

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3 Vashon South End Community Center  
4 September 5, 2006

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

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9 Minutes

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11 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 3, 15, and 22, 2006  
12 as presented. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Turner  
13 went over some questions that came up at the meetings. Commissioner Nielsen would  
14 like Amelia Watson's letter added to the August 15, 2006 minutes and under public  
15 comments he would like the words "Joel Wade's behavior" added to his comment. All  
16 Commissioners voted in favor with amendments.

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18 Amendments to Agenda

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20 Commissioner Sommers added the public meeting to be held on September 9, 2006.

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22 Vouchers

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24 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve vouchers listed below. Commissioner  
25 Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

26 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW 42.24.080 and  
27 those expenses reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been  
28 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date,  
29 September 5, 2006, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below  
30 including \$140,988.41 for payroll.

31 Vouchers 800113 – 800140 for the amount of \$25,543.43

32 Vouchers 800141 – 800158 for the amount of \$10,121.81

33 Vouchers 800159 – 800170 for the amount of \$19,781.56

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35 Water Damage Station 55

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37 Finance Director Matt Sullivan presented information on the Station 55 water damage  
38 and asked the Board to remake the motion to go out for estimates as well as allocate  
39 funds for the project. Commissioner Nielsen moved to authorize the staff to acquire  
40 estimates and move forward on repairing the water damage to Station 55 and further  
41 authorize the staff to transfer funds for the project as needed up to \$75,000 from  
42 unallocated reserves to the operating budget. Commissioner Sommers seconded the  
43 motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

1 BLS Transports

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3 The Finance Director Matt Sullivan compiled figures on BLS Transport costs.

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5 Commissioner Turner suggested that citizens who have insurance can bill their insurance  
6 companies.

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8 Commissioner Nielsen was concerned that senior citizens may not call because they are  
9 worried about being charged.

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11 Commissioner Sommers was concerned about competing with the private ambulance.

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13 Craig Harmeling said the District had charged for BLS transports in the past.

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15 Commissioner Nielsen asked to table this to give the Commissioners time to look over  
16 the new information that was presented at this meeting and Commissioner Sommers  
17 agreed. This was tabled until the next meeting.

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19 September 9, 2006 Meeting

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21 Commissioners discussed what the object of the September 9, 2006 meeting was.  
22 Commissioner Turner explained that the meeting was to give the public the opportunity  
23 to have input on the hiring of the new Fire Chief.

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25 Chief's Report

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27 Chief Yamane reported the following;

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29 There have been 14 applications for the Training Officer position.  
30 Two brush trucks out went out on the Columbia Complex State Mobilization.  
31 November 4, 2006 is the volunteer awards banquet at the VFW Hall.  
32 The District is sending 14 members to attend a King County EMT class over town.  
33 The recommended make up for the Quality Assurance Committee was two volunteers,  
34 one union member employee, three members of the public, one executive staff, one  
35 Commissioner and one nonunion staff member. After three or four meetings depending  
36 on the group recommendation the initial committee may breakout into different  
37 committees.

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39 Public Comments

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41 David Estes asked if Chief Yamane was the Interim Chief. Mr. Estes said that many  
42 people on Vashon were delighted that he was back.

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44 Interim Training Officer Mike Kirk said that several days ago there was a call where  
45 personnel had to be out all night and wanted to thank volunteers Charlie Krimmert and  
46 David Sova for being there.

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Emma Amiad asked if volunteers or personnel were watching dead logs and undergrowth to protect and identify fire hazard areas. Mike Kirk answered that on Friday the Community Council was having a safety meeting which he planned to attend that will be addressing the issue.

Commissioner Sommers said that there may be absentee landlords and wondered what about the dead trees on their properties.

A citizen stated that three weeks ago there was a dumpster fire at 3 AM at the Vashon High School and asked if it was required to run lights and sirens at that hour. Assistant Chief Fowler said that both lights and sirens are required by law for safety reasons.

Matt Currie asked what the District was doing to keep response times down on the south end of Vashon. Commissioner Nielsen made a plea for volunteers in the south-end of Vashon.

Jeannette Wakeman asked if the District rigs were supplied with beach pumps.

Emma Amiad asked what was happening with property for a south end station. She stated that the longer the Burton School site sits there undeveloped the harder it will be for the community to accept development.

Alice Larson asked about the September 9, 2006 meeting.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Sommers congratulated Eric Hosting for his appointment as interim editor.

Commissioner Turner thanked everyone who fought the wildland fire on the south-end and other times when there were multiple calls.

Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

Maridee BonaDea  
District Secretary

