

# Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

## Minutes of Regular Commissioners Meeting

March 11, 2008

6:00 p.m. Draft

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Hesse at 6:21 p.m. Present were: Commissioner Gregory Hesse, Commissioner Lee Boling – via conference call, Chief William Walkup, Deputy Chief Tony Nielsen, Deputy Chief Lonnie Rash, Administrative Assistant Carol Trescott, and members of the district. Commissioner Jonathan Ferraiuolo's absence was excused.

### INTRODUCTIONS

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chief Walkup asked to amend the Agenda as follows:

- Table Unfinished Business, Item A. - Ambulance Interlocal Agreement
- Add an Executive Session regarding matters of personnel and pending litigation.

**Motion: Boling/Hesse to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended.** The motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion: Boling/Hesse to approve the Consent Agenda.** The motion carried unanimously.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. Ambulance Interlocal Agreement - Tabled**

### NEW BUSINESS

**A. Brush Unit Bid Opening** – Chief Walked informed the board the district received four bids on the Request for Bids for two new Brush Units.

**Motion: Boling/Hesse to refer bids on the Brush Units to staff for review and compliance with set criteria and authorize staff to select the lowest, most responsive bidder, as long as costs are within the amount budgeted for in the 2008 budget.** The motion carried unanimously.

**Amended Motion: Boling/Hesse to authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of two brush units if the costs are within the amount allowed for in the 2008 budget.** The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Walkup opened the sealed bids and read as follows:

1. General Fire Apparatus, Spokane, Washington
  - a. Option one, single cab \$68,370.33
  - b. Option two, extended cab add \$2,029.00.
2. C.E.T. Fire Pumps, Pierrville, Quebec, Canada
  - a. Option one, single cab \$77,166.00
  - b. Option two, extended cab \$79,216.00
3. Cascade Fire Equipment, Yakima, Washington
  - a. Option one, single cab \$173,718.00 for two apparatus
  - b. Option two, extended cab \$179,690.00 for two apparatus
4. Danko Emergency Equipment, Snyder, Nebraska
  - a. Option one, single cab \$76,327.00
  - b. Option two, extended cab \$78,329.00

The commissioners asked Chief Walkup to inform the board of final results after staff has fully reviewed each bid.

**B. Communications Ballot Measure** – Spokane County Commissioners previously ran a ballot measure in 2007 for the purchase of new equipment to replace the obsolete communications systems currently used by law enforcement and fire personnel, and to restore the crime check program for city and county residents. That measure failed by 253 votes. The county commissioners are considering putting the measure back on the ballot and have asked affected area agencies for their support of the proposition. Spokane County Fire Commissioners Association has already taken action to do so. Chief Walkup read SCFD8 Resolution 08-03, Endorsement of Ballot Proposition, and asked the board for their consideration of the endorsement and to take action as they deem appropriate.

Commissioner Boling expressed his support of the resolution and shared his belief that the other members of the board were supportive as well.

Commissioner Hesse was in agreement.

**Motion: Hesse/Boling to endorse and sign Resolution 08-03, Endorsement of Ballot Proposition.** The motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

**A. Ballot Title** – Chief Walkup reported he received confirmation from the county prosecutor that language in the district’s ballot title has been reviewed. The prosecutor suggested very subtle minor changes for the district’s consideration. The chief felt those changes strengthened the ballot title, and as previously authorized by the board, directed the prosecutor to submit the ballot, with changes, to the elections office for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> election.

**C. Annexation Legislation** – Chief Walkup announced that HB2483, a bill that would lower the direct annexation petition method for code cities from 75% to 60% of the assessed valuation of the property, has failed. Chief Walkup reported Senator Bob McCaslin and Representative Pam Roach introduced amendments to the bill in both the Senate and House. The amendments stated if the percentage were to be reduced from 75% to 60% of assessed value, there would also be a requirement to gather signatures from 50% of the population and not necessarily from the developer who signed away those rights in order to obtain covenants on the property. As a result the bill died.

**D. Station 82 Update** – Chief Walkup reported the district is currently waiting to receive drawings from the structural engineer and architect. Estimates for the roof repair are required in order to compare costs of replacing the roof as it was previously constructed with those of a different design. Belfor Construction has scaffolding in place and is ready to begin work as soon as the district receives that information. The chief will contact board members as soon as he receives the cost estimates and may request a special meeting in order to keep the project moving forward.

**D. Staff Vehicle Insurance** – Chief Walkup received information from the district’s insurance carrier on the issue of staff vehicle insurance for a privately-owned vehicle as discussed in a previous meeting. The chief has a written synopsis of his findings, and the information from Nicholson & Associates, and will forward electronically to Commissioners Boling and Ferraiuolo for their review.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Thank you letter from Reg Holbert
- 2) Thank you letter to Spokane County Fire District 4
- 3) City of Spokane regarding Public Records Request
- 4) Thank you letter from Lee Roy McMillan

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Spokane County Fire Commissioners Association meeting is March 13, 2008, 7:00 pm, at SCFD8, Station 81. Tom Mattern, Emergency Services, is scheduled as guest speaker.
- The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for April will be moved to accommodate scheduling conflicts. A formal announcement will be posted when the date and time is confirmed.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The commissioners broke for Executive Session at 6:50 pm to discuss matters of personnel and pending litigation. No action is expected to be taken during Executive Session.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:10 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Hesse adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

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Gregory A. Hesse, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

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William A. Walkup  
District Secretary