

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Penny Farcy Training Center
April 18, 2006

Commissioner Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The District Secretary took roll call; Commissioners present were Sommers, Nielsen, Hoffmann and Turner.

Minutes

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the minutes for April 3, 4, 7, and 11, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioners voting in favor were Sommers, Nielsen, Hoffmann, and Turner. No one opposed.

Amendments to agenda

Jolene Lamb's complaint was dropped and the executive session was canceled and rescheduled for Thursday at 7:30. Matt Sullivan added changes to the Plymovent system in the bay at Station 55 to the agenda.

Approval of Vouchers

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioners Sommers, Nielsen, Hoffmann and Turner voted in favor. No one opposed.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expenses reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date April 4, 2006 the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above.

Vouchers 400016 – 400041 for the amount of \$47,138.93
Vouchers 400042 - for the amount of \$2,021.56
Vouchers 400043 – 400100 for the amount of \$7,540.00
Vouchers 400101 – 400121 for the amount of \$47,755.88

Volunteer Representative Comments

No comments

Paid Staff Representative Comments

Daron Buxton reported no comment.

Public Comments on Non-agenda Items

Alice Larson didn't like the idea that Commissioner Jennings was next door and not at the Commissioner the meeting.

Operations Report

There have been 59 incidents since April 3, 2006. Forty-nine of the calls were EMS. There have been 23 transports; 11 BLS transports; one Airlift NW; 6 were not transported. There were no IEC transports.

Carl Sells said that he had been to a meeting with the King County Fire Marshall and she announced that they were in the process of banning fireworks at private parties in King County.

Finance Report

Finance and Administration Director Matt Sullivan gave a first quarter finance report. Revenue was at 16% but we don't get the first half of our tax revenue until April. Expenses are at 30% for the first quarter, which is 25% of the budget year. The District routinely pays dues, licenses and leases the first month of the year. Commissioner Nielsen asked about PPE repair and ALS equipment.

Hilary Emmer asked about the Paramedic overtime.

Old Business

Jolene Lamb's Compliant was dropped from the agenda.

New Business

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nielsen would like to see the minutes summarized to save money and time.

Commissioner Sommers suggested for the next quarter to ask the District Secretary to log her time she spends on the minutes to evaluate this topic at the second meeting in May.

Commissioner Turner said that some of the comments like "I am happy to be here" do not need to be recorded and others do need recording. Have the person making the comment say if they would like to be on record in the minutes.

Alice Larson said that the minutes before were only one page and there were no public comments and felt that the Commissioners were not listening to the public. She appreciated a more detailed account.

Carl Sells said that there should be a time saving way to record minutes that have time stamps on them.

The Commissioners asked the staff to research other possibilities for recording the meetings.

Hilary Emmer said that Microsoft has a system that types what you speak.

Carl Sells said that the Voice of Vashon could broadcast Commissioner meetings.

Commissioner Sommers asked to have an update at the first meeting in June.

Police Officer at Commissioner Meetings

Commissioner Sommers announced that a police officer was present at the meeting because of the hostile work environment complaint. Commissioners explored options for providing security at Commissioner Meetings. There will be a security officer at Commissioner meetings until further notice.

US Bank Account

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve opening up a business account with US Bank and have Gayle Sommers, David Hoffmann, Matt Sullivan and Maridee BonaDea as signers on the account. Commissioner Hoffmann Seconded the motion. Commissioners voting in favor were Sommers, Nielsen, Hoffmann, and Turner. No one opposed.

WGEP agenda item was dropped.

Discussion – Process on Hiring New Chief

Commissioner Sommers stated that there were two issues; first the hiring of an Interim Chief who will hold that position for six to twelve months, and the process for a permanent Fire Chief.

Commissioner Nielsen said that so far the discussion has been on hiring an Interim Chief. He has started to look at Executive Recruit firms that help look for candidates for Fire chief. There are six of these firms that he has contacted and received information.

Kurt Lysen asked if any of the firms were run by people looking for Chief jobs. A friend of his was interested in the job and asked if people were welcome to apply for the job at this time.

Commissioner Nielsen answered no that none of the people running the recruiting firms were looking for Chiefs jobs. He reported that there are firms and many organizations that help with recruiting for a Chief. Two of the organizations were a Branch of the Insurance Company, WGEP and the Washington Fire Chief's Association.

Commissioner Nielsen responded that the Commissioners will figure out how to advertise and be as open about the process as possible.

Commissioner Hoffmann said he would like to see as little restrictions as possible on applicants for Chief.

Commissioner Jennings arrived at 8:15 PM.

Commissioner Sommers said that there will be a process that will involve the Community, Volunteers and staff members.

Cedric Gagnaire asked if the interim Chief would have full powers of a Chief to hire and fire.

Commissioner Sommers said that this still needs to be decided.

Commissioner Jennings said anything decided would be decided on in public session.

Alice Larson asked what the update was on the interim Chief.

Commissioner Jennings responded that so far no one has been chosen. Applications are coming in and there may be interviews. No process has been decided. Not all the Commissioners agree that the District needs an Interim Chief now.

Commissioner Sommers said she hoped that there would be a decision in a couple of weeks.

Daron Buxton asked if the position was advertised.

Commissioner Jennings said that there has been discussion on what the process would be to get an Interim Chief.

David Dodge said that the Commissioners told Chief Wilson that any job opening to be filled should be advertised in the Beachcomber. He asked if this was being thrown out for this hiring.

Commissioner Sommers said that they will not advertise for the Interim Chief job.

Plymovent for the Bay

The money has been approved for another Plymovent drop for an apparatus in the bay at Station 55. The funds were included for the Plymovent in the \$100,000 that was approved to setup the ladder truck.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Nielsen said today was the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake. He went on to say that Vashon Island Fire & Rescue had a fire station at Burton that is not earthquake safe. Commissioner Hoffmann said let's go out to bid to fix the station. Commissioner Nielsen said we have been here before.

Former Commissioner Rice said that when you get the info that was collected you will have to adjust it for inflation.

Commissioner Jennings spent two hours with the volunteers at the Firefighters Association. He reported that it was a good exchange. Members of the Firefighters Association said that they were glad to see Commissioner Sommers at the meeting and would like her to come back.

Daron Buxton reminded the Commissioners that as members of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue they are also members of the Firefighter's Association.

Commissioner Sommers announced that there would be a symposium on open public meetings April 19 at 7 PM in Tacoma.

Commissioner Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:24 PM.