

**Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Penny Farcy Training Center**  
November 6, 2007

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

Welcoming Remarks

All who wished stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Commissioner Sommers moved to accept the minutes for October 16, 2007, as presented. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the minutes for October 23, 2007, as presented. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. Commissioners voting in favor were Hoffmann, Sommers, Nielsen and Turner. Commissioner Jennings abstained because he was not at the meeting.

Commissioner Sommers moved to accept the minutes for October 30, 2007, as presented. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Voucher Approval

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

Commissioner Nielsen asked about a \$1,500 bill for bar codes. The District Secretary, Maridee BonaDea, answered that the bar codes were for the inventory system.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW42.24.080 and those expense 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, October 16, 2007, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below and payroll expenses for \$150,531.18.

Vouchers 100104 – 100124 for the amount of \$39,447.40

Vouchers 100127 – 100135 for the amount of \$13,659.35

Vouchers 100136 – 100156 for the amount of \$11,167.83

Vouchers 110000 – 110010 for the amount of \$7,149.34

Amendments to agenda

Chief Yamane added an announcement as item 6A. Commissioner Turner asked Commissioner Nielsen to give a report on the volunteer memorial wall.

Chief Yamane read his letter of resignation, and said that he had accepted an offer with the fire district of Union Gap, which is next to Yakama.

Commissioner Jennings said that he was surprised and has always thought of Chief Yamane as person with integrity and appreciates the time Chief Yamane has worked for the District.

Commissioner Sommers echoed what Commissioner Jennings said and was sorry to see Chief Yamane leave.

Commissioner Nielsen said thank you.

Commissioner Hoffmann said that he understands that Chief Yamane needs to do the right thing for his family and wished him well.

Commissioner Turner said he was not worried about the Fire District and that Chief Yamane has done a good job since he has been here. He believes that Chief Yamane has trained the Assistant Chief to step up.

#### Correspondence

Included in the Commissioner packet was a list of donations. Commissioner Turner suggested that the donation money go toward the volunteer memorial wall.

#### Volunteer Representative Comments

No comment

#### Paid Staff Representative Comments

Assistant Chief Kirk said that tomorrow night there will be a debriefing meeting on the October 13, 2007, disaster drill. Commissioner Sommers reported that the radio club and Gary English have already critiqued the drill.

#### Chief's Report

See attached.

#### Financial Report

The District Secretary, Maridee BonaDea handed out a Fund Balance report as of September 30, 2007. She announced that as of yesterday, November 5, 2007, there was over one million dollars in the expense fund. Commissioner Sommers thanked the

District Secretary for including the current month on the finance report. Commissioners agreed to have the column that now reads budget over/under should read “Amount Remaining.”

## **Old Business**

### Attorney Contract 2008

Commissioner Nielsen said that all the potential attorneys were at the Commissioners’ Conference. He suggested that because Chief Yamane is leaving he would like to keep the continuity of the current attorney. Commissioners agreed to table this topic until the first meeting in December. Commissioner Jennings said that the District could retain Quinn without a contract but it would mean a higher rate. It was also pointed out that the contract could be cancelled by either party at any time, so after the transition to the new Chief, the Board could consider contracting with a different legal firm.

### Commissioners Conference

Commissioners Sommers and Nielsen gave a report on the Washington State Fire Commissioners’ Conference.

## **New Business**

### Vision Statement

Commissioner Sommers presented a proposed Vision Statement. Commissioner Jennings thanked Commissioner Sommers for writing the Vision Statement. This was tabled until the first meeting in January 2007.

Commissioner Nielsen moved to reschedule the Commissioner meetings in January 2008 to Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### Levy 1% Increase

Commissioner Jennings explained the erosion factor on levying taxes for fire districts. Joel Wade, a private citizen, suggested cleaning house before asking the taxpayers for more money. Commissioner Sommers suggested waiting to see if the EMS levy passes tonight before considering a tax rate.

Commissioners agreed to table this until the next meeting.

### The Wall

Commissioner Nielsen did a plaque for King County Fire District #25 on a big slab of granite which cost \$1,200.00, and he would like to do the same kind of stone plaque for Vashon Island Fire & Rescue. Mike Kirk said that since 1942 there have been about a 1,000 volunteers. Commissioner Nielsen will come up with plans and cost for the project. Joel Wade asked that the wall be non-political in honoring all volunteers who exceed a certain number of years of service.

#### General Comments

Alice Larson asked about the new vehicle that was sitting behind the fire station and how many months it took the District to put a vehicle into service. Assistant Chief Kirk said that it was now in service. Alice Larson said that the California fires were serious but shouldn't the District have considered what it cost Vashon to send firefighters and a mechanic who said he was far behind on fixing the trucks? Commissioner Jennings replied that the District would rely on help from outside of our district if we ever have a disaster.

#### For the Good of the Order

None

The executive session was canceled.

Commissioner Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Maridee BonaDea  
District Secretary