed the following options:

3 city appointed, 3 district appointed

3 city appointed, 2 district appointed, 1 at large

3 city appointed, 1 district appointed, 2 at large

No consensus was reached. Once they hear the City's proposal they will discuss their options.

The Commissioners were split on the acceptance of the city proposed RFA asset transfer. Commissioner Bontrager presented an option in regards to the MFD Administration building. He proposed that we keep the MFD Administration building and evoke eminent domain on the neighboring property as the site for the new Station 61 facility.

It was suggested that a mediator be present at the future RFA meetings. Interim Chief McFalls will put together a list of optional mediators.

The Board Members requested documentation of the contract agreement for the Public Safety Building, the history of concessions requested by the City, and the option of calling for executive session, if needed at the next RFA Meeting.

With no further action, the Snohomish County Fire District #12 Commissioners Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.



Martin McFalls
District Secretary



Date approved