

1 **Vashon Island Fire & Rescue**  
2 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

3 Burton Community Church  
4 December 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, Sommers.

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9 Commissioner Turner recommended amending the agenda to take general comments first  
10 and do business last. All Commissioners agreed.

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12 George Brenno asked questions on the medical insurance budgeted for 2007. He also had  
13 questions on salaries, attorney fees, and the purchase of a new truck budgeted for 2007.  
14 Mr. Brenno revered some of the District's old fire trucks that went to Costa Rica.

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16 Rick Frye, private citizen, explained how the old fire trucks ended up going to Costa  
17 Rica. Rick Frye commented that he would like to maybe see more volunteers and use the  
18 Burton Station more. His suggested that the agility test maybe too hard and that the  
19 paging system hindered volunteers.

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21 Assistant Chief Kirk addressed agility test standards.

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23 Jack Rollo asked if there was a policy of retesting the paid staff and volunteers on the  
24 agility test.

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26 Alice Larson hoped now that things were settling down the District would focus on  
27 recruiting and helping volunteers. She would like to see more on island volunteers.

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29 Chief Yamane addressed the paging system that Rick Frye had questions about.

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31 Alice Larson asked if it was someone's job to encourage and support the volunteers.

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33 Chief Yamane said that Susan Wolf was the Volunteer Liaison. Others also do some of  
34 these tasks as well.

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36 Minutes

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38 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve the minutes for November 21, 2006.  
39 Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in  
40 favor.

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42 Voucher Approval

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44 Commissioner Hoffmann moved to approve the vouchers below. Commissioner Nielsen  
45 seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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1 Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer required by RCW 42.24.080 and  
2 those expenses reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been  
3 recorded on the listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date,  
4 December 5, 2006, the Board does approve for payment those vouchers included below  
5 including \$178,854.33 for payroll.

6 Vouchers 1100181 – 1100205 for the amount of \$41,189.02

7 Vouchers 1100206 – 1100215 for the amount of \$20,115.86

8 Vouchers 1200000 – 1200013 for the amount of \$13,402.02

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10 Correspondence included a thank you note in the Commissioner packet and a letter from  
11 Julie King that was sent out to all the Commissioners.

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13 Volunteer Representative Comments

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15 Amelia Watson had no comment.

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17 Paid Staff Representative Comments

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19 No paid staff was present.

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21 Chief's Report

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23 Chief Yamane handed out his weekly report. Commissioner Sommers thanked Assistant  
24 Chief Mike Kirk for his detailed call report.

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26 Finance & Administration Annual Report

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28 Finance Director, Matt Sullivan, reported on the Finance and Administration's  
29 accomplishments for 2006.

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31 **Old Business**

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33 Review of Unfinished Business

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35 Commissioner Nielsen reported that Crowley Tugs offered the District 10% off on their  
36 invoice. Commissioner Nielsen would like this to be a community donation and he will  
37 continue to negotiate.

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39 Chief Yamane reported on House Bill SHB 1756 that sets standards for career fire  
40 departments. Chief Yamane had determined after some investigation that Vashon Island  
41 Fire & Rescue is substantially a volunteer department.

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44 Ladder Truck - Reserve

1 Commissioner Nielsen moved to authorize staff to transfer \$97,366.20 from the expense  
2 fund to the unallocated reserve fund. Commissioner Sommers seconded the motion. All  
3 Commissioners present voted in favor.

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5 Commissioner Turner amended the agenda by adding an executive session at the end of  
6 the meeting.

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8 **New Business**

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10 **Contract for Legal Services**

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12 Matt Sullivan presented two contract options with Joe Quinn, the District's attorney, for  
13 2007. Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve a contract with Joe Quinn for discussion  
14 purposes. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion.

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16 Alice Larson read a letter she wrote to the Commissioners in July, 2006. In the letter she  
17 addressed some issues she had with Joe Quinn as the District's attorney.

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19 Commissioner Hoffmann suggested tabling the motion and looking around for another  
20 attorney.

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22 Commissioner Sommers stated that the staff had recommended renewing Joe Quinn's  
23 contract for another year, and to consult with Mike Bolasina on personnel issues.

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25 Chief Yamane said that Joe Quinn had received bad information from staff on some of  
26 the issues. He has not had a problem with Joe Quinn since he became Fire Chief.

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28 Commissioner Sommers said she has gotten good information from Joe Quinn when she  
29 has had occasion to consult with him.

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31 Commissioner Nielsen said that in the last three years he has had occasion to talk to the  
32 law firms that specialize in Fire Districts and believes that there are always problems no  
33 matter who represents us.

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35 Commissioner Nielsen withdrew the motion and Commissioner Hoffmann withdrew his  
36 seconded.

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38 Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve Joe Quinn's 2007 contract for 4 hours a month  
39 if Joe Quinn adds a termination clause in the contract. Commissioner Sommers seconded  
40 the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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46 **2007 Authorized Signatures for King County**

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2 Commissioner Nielsen moved to have Ron Turner, Matt Sullivan, Keith Yamane, Linda  
3 Hamilton, and Maridee BonaDea authorized as voucher signers. Commissioner Sommers  
4 seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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6 King County Community Service Grant

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8 Commissioner Nielsen moved to approve the contract with King County Community and  
9 Human Services for a \$35,000 grant. Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion.  
10 Commissioner Nielsen, Hoffmann and Turner voted yes. Commissioner Sommers  
11 abstained because a conflict of interest with the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

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13 Resolution 06-285 Surplus Equipment

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15 Finance Director, Matt Sullivan, presented Resolution 06-285 with a list of surplus  
16 equipment.

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18 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve resolution 06-285 as presented.  
19 Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. Commissioner Sommers, Hoffmann, and  
20 Turner voted in favor. Commissioner Nielsen abstained because of a conflict of interest  
21 with the Senior Center.

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23 Severance Pay – Marty Fowler

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25 Chief Yamane asked the Commissioners to approve four weeks of severance pay for  
26 Assistant Chief Marty Fowler.

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28 Commissioner Sommers moved to approve four weeks of severance pay for Assistant  
29 Chief Marty Fowler. Commissioner Nielsen seconded the motion. All Commissioners  
30 present voted in favor.

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32 For the Good of the Order

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34 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW  
35 42.30.100 (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, the  
36 session will last 30 minutes, be located at Station 55, and no decision will be made.  
37 Commissioner Hoffmann seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in  
38 favor.

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40 The executive session started at 9:35 PM at Station 55.

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42 The Commissioners extended the executive session at 10:05 PM for 15 minutes.

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44 Commissioner Turner called the open meeting back to order at 10:18 PM and announced  
45 that no decision was made.

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1 Commissioner Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sommers seconded  
2 the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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4 The meeting ended at 10:20 PM.

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6 Maridee BonaDea

7 District Secretary

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