

**VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes

**Date:** 05/24/16

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** 10020 SW Bank Rd., Vashon, EOC

**REGULAR MEETING**

- 1   **Present:**     Candy McCullough, Chair  
2                    Brigitte Schran-Brown, Vice-Chair  
3                    David Hoffmann, Commissioner  
4                    Camille Staczek, Commissioner  
5                    Ron Turner, Commissioner  
6                    Hank Lipe, Chief  
7                    Susan Wolf, Minute Taker
- 8   **Guests:**     Susan Reimer, Randy Tonkin, and Mr. Leonard.

9   **Amendments to Agenda**

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12   **Approval of 05/10/16 Minutes**

13   Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

14         **“I make a motion to approve the minutes of 5/10/16.”**

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**MINUTES APPROVED, 5-0**

16   **Approval of 05/17/16 Minutes**

17   Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

18         **“I make a motion to approve the minutes of 5/17/16.”**

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**MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

20   **Voucher Approval**

21   Motion by Commissioner Turner:

22         **“I move that we approve the referenced vouchers as detailed in Administrative**  
23         **Memorandum 05.24.2016-1.”**

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**MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

- 25         • Commissioner Turner reviewed the well documented and well organized vouchers.

26   **April Financial Report**

27   Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

28         **“I move we accept the April Financial Report.”**

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**MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

- 30 • Chief Lipe stated revenues were ahead and expenditures were at 32% of the 12 month budget  
31 for first four months of the year.

## 32 Chiefs' Reports

### 33 Chief Lipe:

- 34 • Tomorrow he'll attend the King Co ALS/EMS Financial Advisory meeting. He will be  
35 submitting a request for \$247,000. That request is to reimburse the District for ALS  
36 overtime. The county has a contingency fund and he expects no problem with getting  
37 reimbursed. Then EMS advisory meeting will be later in June.
- 38 • Extrication training has been completed and there are only a couple people left who still  
39 need it. That equipment will be placed in service shortly.
- 40 • The SCBA bottles have finally arrived [cheers]. Commissioner Schran-Brown and Ben  
41 Davidson wrote the grant for it. It came in at \$17,000 under budget and the Chief is hoping  
42 to use the remainder to get new air compressor. *800 pw* *approximate pw*
- 43 • The chief was very happy to report the lobby roof leak has been fixed.

44 The Board asked a question about volunteers who can't get to classes during the work week and how  
45 it could be made more convenient. That is something to be discussed in the Ops meeting next week.  
46 Some training is being done when volunteers are on shift and as "ad hoc."

## 47 New Business

48 None.

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## 50 Old Business

### 51 SOP 4043 Unlawful Burning

52 Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

53 "I move we approve the SOP 4043 Unlawful Burning."

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**MOTION PASSES, 4-1**

### 55 Closure of the Franciscan Clinic

- 56 • Chief Lipe was contacted by King County Executive's office. While chief is focusing  
57 on the short term EMS problem, the Executive is trying to set up a meeting next week  
58 with the chief and the council. They want to explore what they can or can't provide  
59 to assist developing a plan for a greatly increased call volume due to the clinic's  
60 closure. While at the health center for a meeting with the National Guard, the chief  
61 noticed how quiet it was. Rick Wallace said patients are already finding other doctors  
62 off island. The Chief has also notified the King County Fire Chiefs.

### 63 Medic One Proposal Update

- 64 • He had a great phone conference with the new interim ALS Director for the county,  
65 Chief Hebert and Andre Chevalier. After their phone conference, Chief Hebert and  
66 Andre were going into a meeting with the labor union yesterday. At our next  
67 Commissioners meeting he will have more information.

### 68 Q/A Committee

- 69 • Commissioner McCullough to give some information soon to the Q/A committee.

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71 Strategic Plan Update

- 72 • The Chief will have some developments soon.

73 **General Comments**

- 74 • Commissioner McCullough asked if people know about Air Care and asked if Susan  
75 could put something in the Beachcomber about it.
- 76 • Air Care reached out to the chief to see what we needed. While there was a  
77 discussion about auditor rules about governmental agencies promoting a private  
78 company, the concern is that with the health center closing, there may be more air  
79 flights as aid crews respond to more calls. Air flights are very costly. Several ideas  
80 were discussed including:
- 81 ○ One of the Board or the Chief could write an opinion piece or commentary.
  - 82 ○ Susan Reimer could do a news story as part of the many pieces of healthcare  
83 on the island.
  - 84 ○ Air Care should advertise in the Beachcomber.
- 85 • Oftentimes patients on initial contact will say they have Air Care membership and  
86 that can help with a decision as to whether they should be flown off, but the fire  
87 district makes the final decision.
- 88 • Comment from public: a gentleman broke his hip, crawled to his house and called  
89 clinic. They told him he could not be seen until the next day, so he called 9-1-1.
- 90 • Some citizens are confused – one lady told Susan Reimer she thought the medics  
91 could not leave the island, when actually we transport three patients a day.

92 **For the Good of the Order**

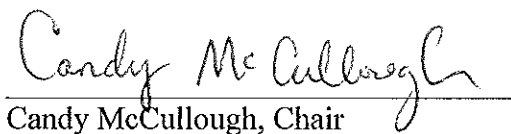
93 We had a nice retirement get together for Medic Palmer today. Sunday was a great retreat with rave  
94 reviews from the rank and file. Happy Brian Institute has offered to come back. One volunteer  
95 came from off island to attend and said he was happy he had done so.

96 **Documents Signed**

97 At 6:54 p.m. the meeting was moved into Executive Session pursuant to a provision of RCW  
98 42.30.110(1)(g). At 7:08 p.m., the Executive Session was extended by the Chair for 20 minutes. At  
99 7:23 p.m. the meeting was opened back up to the public and adjourned at 7:24 p.m. No decision was  
100 made.

101 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 06/14/16 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

Approved this 10 day of June, 2016.

  
Candy McCullough, Chair

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Susan Wolf, District Secretary