

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Penny Farcy Training Center
June 20, 2006

Commissioner Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Commissioners present were Turner, Hoffmann, Sommers, Nielsen, and Jennings.

Welcoming Remarks

All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the minutes for June 6, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Amendments to the Agenda

The Explorers presentation was tabled until another meeting and Chief Yamane added a hold Harmless Agreement for the Fire Smoke House being rented for Strawberry Festival. Commissioner Nielsen added the search for the new Fire Chief under new business.

Jolene Lamb requested changing the wording for the Volunteer Comment and Paid Staff agenda items. The President of the Association has been the one representing the volunteers and the Association is not an organization that represents the volunteers. Also the Union has been speaking for the paid staff and the Union only represents some of the paid staff.

Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the District litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party for 30 minutes. Because Joe Quinn the District's Attorney had not arrived Commissioner Jennings agreed to table the motion until Joe Quinn arrived.

Volunteer Representative Comments

Mr. Krimmert said that he was elected as Present of the Association and represents the volunteers from that organization. The Commissioners have asked the Association to elect a representative to the local Board of Volunteer Firefighters. Mr. Krimmert announced that the Association will include this position in their annual elections at the end of the year. He invited Commissioner Hoffmann to attend the next meeting and made it clear that all the Commissioners were welcome anytime.

Paid Staff Comment

There was no paid staff representative available for comment.

Public Comments on Non-agenda Items

Jolene Lamb commented on the Beachcomber's article in last week's issue. Joe Quinn was quoted saying that the Board of Commissioners needs to let people speak at meetings without the fear of retaliation. She spoke to her own experience as a volunteer she was suspended for 60 days for something she thought about saying but did not even say.

Vouchers

Commissioner Jennings moved approval of the vouchers as presented below. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Hilary Emmer had a question on the credit card voucher. The District Secretary will get her the specifics tomorrow. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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, June 20, 2006, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below.

Vouchers 600015 – 600053 for the amount of \$63,275.85

Vouchers 600054 – 600104 for the amount of \$4,920.00

Vouchers 600105 – 600122 for the amount of \$23,702.36

Chief's Report

Assistant Chief Fowler gave an operations report. He reported that during the month of May, 2006 we had 101 emergency responses 57 of these were EMS calls. We had one school tour and Firefighter Randy Tonkin shared information with Bates Walk Community on proper smoke detector placement and trained the community to use fire-extinguishers and the community fire equipment.

Chief Yamane read a thank you note from Frank and Donna Lund. Jack Collins has received the VFW Volunteer EMT award for the year. The recruit graduation will be 10 AM July 22, 2006 in the training center. July 10-14 the Chief will be in Wenatchee for the Washington State Fire Chief's conference. The King County EMS Medic One will be having monthly meetings with elected official stake holders group starting in mid-July. On Wednesday June 28 is for the Finance Directors of stake holder organizations.

Finance Report

Matt Sullivan announced that the 2007 budget cycle has started. He handed out an article on King County Superior Court's rejection of I747. The Commissioners had no questions on the May 2006 financials.

New Business

Commissioner Turner moved to transfer funds approved in the 2006 Budget as follows; Transfers to reserve, 200,000 to apparatus reserve, \$4,000 to UPS reserve and transfers from reserve are \$55,000 for equipment, and \$36,100 from general fund. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioners voting in favor were Sommers, Nielsen, Turner and Hoffmann and Jennings abstained.

