

JCFPD #4 COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Garrison at 7:04 pm. Those present were Commissioners Ken McEdwards and Meril Smith, Chief Bob Herbst, Secretary Peggy Ware, Bud Schindler, Kathi Mueller, Jacque Hartley, George Sickel, Pat Lundemo, Diane Grau, Tom Carlson, Debbie Kronk, Janeel Eddie, George Mueller, Marji Mueller, Yolanda Smith, Kate Marsh, Ron Copeland, Anne Pittman, and Clair Pittman.

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2005 regular meeting as mailed. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The August 31, 2005 Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners by Secretary Peggy Ware.

Ken made a motion to accept the August 31, 2005 Financial Report. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers of \$5,309.09 were presented to the Commissioners. The transferal of funds will be \$5,300.00 from the Investment Account into the Cash Account.

Meril made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers and the transferal of funds. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meril made a motion to approve the September 2, 2005 payroll. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chief's Report/Ambulance Report was presented by Chief Bob Herbst.

George Sickel asked the Fire Chief to explain the newspaper article regarding open burning.

Chief Herbst said that there was an article in the newspaper regarding outdoor burning.

The article was misleading because it did not make it clear that it was in regard to burning in the National Park, National Forest and the State Park. There is still a burn ban in Jefferson County. Recreational campfires are okay.

Meril made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

An Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Mason County Medic One and Jefferson County Fire Protection District #4 was presented for approval. The current agreement is combining three currently existing agreements into one document.

Ken made a motion to approve the revised Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Mason County Medic One and Jefferson County Fire Protection District #4. Meril seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jacque Hartley asked what was being done about the concrete floors in the bay area.

Chief Herbst responded that the repairs are currently on hold because the contractor and the architect are disagreeing over which one of them should be paying for the repairs.

Jacque Hartley asked if we still have the Life-Pak 11, and if so why don't we sell it. Chief Herbst responded that he had checked with PMI regarding the value of a used unit and that it is valued at approximately \$400.00. Chief Kryzenski at Port Townsend Fire Department expressed an interest in the Life-Pak 11. Chief Kryzenski is currently out of town.

Jacque Hartley said that she thinks facts should be out in the public instead of being a part of the Halfway House rumor mill.

First, Jacque Hartley read a memo she received from Chief Herbst regarding her performance as an EMT and EMS Captain.

Second, Jacque Hartley read a letter she wrote to Chief Herbst in response to his memo. Marji Mueller asked if the next letter would have patient information in it because she was uncomfortable hearing the information.

Jacque Hartley said there was no patient information in the next two letters.

George Sickel and Bud Schindler said the patient information is public information.

Third, Jacque Hartley read an email sent to Chief Herbst from Volunteer Don Coleman.

Fourth, Jacque Hartley read an email sent to Chief Herbst from Volunteer Tom Barelli.

Commissioner Garrison asked Jacque if this is a form of grievance or if the letters are for information.

Jacque Hartley responded that it is just information.

George Sickel asked what the Chief and the Commissioners are going to do to mend the fences. Mr. Sickel said that the Chief and Commissioners need to come up with a plan as to what they are going to do to solve the problems, and that he expects a report at the next months regular meeting.

Bud Schindler stated that he is disturbed by all this and do the Commissioners have a response.

Commissioner Garrison said that this is not the place because Jacque Hartley is just giving out information.

Janeel Eddie read a letter that she sent to Chief Herbst and finished with the statement "I'm angry".

At 7:38 pm, Commissioners Garrison, McEdwards and Smith, and Chief Herbst retired into executive session to evaluate the performance of an employee. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 pm.

At 8:00 pm, Commissioner Garrison came out to say that the executive session would be extended until 8:10 pm. Numerous audience members were outside at this time.

Tom Carlson, Pat Lundemo and Diane Grau left during the executive session.

At 8:10 pm, the executive session ended.

Commissioner Garrison recalled the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ware
District Secretary