

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
3 **Penny Farcy Training Center**
4 July 10, 2007

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

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9 Welcoming Remarks

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11 All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 Minutes

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15 Commissioner Jennings moved to approve the minutes for June 19, 2007 as presented.
16 Commissioners Sommers seconded the motion. Commissioners voting in favor were
17 Sommers, Nielsen, Hoffmann and Turner; Commissioner Jennings abstained because he
18 was not at the meeting.

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20 Voucher Approval

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22 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner
23 Jennings seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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25 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW42.24.080 and
26 those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been
27 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date,
28 July 10, 2007, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below and
29 payroll expenses for \$136,699.32;

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31 Vouchers 600107 – 600131 for the amount of \$11,772.26
32 Vouchers 600107 – 600098 For the amount of \$15,068.33
33 Vouchers 700000 – 700008 for the amount of \$10,702.36
34 Vouchers 700009 – 700020 for the amount of \$39,739.28

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36 Amendments to agenda

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38 Commissioner Sommers added rescheduling the first meeting in August under new
39 business.

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41 Correspondence

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43 Chief Yamane received an announcement from Valley Com that Director Chris Fischer is
44 retiring after 30 years of service.

1 Volunteer Representative Comments

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3 Jason Alberthal had no report.

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5 Paid Staff Representative Comments

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7 Assistant Chief Kirk announced that Father Peter Dally passed away; he was a volunteer
8 for fifteen years and District Chaplin. Charlie Krimmert was awarded a pin for
9 responding to more than 100 emergencies in 2006.

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11 Chief's Report

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13 Chief Yamane announced that a burn ban will start sometime before Friday; the District
14 will be having a booth at the Strawberry Festival this weekend; we will participate in the
15 parade as well; just a reminder there will be a Firefighters challenge Saturday 2 PM; all
16 our EMT students passed their EMT class; the DNR did an audit on the Red Cross trailer
17 and determined that the District was not using the trailer as per the agreement; the trailer
18 will be put up for auction; the Chief will be out of town the week of July 23 – July 27.

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20 **Old Business**

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22 Station 55 Entry Remodel

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24 Robert Larsen, Facilities Manager, presented quotes for the Station 55 entry way remodel
25 project. A year ago the Commissioners approved \$75,000 for the entryway remodel and
26 about \$53,800 is left. Quotes for the remaining work came in more than that.
27 Commissioner Nielsen moved to transfer an additional \$6,200 from the reserve fund for
28 the Station 55 entry way remodel. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All
29 Commissioners voted in favor.

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31 Committees update

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33 Battalion Chief Coll reported on the volunteer committee. The committee has wrapped
34 up all their projects. Now the committee needs to decide if they should focus on
35 volunteer retention or recruitment.

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37 Captain McCullough reported on the communications committee. There are 15
38 committee members and only about three show up for any one meeting so things get
39 confusing. Things are slowly moving ahead evaluating dispatch, radios and pagers.
40 There are no volunteers who do not have portable radios on the committee and those are
41 the volunteers that the committee needs input from for solutions.

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43 Rick Wallace was out of the country so there was no update on the Finance Committee.
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2 Washington State Ferries update
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4 Chief Yamane presented a letter from Washington State Ferries (WSF) that stated they
5 refused the District's last proposal and referenced several WAC's.
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7 Commissioner Jennings believes that the codes (WAC's) quoted in the letter did not
8 apply to us and that the codes do not exclude contracting with us for tolls. Chief Yamane
9 said that there were Fire Districts that contracted with the WSF.

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11 Commissioner Nielsen said that the ferries have millions of dollars worth of ferries tied
12 up at the dock over night.
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14 Commissioner Sommers brought up concern that the states that the Fire District only had
15 priority loading if there is an emergency when she knows that the King County Sheriff's
16 get priority loading when they go on and off shift.
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18 Chief Yamane will continue to negotiate with the Washington State Ferries. No
19 decisions were made and this was tabled until there is more information.
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22 EMS Levy Update
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24 The EMS levy for 2007 was approved by the King County Council at \$.30 per thousand.
25 The levy needs 60 % approval to pass; the revenue for Vashon Island Fire & Rescue will
26 be approximately \$1.6 million for EMS services. Commissioner Sommers said that if the
27 levy fails no money will be collected. Chief Yamane said if the levy fails Tom Hearne of
28 King County EMS/Medic One said there will be some funds available as a stopgap
29 measure and that King County would go to the voters with another levy at the earliest
30 opportunity. Chief Yamane said that he, Commissioner Sommers, and Mike Kirk have
31 spent a lot time attending King County Council meetings in support of the EMS levy as
32 passed by the King County Council.
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34 **New Business**
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36 District Physician
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38 Chief Yamane presented a draft contract for a District Physician. Dr. Magnuson is
39 leaving the Vashon Health Clinic and the District can either contract with Dr. Magnuson,
40 a doctor at the Vashon Health Clinic, or a different doctor. Commissioner Jennings
41 moved to authorize Chief Yamane to negotiate a contract with a physician or a healthcare
42 provider of his choice. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners
43 voted in favor.
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1 State Mobilization

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3 Commissioner Ron Turner talked about a Beachcomber article on wildfire conditions this
4 summer on Vashon. He wanted to evaluate sending District personnel to statewide
5 mobilization for wildfires.

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7 Commissioner Jennings said that if we don't help other Districts they won't help us.

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9 Chief Yamane said that the state mobilizations provide our people with training.

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11 Assistant Chief Kranjceovich talked about his training as an Engine Boss and his position
12 as a firefighter I on state mobilizations. He informed the Commissioners that if there was
13 a state mobilization the District would send a truck with two people.

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15 Commissioner Hoffmann asked what the impact was on Vashon Island when the District
16 sends the paid staff out on a state mobilization for a wild fire.

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18 Commissioner Nielsen asked if it made more sense to send one of the pickups and not the
19 brush truck.

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21 Rescheduling the August meeting

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23 Commissioner Sommers wanted to change the first meeting in August from Tuesday
24 August 7, 2007 to Wednesday August 8, 2007 because of the scheduled candidate forum,
25 which conflicts with the regular August 7, 2007 Board meeting.

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27 Commissioner Sommers moved to reschedule the first August meeting from Tuesday
28 August 7 to Wednesday August 8, 2007. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion.
29 All Commissioners voted in favor.

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31 General Comments

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33 Assistant Chief Kirk gave an appreciation to Battalion Chief Coll on her first EMT class.

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35 For the Good of the Order

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37 No comments

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39 Commissioner Sommers moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW
40 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session
41 will last 30 minutes and no decision will be made. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the
42 motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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44 The executive session started at 8:30 PM

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1 Commissioner Turner called the regular meeting back to order at 9:00 PM and announced
2 that no decision was made.

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4 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded
5 the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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7 Maridee BonaDea

8 District Secretary