Commissioner Turner moved to approve the Public Entity Washington Mutual resolution to open up an

account at Washington Mutual. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Jennings moved to accept and approve the ALS and BLS contract amendments dated June 8, 2006. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Matt Sullivan presented Resolution 06-282 that authorizes the District paying for the annual Awards Banquet. Commissioner Jennings moved to adopt Resolution 06-282 as presented. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Old Business

Chief Yamane reported that he emailed members of the District to solicit comments on the IEC Letter of Understanding from them. Many members asked why IEC did not have an 800 MZ radios. Mr. Kranjcevic had told Chief Yamane that King County does not allow unofficial personnel to have 800 MZ radios. Jolene Lamb of IEC said that she has a VHS radio. Chief Yamane reported that the District plans to get VHS radios for all their vehicles. Commissioner Turner moved to approve the Letter of Understanding between Island Emergency Care and Vashon Island Fire & Rescue. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Sommers wanted to be clear that the agreement started when it was signed since the document was not dated. Commissioner Jennings said that compared to other agreements this LOU does not obligate us but is a business agreement and believes that this will beneficial the District and give some structure to the relationship between IEC and VIFR. Jolene Lamb clarified that this is not a contract and that she appreciates the structure as well and sees this as a positive step. Commissioners voting in favor were Sommers, Turner, Hoffmann, and Jennings. Commissioner Nielsen voted no.

New Business

Commissioner Nielsen asked to look into search firms to start the process for the new Chief. Where to post the job opening, who should be on the hiring committee and what should we do next. Commissioner Sommers suggested deferring this until the July meeting. Commissioner Jennings said that there were search firms that do this for a business and we could get proposals from several as a starting point. Commissioner Nielsen said that is what he had in mind to get the ball rolling. Joe Quinn said that many districts hire search firms they can help with the scope of the process. The Commissioners asked Matt Sullivan to contact five search firms and bring the information to the July meeting. Commissioner Sommers invited the public to participate in the process.

Commissioners were asked to sign a no harmless agreement for Burien Smoke House which was rented for the Strawberry Festival. Commissioner Jennings moved to approve the hold harmless agreement as recommended by Chief Yamane and that he does all the tasks necessary to accomplish this agreement. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Old Business

Mission Statement

Chief Yamane presented the Mission Statement that he had gathered through input from members of the District and the public. He did research on the internet what District's Mission Statements. The one

presented was written by Cari Coll. Commissioner Sommers suggested adding that we strive to provide the highest level of affordable service. Commissioner Nielsen said that was in the Budget process. Commissioner Jennings wanted to look at this more to work on the Missioner statement because this will be posted for the public. Joe Ulatoski asked if there were any changes from the draft that was sent out, Chief Yamane answered no. Joe Ulatoski thanked Chief Yamane for polling every diverse opinion on this island. Joe Ulatoski expressed his disappointed that disaster preparedness was not emphasized more but thanked Chief Yamane that it was mentioned at all. Joe Ulatoski stated that the Disaster Preparedness The Disaster Preparedness Committee would like to do is give the Commissioners an in-depth comprehensive briefing on what has been accomplished for disaster preparedness this year. Commissioner Sommers will get back to Joe Ulatoski to schedule a half hour briefing.

Alice Larson felt strongly that what was missing was how the District will work with the community as well as how the community should be working with the District.

Commissioner Turner stated that there are two issues here the Mission Statement and the Goals. We are not talking about the goals just the missioner statement now.

There will be further discussion on the Missioner Statement at the July meeting.

Committee's agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i) to discuss and with legal counsel representing the District litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party and 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee the executive session will last one and half hours there will be no decisions made. Commissioner Sommers proposed a friendly amendment to have the executive session last 45 minutes. Commissioner Jennings agreed to the amendment. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. The executive session started at 8:40 PM.

At 9:28 PM Commissioner Sommers announced that the executive session will be extended for 30 minutes.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 10:00 PM.

Commissioner Jennings all voted David Hoffmann for the Board of Volunteer Firefighters.

Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The meeting ended at 10:10 PM.

The Board of Volunteer Firefighters Meeting

Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the invoices for new recruit physicals. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Chief Yamane, Commissioners Hoffmann and Sommers, Volunteer Charles Krimmert and District Secretary Maridee BonaDea voted in favor.

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Meeting

Executive Session – Pursuit to RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session will last 45 minutes.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2006