



**NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes: 1/20/2026**

Present: Commissioners Kelley McIntosh, Dan Kewish, Paul Severson, and John Inch
Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Musgrave

Zoom: Commissioner Miller and Brooke Quigley

Guests: Denise Brooks

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Bakken welcomed Denise Brooks from Nicholson and Associates Insurance. He noted that she played a critical role in approving insurance coverage for the Mobile Integrated Health Program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Review: Chief Bakken reviewed the 2025 budget. He reported that revenues are approximately 10% above projections, while tax collections are down approximately 2%. He noted low timber sales while GEMT revenues continue to perform strongly. Ambulance collections have improved compared to previous years, attributed to System Design has offered more effective billing services. He reported that reimbursable expenses account for approximately 15% of expenditures, no contingency funds have been used, and the project construction fund has a remaining balance of approximately \$6,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

CRT Annual Gathering:

Chief Bakken shared that he attended the annual CRT gathering at Tahuya Station 81 and noted that it was a well-attended and positive event. He thanked Captain Cloud for his leadership of the CRT group.

WA State Auditor Exit Conference: Chief Bakken reminded the Commissioners that the State Auditor exit conference is scheduled for the 29th at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners Inch and Severson will attend. Chief Bakken thanked Executive Assistant Angie McCormick for the significant amount of work she contributes each year to completing the state audit.

DOH Transportation Grant: Chief Bakken shared that the NMRFA has received a \$32,000 Department of Health grant, in partnership with the Mason County EDC, to support transportation for patients to medical and behavioral health appointments, addressing a long-standing barrier to care in the community. He thanked Abe Gardner for his work in securing the grant.

Mason County Service Provider Summit and Resource Fair: Chief Bakken shared that the event will be held in Shelton tomorrow in partnership with The Youth Connection and Faith Lutheran Church. He noted that more than 140 service providers representing 52 agencies have RSVP'd to attend.

New Ambulance Arrival: Chief Bakken shared that the new ambulance has arrived and is currently being outfitted. He expressed appreciation to Chief Cooper and Captain Rhead for picking up the ambulance from Chehalis and bringing it home.

Fire Engine Purchase: Chief Bakken shared that he recently met with Chief Fawcett of South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, who is selling two 1999 fire engines. He noted interest in purchasing one engine to replace an older apparatus in the Authority's fleet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

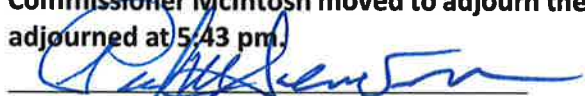
GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

Commissioner McIntosh shared an update on the Mason County Fire Commissioners meeting, noting poor attendance. She also shared that Mason County will host the Region 9 workshop on April 21st in Grapeview. The Spring conference is scheduled for May 2nd at Clearwater, and the Fall Conference will be held in Spokane.


Community member Brooke Quigley shared information regarding Rural Health Transformation funding and expressed hope that the Mobile Integrated Health Program will be able to apply. Chief Bakken noted that the Authority is monitoring how the funds will be distributed and is hopeful to pursue them once available. Brooke also expressed appreciation for the solar panel recognition ribbon cutting, shared her admiration for the North Mason Regional Fire Authority, and thanked Chief Bakken for his leadership.

Commissioner Miller recognized Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave for completing the annual report and commended the quality of the work.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner John Inch




Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Dan Kewish



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave