

JCFPD #4 COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Garrison at 7:00 pm. Those present were Commissioners Ken McEdwards and Meril Smith, Chief Bob Herbst, Secretary Peggy Ware, Yolanda Smith, Anne Pittman, Clair Pittman, Jacque Hartley, and George Sickel.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2006 regular meeting as mailed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Peggy Ware read a letter from Jacque Hartley to the Fire Commissioners that addresses the fact that Jacque has been approached by people who have expressed concerns regarding the EMS care they have received here in Brinnon. Jacque said that she told the people to write the commissioners, but one person expressed fear of repercussion, so she encouraged them to write to Dr. Smith-Poling.

Commissioner Garrison said that nothing could be done if the people do not file a complaint stating the facts of the event. If he had date, time, actual complaint, etc., then he could investigate and take appropriate action.

Jacque said she was just passing on the information to the commissioners.

The August 31, 2006 Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners by Secretary Peggy Ware.

George Sickel asked what the difference between private timber tax and timber tax is. Peggy said that there is no difference. They are the same thing just written two different ways.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the August 31, 2006 Financial Report. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers of \$13,564.89 were presented to the Commissioners. The transfer of funds will be \$250.00 from the Cash Account into the Investment Account.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers, and the transfer of funds. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the September 5, 2006 payroll.

Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

The EOC presentation on September 21st will be at 6:00 pm.

The "safety day", during Fire Prevention week in October, will be advertised. There is no charge for the fire number plates, but donations will be accepted.

Chief Herbst reported that we have been in contact with an attorney's office representing the defendant in a law suit that was the result of a 911 call in May of 2002. The plaintiff claims the defendant's dog caused her accident. Based on the information in the suit, it looks doubtful that the plaintiff will win, and Chief Herbst just wanted the commissioners

to be aware of the situation. There is a possibility that if the plaintiff loses her suit she might decide to file suit against the Fire District.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Herbst has contacted Donna Hamlin regarding the dispatching during a fire call at Milepost 311.3 and Highway 101. The Chief received a letter from Ms. Hamlin, but he intends to pursue the situation further.

Steve Reinke conducted a survey in regards to JEFF COM. The survey resulted in three options: continue as we currently are, becoming independent, or regionalization with CEN COM. Chief Herbst prefers either regionalization or becoming independent. The JEFF COM interlocal agreement expires on December 31, 2006. The County Commissioners actually have the final say, so they could possibly veto the JEFF COM Board's decision which would cause dissension.

Prosecuting Attorney Juelie Dalzell was at the Fire Chief's meeting this morning. In the past, there have been problems prosecuting people that violate the burn ban. Chief Herbst reported that Ms. Dalzell told the Fire Chief's that if someone is a repeat violator of the burn ban, and she is provided with a written report along with photographs she will prosecute the individual for reckless burning.

A new Mutual Aid Emergency Response Agreement between Jefferson County Fire Protection District's #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and the City of Port Townsend was presented for approval.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Emergency Response Agreement between Jefferson County Fire Protection District's #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and the City of Port Townsend. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Volunteer Sean Ware has submitted a letter of resignation from the Brinnon Fire Department.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept Volunteer Sean Ware's resignation from the Brinnon Fire Department. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Herbst gave a report on running a special election on November 7 in conjunction with the State General Election. The purpose of the special election would be to ask the qualified electors of the District to either ratify or reject restoring the regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-2, Resolution Providing for the Submission of Levy; A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 4, Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Electors of the District at a Special Election to be Held Within the District on November 7, 2006, in Conjunction with the State General Election to be Held on the Same Date, of a Proposition Authorizing a Levy of a Property Tax not to Exceed \$1.00

per \$1,000.00 of True and Assessed Valuation Subject to Otherwise Applicable Statutory Limitations. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association Conference will be held at the SeaTac Double Tree Hotel, October 19 to 21, 2006.

Commissioner McEdwards and Secretary Ware will be attending the conference, Commissioner Garrison and Chief Herbst will not be attending, and Commissioner Smith will let Peggy know by the end of the month.

The Washington State Fire Administrative Support Division Fall Workshop will be held in Wenatchee, October 29 to 31, 2006. Peggy is not sure if she will be able to attend the Workshop, but she is requesting permission to attend the conference if her schedule allows.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve Peggy's attendance at the WSFASD Fall Workshop in Wenatchee, on October 29-31, 2006. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

During the public comment period George Sickel announced the 3rd Thursday Program at the Brinnon Community Center, on September 21, 2006. The program is the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Dinner will be from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Prices are: 60+-\$3.00, and under 60-\$5.00. The program is from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Mr. Sickel is requesting that the Volunteer Fire Department members attend the presentation.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ware
District Secretary