

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3 **Penny Farcy Training Center**  
4 October 16, 2007

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6 Commissioner Turner called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Commissioners present  
7 were Jennings, Hoffmann, Turner, Sommers 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 Sommers moved to approve the minutes for October 2, 2007.  
16 Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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18 Vouchers

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

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23 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW42.24.080 and  
24 those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been  
25 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board as of this date,  
26 October 16, 2007.

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28 Vouchers 100014 – 100042 for the amount of \$34,897.43  
29 Vouchers 100043 – 100083 for the amount of \$5,020.00  
30 Vouchers 100084 – 100103 for the amount of \$10,967.94

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32 Amendments to agenda

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34 Commissioner Sommers added an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g) to  
35 review the performance of a public employee and 42.30.140 to discuss a labor relations  
36 matter relating to collective bargaining. Chief Yamane added the Valley Communication  
37 2008 Contract after the Chief's report and under old business, oxygen generator.

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39 Correspondence

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41 Correspondence included in the packet were a letter from the Auditor explaining the new  
42 hotline, which is aimed at promoting government efficiency and an email from the  
43 Department of Homeland Security/FEMA stating that Vashon Island Fire & Rescue has  
44 fulfilled all requirements for our grant for the purchase of the ladder truck.

1 Volunteer Representative Comments

2 Charlie Krimmert had no comment.

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4 Paid Staff Representative Comments

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6 Assistant Chief Kirk announced that the District had a successful Disaster Drill Saturday  
7 October 13, 2007. Assistant Chief Kirk said he was writing a chronology of the island-  
8 wide phone outage that occurred on October 4, 2007.

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10 Commissioner Jennings moved to commend the members of Vashon Island Fire &  
11 Rescue who put hard work and time into the October 13, 2007 disaster drill.

12 Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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14 Battalion Chief Coll commented on the Volunteer Points report.

15 Charlie Krimmert, volunteer representative, said that the points report was an invaluable  
16 tool.

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18 Chief's Report

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20 See attached.

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22 **Old Business**

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24 Wilson Overpayment

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26 Chief Yamane and the District's attorney Joe Quinn have working on the Wilson  
27 overpayment issue. Joe Quinn is trying to get Jim Wilson to sign a form to allow the  
28 District to get information from Mariposa County. Commissioner Jennings suggested  
29 going to arbitration as per the agreement.

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31 Attorney Contract 2008

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33 The District Secretary presented three proposals and resumes from potential attorneys.  
34 Commissioner Nielsen, Commissioner Sommers and Chief Yamane will talk to potential  
35 attorneys at the Commissioners' conference and come back to the November 6, 2007  
36 meeting with suggestions.

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38 Purchase Requisition System

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40 The District Secretary presented a draft on a new purchase requisition process.

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42 Oxygen Generating System

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44 Bob Larsen reported on the medical oxygen generating system that he would like to  
45 purchase. The oxygen generating system he bought this year was a new product and  
46 never operated properly. The vendor offered VIFR the opportunity to turn the old system

1 in for full credit and purchase an a system about three times larger than the current  
2 system at a deeply-discounted price.

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4 Commissioner Nielsen asked what the annual cost was to buy oxygen from an outside  
5 vendor and suggested doing a cascade system.

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7 Commissioner Jennings said that the extra money changes the equation of emergency  
8 readiness. He asked if there was a guarantee that this new system will work. Bob Larsen  
9 said that the proposed system was a proven technology and has been successfully used in  
10 a number of fire districts.

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12 Commissioner Jennings moved to allocate \$20,000 out of the 2007 budgeted contingency  
13 fund for the oxygen system. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Commissioner  
14 Sommers offered a friendly amendment to have the amount read  
15 “up to \$21,000.” Commissioner Hoffmann would like the District to look into other  
16 island agencies such as the Health Care Center and the Senior Care Center to participate  
17 in the acquiring the oxygen system. Commissioner Hoffmann voted no; Commissioners  
18 voting yes were Turner, Nielsen, Sommers and Jennings.

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20 Valley Communication 2008 Contract

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22 Chief Yamane said that the Valley Communication’s 2008 contract came in the mail  
23 today. The dispatch rate will be \$27.60 which is .21 (cents) less than the original quote.  
24 This represents a 10.2% increase over 2007.

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26 Commissioner Sommers would like the District to look at alternatives for dispatching  
27 during 2008 so that a year from now the District could look at other options. Chief  
28 Yamane said that the Communications committee will be meeting soon to look at  
29 alternatives.

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31 Commissioner Jennings moved to authorize Board Chair Turner to sign the contract with  
32 Valley Communication for 2008. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion.  
33 All Commissioners voted in favor.

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35 Budget Review

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37 Chief Yamane went over the following 2008 budget categories;

38 A. Facilities

39 Commissioner Sommers had questions on Comp-time and Overtime for Facilities  
40 Manager and Maintenance Manager. She thought comp-time was just regular time and  
41 by accounting comp-time as overtime was double accounting for comp-time.

42 Commissioner Jennings said that comp-time is different from emergency overtime and  
43 but should be accounted for as a different line item. The District Secretary will get  
44 information from other districts to see how they handle comp-time and overtime.

45 B. Maintenance

46 Commissioners had questions on the new scanners.

1 C. EMS

2 D. Capital Projects

3 Commissioners asked several questions on the new Aid Vehicle.

4 Commissioners had questions on the cost of the Thermal Imaging cameras.

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8 Public Comments

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10 Alice Larsen asked if the 800 MHz scanners related to what the communications  
11 committee was talking about and when will Valley Communications switch over to 700  
12 MHz or re-band the 800MHz band. Chief Yamane said that Valley Communications said  
13 this was going to happen sometime in 2008.

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15 Alice Larsen said that she remembers last year the Commissioners were upset about the  
16 overtime. Overtime line item 526023 for EMS is up 50,000 or 100% she hasn't heard  
17 the excuse this year why it is up but now for 2008 it's up even more from this year.  
18 Commissioner Sommers answered that the figures came from a formula the District  
19 Secretary came up with after surveying other Districts.

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21 Commissioner Nielsen said that our staff is getting more mature and that means they are  
22 accruing more the vacation time. VIFR hiring another firefighter may cut down the  
23 overtime but that would need to be negotiated with the union.

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25 Alice Larsen said that she would like to compare Vashon wages and volume of incidents  
26 with Seattle Fire and see what the differences are.

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28 Commissioner Hoffmann asked what part of the exhaust system at station 58 had gone  
29 bad and what part are we replacing. Brett Kranjceovich said that Bob Larsen should  
30 answer this but did give an explanation.

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32 Alice Larsen said that two weeks ago the Commissioners said that they would look at  
33 how the District's attorney dealt with the Wilson overpayment. She would like to have  
34 them consider this as they look at a new attorney for 2008.

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36 Chief Yamane said that he had not budgeted for a contingency fund. Commissioner  
37 Sommers said that there should be one contingency fund and that the District Secretary  
38 will give a monthly report on the line item.

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40 General Comments

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42 For the Good of the Order

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44 Commissioner Sommers said that the Seattle Times Business section on Sunday had a  
45 section where Kathy Bonner wrote an article listing Mike Kirk as the best boss and talked  
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Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee and 42.30.140 to discuss a labor relations matter relating to collective bargaining for 30 minutes, no decision will be made. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. The executive session started at 9:30 PM.

Commissioner Turner called the regular meeting back to order at 10:00 PM. Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Maridee BonaDea  
District Secretary