

## JCFPD #4 COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Garrison at 7:03 pm. Those present were Commissioners Ken McEdwards and Meril Smith, Chief Jim Wadkins, Secretary Peggy Ware, Kathi Mueller, Marji Mueller, Christina Ware, Pat Lundemo, Diane Grau, Anne Pittman, Clair Pittman, Bud Schindler, George Sickel, Larry Hartley, Jacque Hartley, Lloy Walker, Joy Baisch, and Joe Baisch.

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2004 regular meeting as mailed. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Peggy read the minutes of the January 8, 2005 special commissioners meeting. Ron said that there is a correction on page 2, paragraph 2, sentence 2. It should read "two of the six are paramedics" not three of the six are paramedics. Meril made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2005 special meeting as corrected. Ron seconded the motion. Ken abstained because he was not at the meeting. Motion passed.

The December 31, 2004 Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners by Secretary Peggy Ware. Ken made a motion to accept the December 31, 2004 Financial Report. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers of \$9,713.69 were presented to the Commissioners. The transferal of funds will be \$8,300.00 from the Investment Account into the Cash Account to meet current expenses. Ken made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers and the transferal of funds. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meril made a motion to approve the January 5, 2005 payroll in the amount of \$6,399.23. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chief's Report/Ambulance Report was read by Chief Jim Wadkins. Ken made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed. Peggy said the EMS Participation Grant has arrived.

Jim reported that he has called Bailey Berg Construction regarding the station floors, but that he has not heard back from them. The gentleman that was overseeing the station construction met with Meril to inspect the floors back in July. Ron made a motion to have Peggy contact Brian Snure to draft a letter to Bailey Berg. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed. The letter should be sent certified.

Jim reported that he is still waiting for Wood Survey to send the results of the survey of the south property line.

Meril made a motion to raise the mileage reimbursement rate to 40.5 cents per mile. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ron read a letter of resignation from Volunteer Firefighter Bob Wilson. Meril made a motion to accept Bob Wilson's resignation. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ken made a motion to accept Marion K. Lakenes as a new volunteer firefighter. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A volunteer application was presented from Ronald J. Wadkins. Chief Wadkins is still a paid employee through the end of the month, so he is not eligible for membership as a volunteer. Ken made a motion to deny membership. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ken made a motion to accept Laurine E. Wolford as a new volunteer firefighter. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jacque Hartley addressed a list of Secretary Duties and Tasks that Peggy had written up. Jacque asked Peggy specific questions about what numerous different duties and tasks entail. Peggy answered her questions.

Ron made a motion to have Peggy set up meetings for interviews with the selected fire chief applicants. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

George Sickel asked if the commissioners were going to address the letter that he had left for Ron Garrison the afternoon before.

Chairman Garrison said that he hadn't really had a chance to read the letter yet.

George Sickel gave a brief summary of what is in the letter. He was appalled to find out that Chief Wadkins is not a part of the selection committee and that he feels he really should be on the committee.

Mr. Sickel said that he checked with the county and that names of job applicants are not confidential. He feels that the names of the applicants should be posted because the community might have information that will help in the selection process.

Chairman Garrison said that we would check into the confidentiality of the applicant names again.

Generally, background checks are done once the candidates have been narrowed down to just a few, but we will check on it again.

Commissioner Smith stated that we hired Chief Wadkins without feedback from the current chief and he felt that the commissioners had done okay.

Commissioner McEdwards said that he would like to check with the county attorney to see exactly what he says about releasing the names. Ken said that he is not in favor of having the outgoing chief involved in the interviews. He would like to give the new chief the same chance that Jim was given.

George Sickel restated that he would like Chief Wadkins to be part of the selection process.

Jacque Hartley said that she would be available to attend the interviews anytime.

Diane Grau asked what kind of input the public expected Chief Wadkins to give? Did they expect the Chief to have a vote?

Jacque Hartley asked if the volunteers could see the resumes?

Commissioner Garrison responded that the commissioners would have to look into the confidentiality issue.

Meril made a motion not to have Chief Wadkins be a part of the fire chief interview process. Ken seconded the motion.

Commissioner McEdwards stated that he agrees with Meril.

Commissioner Garrison said that the new chief will be making the decisions once he is here. They will plan on using the same list of questions that were used the last time we hired a chief.

Lloy Walker got a little too vocal.

Commissioner Garrison told Lloy Walker that he needed to be quiet.

Lloy Walker asked to be allowed to speak. Mr. Walker said he felt the commissioners had screwed the community over the last time that they hired a chief, and gave his opinions regarding the hiring process, the chief, and the bronco.

Marji Mueller suggested that if the candidate is willing the commissioners could set up a time for the candidate to meet with the public.

Larry Hartley asked why the station floors had not been fixed yet?

We are working on it.

Peggy asked the commissioners to please have a verbal individual vote regarding not having Chief Wadkins be a part of the fire chief interview process.

Commissioner Garrison said that a motion was made by Meril not to have Chief Wadkins be a part of the fire chief interview process. Ken seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with three yes votes.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion that if the fire chief candidates are willing to meet with the public we will set up a public time. Meril seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed with three yes votes.

Bud Schindler said he wondered why the commissioners did not ask Chief Wadkins about being part of the interview process.

The decision has already been made.

Clair Pittman asked if the special meeting for interviewing could be advertised on the reader board?

Jacque Hartley said she would put it on the reader board.

Marji Mueller stated that at the last Brinnon Booster Club meeting the Booster Club voted to donate the tables that are currently on loan to the Fire Department to the Brinnon Fire Department.

Lloy Walker said that he thought there was a 5 year extension on the station floor warranty.

Larry Hartley said he thought that there is a 10 year warranty.

The contractor has already been paid.

Commissioner Smith said that he had met with, Steve, the foreman of the project back in July.

We will be following up on the floor issue. Peggy will check with the attorney.

There was discussion about the fill being compacted.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded the motion.

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ware  
District Secretary