

Kittitas County Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018

700 Elmview Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Attendance: Gene Dana, Kittitas County; Geoff Scherer, Hospital District 2; Mary Morgan & John Akers, City of Ellensburg; Rob Omans, City of Cle Elum; and John Sinclair, KVFR.

Guest: Jay Wiseman, Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue.

Darlene Mainwaring, Bryan Clark & Bob Johnson (via phone), KITTCOM.

Call to Order: Chair Mary Morgan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Gene Dana moved to approve the agenda as presented, Geoff Scherer seconded, motion passed.

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes: Geoff Scherer moved to approve the December 2017 Administrative Board Meeting Minutes, Gene Dana seconded, motion passed.

Approval of the Blanket Vouchers for December 2017 (final run) & January 2018: Darlene Mainwaring led discussion regarding the December 2017 final run) & January 2018 vouchers. December payroll benefit and deductions in the amount of \$50,518.23 (check numbers 023191 through 023202 and 023149 through 023157); and December 2017 direct deposits in the amount of \$59949.30 (check numbers 023132 through 023148 and 023174 through 023190) and December 2017 (final run) vouchers in the amount of \$22,094.37 (check numbers 023158 through 023173) and January 2018 vouchers in the amount of \$17,324.48 (check numbers 023203 and 023221). John Sinclair moved to approve the December 2017 (final run) and January 2018 blanket vouchers and Gene Dana seconded, motion passed.

Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue (SPFR) Discussion: Darlene Mainwaring reported recently there have been concerns about the technical and operational processes in regards to managing incidents involving SPFR by which SPFR is considering moving their dispatch services from KITTCOM back to Norcom. Chief Jay Wiseman was present to discuss the issue and work with KITTCOM in the event SPFR moves their dispatch back to NORCOM in the future. Chief Wiseman reported, he recently was contacted by East Side Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Operations, Richard Burke, with concerns regarding the crew safety when responding to Snoqualmie Pass, to the extent they have opted to stop providing mutual aid at a future date. Bob Johnson stated the message from East Side Fire & Rescue is that since East Side has made the decision, a post mortem is of no value as there is no window of opportunity to fix the problems expressed by East Side. At this point, we need to strategize moving forward, signaling are willingness to modify the agreement and the termination option(s). Chief Wiseman stated he still has to meet with his Board before making a decision, he is concerned in regards to the financial impact to KITTCOM. Further discussion ensued covering the technical issues

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which will need to be taken care of, to include radio coverage at the Snoqualmie Pass area for Hospital District 2 and their coordination with SPFR, radio coverage for the formerly Kittitas County Fire District 8 (Kachess) which recently merged with SPFR by citizen vote and was effective on January 1, 2018, and the transferring of the 9-1-1 calls in the King County jurisdiction of Snoqualmie Pass be returned to King County. Bob Johnson assured the Board there wouldn't be any "dead air" for responders in the area unless we were to "un-build" the current radio system in place. The change to transfer calls back to King County would take approximately 45 days, once a decision is made by SPFR.

The Board requested staff have legal (Prosecutor's Office) review the current agreement with SPFR and provide their opinion of what would be the options for termination. The Board also queried staff in regards to the provisioning of assets, build out of the radio infrastructure in which we have only received one-third of the payment of \$24,000.00, would we be gifting our resources? Bob Johnson reported the radio infrastructure built also benefited Kittitas County Hospital District 2 and the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office in that it improved coverage in the Snoqualmie Pass area. The assets to create the improved coverage area at Snoqualmie Pass belong to KITTCOM, so there is no question of ownership.

At this time, the consensus of the Board was to have the agreement reviewed by legal counsel and wait to hear back from Snoqualmie Pass Fire with their decision and to work with SPFR once a decision is made.

E911 Funding Update: The State 9-1-1 office continues to have a shortfall going into the second year of this biennium to the sum of \$4.2M. If the Washington State Legislation doesn't provide for the appropriation of \$4.2M in the 2018 Supplemental Budget, it will affect all counties. Depending on which solution is recommended if the State legislation doesn't take action, it can affect KITTCOM between \$43K and 160K which would come out of local funding. We need to contact our Legislatures and share this information.


Director's Report: Darlene Mainwaring reported the following: 1. Staffing levels continue to be the same, 8 positions filled with 2 in training, and 4 unfilled positions; and 2. The Union Contract is completed except for the language for the distribution of the mandatory overtime, the Union plans to have it completed before the March 2018 KITTCOM Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.


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ATTEST: Board Secretary Darlene Mainwaring