

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3 **Penny Farcy Training Center**  
4 September 19, 2006

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

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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 There were no minutes.

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17 Voucher Approval

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19 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner Nielsen  
20 seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

21 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW 42.24.080 and  
22 those expenses reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been  
23 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date  
24 September 19, 2006, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below.

25 Vouchers 900015 – 900033 fro the amount of \$30,822.91

26 Vouchers 900034 – 900078 for the amount of \$4,450.00

27 Vouchers 900079 – 900097 for the amount of \$38,088.49

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29 Amendments to agenda

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31 District Secretary, Maridee BonaDea, added Reserve Transfer to New Business;  
32 Commissioner Sommers announced that someone needed to attend the King County  
33 Medic One meeting.

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35 Correspondence

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37 Crowley Tugs sent a letter saying they were glad to be of service to Vashon Island Fire &  
38 Rescue on the water front fire. Chief Yamane reported that the District has received an  
39 invoice from Crowley for \$2,500.

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41 Volunteer Representative

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43 Charles Krimmert said there was no comment at this time.

1 Paid Staff Representative

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3 Paid Staff was not present at the meeting.

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5 Chief's Report

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7 Chief Yamane reported that a CERT class started on Friday September 15, 2006; the burn  
8 ban was still in effect; the volunteer appreciation dinner has been scheduled for  
9 November 4, 2006, and asked the Commissioners to select a volunteer for the  
10 Commissioners' award.

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12 Chief Yamane asked the Commissioners to let the District Secretary know if they wanted  
13 to go to the State Commissioners' conference coming up in October.

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15 Chief Yamane announced that King County had scheduled a fireworks ban ordinance  
16 hearing on September 27, 2006. The County will consider letting each Fire District make  
17 the decision on banning fireworks for their own district.

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19 Commissioner Turner asked about the quality assurance committee and the paging  
20 system for volunteers.

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22 Chief Yamane said that he was looking at putting an announcement in the Beachcomber  
23 to get community members for the quality assurance committee once the big issues have  
24 been chosen.

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26 Chief Yamane reported that he met with Valley Communications and what they have  
27 been told was what we have was what we get. Commissioner Sommers asked if there  
28 were funds in the 2007 budget to help solve the pager problem.

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30 Chief Fowler handed out the response report for August 2006. There were 125 calls; 81  
31 were EMS calls; the District transported 27 BLS transports; IEC transported 10; Airlift  
32 NW transported one; and private vehicle transported six.

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34 Chief Fowler further reported that the District responded to a two-story beach cabin fire;  
35 Firefighter Tonkin was incident commander and did an excellent job. When Crawley  
36 Tugs went by they offered help and this helped saved four to five houses.

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38 In the last month other activities Chief Fowler reported on included the District providing  
39 a stand-by crew at the Triathlon here on Vashon and a Firefighter I test on Saturday  
40 September 9, 2007.

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42 The Commissioners discussed the acquisition of a fire boat for Vashon Island Fire &  
43 Rescue.

1 **Old Business**

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3 Commissioner Sommers presented SOG 1001.3 which addresses the relationship between  
4 the staff and the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jennings moved to adopt SOG  
5 1001.3 as presented. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. Commissioner  
6 Jennings stated that he believes the Board has ultimate authority as a whole not as  
7 individuals. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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9 **Ladder Truck Final Report**

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11 The District Secretary, Maridee BonaDea, gave the final report on the Ladder Truck costs  
12 that was purchased with a Federal grant. The total unreimbursed cost for the Ladder  
13 Truck was \$231,871.44.

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15 **District's Big Issues**

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17 Commissioner Sommers would like to define big issues to give the new Fire Chief some  
18 direction. Issues she suggested were dispatch, centralizing stations, more volunteers or  
19 more firefighters.

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21 Commissioner Jennings said defining big issues for discussion with the Chief was a good  
22 idea but not in the hiring process. The Board does however need to look at these issues  
23 for policy making.

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25 Commissioner Nielsen added reducing response times to the big issues list.

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27 Commissioner Sommers added to the big issues whether the District defines it self as  
28 urban or rural.

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30 Alice Larson said that the big issues were brought up months ago and the community  
31 should be involved in the process.

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33 **Chief's Hiring Process**

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35 Alice Larson reported that on the September 16, the Commissioners met with the public  
36 to come up with a process for hiring a Fire Chief and the meeting went well.

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38 So far the plan includes resume reviews followed by interviews the first part of  
39 November.

40 More meetings were scheduled for public review and to formulate interview questions.

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42 **New Business**

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44 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to transfer \$180,000 from unallocated reserve to the  
45 expense fund. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted  
46 in favor.

1 Budget Review

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3 Finance Director Matt Sullivan presented the 2007 budgeted revenues and cost centers  
4 for Legislative, and Administration.

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6 General Comments

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8 Commissioner Nielsen reported that the cost of a fire boat would be \$200,000.

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10 For the Good of the Order

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12 Commissioners announced the meeting tomorrow night to get public input on the hiring  
13 process for the Fire Chief.

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15 Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110  
16 (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or  
17 employee. The executive session will last 30 minutes and no decision will be made.  
18 Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The  
19 executive session started at 9:00 PM.

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21 Commissioner Turner called the regular session back to order at 9:28 PM.

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23 Commissioner Jennings announced that no decisions were made.

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25 Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers  
26 seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

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30 Maridee BonaDea  
31 District Secretary