

Vashon Island Fire & Rescue
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Penny Farcy Training Center
August 1, 2006

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

Welcoming Remarks

All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assistant Chief Kirk welcomed David Templeton and presented him with a Citizen Award for helping with a water rescue on June 26, 2006.

Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the minutes for July 18, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner asked in the future to have an executive session scheduled at a time other than a regular meeting so the public does not have to sit through it. Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation and RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The session will last one half hour and a decision maybe made afterwards. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The executive session started at 7:40 PM.

At 8:10 PM Chief Yamane announced that the executive session would last fifteen more minutes.

The executive session ended at 8:22 PM.

Commissioner Sommers called the regular session back to order at 8:40 PM.

Commissioner Jennings announced that no decisions were made.

Amendments to agenda were as follows; Committees were deferred for next meeting; Joe Ulatoski, representing Vashon Disaster Preparedness Coalition was added to old business for grant money; and the discussion on important issues was deferred until the next meeting.

Correspondence

Charles Krimmert stated that he had sent out correspondence to the Commissioners and asked why the correspondence was not sent out in the Commissioner packet to be made public. Charles Krimmert was informed that the District Secretary should be given a copy and noted that the correspondence should be made public. Charles Krimmert asked that there be a procedure in place and followed.

Volunteer Representative Comments

Charles Krimmert made comments under correspondence.

Paid Staff Representative Comments

Cari Coll announced that two firefighters had completed paramedic school and will start shift this week.

Public Comments on Non-agenda Items

Alice Larson asked that the Commissioners start the executive session early before the regular meeting. Alice Larson resents that the police officer is still being paid to come to meetings. The District paid a lot of money for a study and it was determined that there was no hostile work environment.

Commissioner Sommers said that last meeting the Board left the decision up to the administration whether there is a police officer at meetings or not.

Rick Frye said that the decision to hire paid firefighters and removing dispatch was to be followed up by a study and to his knowledge there has not been a study done. He reminded the Board that in spite of a public outcry to have dispatch kept on the island, dispatch was outsourced. He would like a study undertaken.

Commissioner Jennings said that the dispatch issue was settled by voting on Board candidates at the time.

Commissioner Hoffmann said that he feels that it would be important to do a study. He has heard complaints about dispatching.

Commissioner Sommers said that even when dispatch was on island 911 calls went to the King County Sheriff's first.

Kirk Lysen asked that the dispatch issue go before the voters and have them decide.

Commissioner Turner said that a decision should be gone back to and re-examined to see if it still is a good decision.

Commissioner Jennings moved to approve the vouchers listed below. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Hoffman thanked everyone who has helped him review the vouchers and to the paid staff for keeping the gas expenses down. 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, August 1, 2006, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below. Including payroll expenses of \$ 150,999.42.

Vouchers 700131 – 700155 for the amount of \$15,808.75

Vouchers 700156 – 700172 for the amount of \$25,019.82

Vouchers 800000 – 800018 for the amount of \$53,931.92

Chief's Report

On August 10, 2006 the Washington Fire Commissioners Association has scheduled a meeting with the Washington State Ferries and fire district's that serve the ferry system. Commissioners Hoffmann,

Sommers and Chief Yamane will attend.

Old Business

Training Officer Search Update

Chief Yamane reported that the Training Officer job announcement and packet will be out by the end of the month. People will be able to go onto www.vifr.org and download the forms needed. The position will be advertised as open until filled.

Fire Chief Search Update

Commissioner Nielsen reported that the Hiring Committee for the Fire Chief position had met several times. They have set up a basic outline including a timeline for the hiring process. The process will be long and the public will be involved.

Scott Rice asked what the Board's vision was for a timeline in the process of hiring a permanent Fire Chief.

Alice Larson asked if the public would be involved in writing the Fire Chief job description.

Update on 2000 Strategic Plan

Chief Yamane informed the Commissioners that he had received more updates on the Strategic Plan since the Board packets were distributed. He recommended going through the process of writing another strategic plan because the current 2000 Strategic Plan was six years old, has been through several Boards and several Administrations.

Rick Frye said that the big issues should be discussed before going out and doing a strategic plan.

Volunteers In Police Service Grant (VIPS)

Joe Ulatoski asked the Board of Commissioners in it's role as the Vashon Citizen Corp Council (VCCC) to authorize Vashon Island Fire & Rescue to work with King County to over see the Volunteers in Police Service Grant. Commissioner Jennings moved to authorize Joe Ulatoski to work with King County in developing an agreement to permit Vashon Citizen Corp Council (VCCC) to accept \$5,000 Grant of FEMA funds with the final agreement subject to VCCC signature. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Jennings moved to authorize Vashon Island Fire & Rescue to assume administrative over site and accounting responsibilities for the grants as with previous grants. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Billing for BLS Transports

Chief Yamane was asked to look into BLS Transports billing. In the past the Board had approved billing and the District signed a contract with Snohomish Fire District #7 to do the billing and paid \$700 for software.

Commissioner Jennings said that this was not implemented because there were some complications. The same thing happened when Randy Coggan was Fire Chief.

Chief Yamane was updating the Commissioners at this time but was not ready to make a recommendation.

Commissioner Nielsen asked for revenue projections on the Transport Billing.

New Business

2007 Budget Schedule

Mr. Sullivan said that the Commissioners had requested to review the 2007 Budget in sections over several meetings. He presented a new schedule to review the budget.

Rick Frye asked to have the schedule sent out on the email list.

Washington Fire Commissioners Annual Conference

Chief Yamane announced that the Washington Fire Commissioners Annual Conference will be held at the Double Tree in SeaTac October 19, 20, 21, 2006.

For the Good of the Order

Mike Kirk announced that on October 21, 2006 there will be an all-island emergency disaster drill.

George Eustice thanked the District for their response to his wife's medical needs last week.

Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The meeting ended at 9:10 PM.

Maridee BonaDea
District Secretary