

JCFPD #4 COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Brinnon Fire Department

JULY 14, 2009

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, Anne Pittman, Yolanda Smith, Katie Brostrom, Sue Bond, Sandy Bardon, ArlaBelle Froats, Ron Loska, Della Loska, Matthew Draper, Carol Smith, Judi Hyde, Mike Hyde, Jacque Hartley, Larry Hartley, Ron Stephens, Chris Stephens, Tessa Kingsley, George Sickel, Wayne Schaepli, Esther Johnson, Tom Johnson, Joanie Hendricks, Rick Hjelvik, Mary Hjelvik, Marji Mueller, Don Coleman, Bill Barnet, Norma Jean Young, Jim Watson, and Kendra Hanninen.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 regular meeting as mailed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The June 30, 2009 Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners by Secretary Peggy Ware.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the June 30, 2009 Financial Report. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vouchers of \$40,689.64 were presented to the Commissioners. Transfer of funds will be \$40,689.64 from the Investment Account into the Cash Account.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$40,689.64, and to transfer \$40,689.64 from the Investment Account into the Cash Account. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the July 2, 2009 payroll in the amount of \$9,402.04. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

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

There was no Volunteer Ambulance & Firefighters Association President Report.

Chief Herbst gave a report on the history of the EMS Special Agency Fund Interlocal Agreement. After discussion and changes, the agreement is basically the same agreement that was submitted for approval a year or two ago.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the EMS Special Agency Fund Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Herbst reported that the Washington State Fire Chief's have developed standard Wage and Equipment Rates in regard to fire responses. Chief Herbst presented a Wage and Equipment Rate schedule for the Brinnon Fire Department based upon our available resources and the rates set forth by the Washington State Fire Chief's.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the proposed rate schedule until new rates are set. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Garrison asked for public comment.

Sandy Bardon asked the audience for help putting up the levy signs.

George Sickel said that he had missed the last couple of meetings, and he wanted to know the status of the Fire Chief's contract. He had questions regarding a current Fire District #4 Chief Contract that he had received from Commissioner Mike Whittaker at Jefferson County Fire District #2.

Chief Herbst responded that his current contract has expired and that he is working under the second extension to the expired contract. He stated that the documents that he had given Mike Whittaker were copies of our job description, his contracts and an example of a draft copy.

Mike Hyde asked why the voucher totals for May and July were so much higher than usual.

Commissioner McEdwards stated that the July vouchers included the insurance premium of over \$21,000.00.

Chief Herbst stated that the May vouchers included a payment of over \$12,000.00 to the Jefferson County Treasurer for the ambulance payment, and a payment of over \$11,000.00 for the 12 Lead EKG.

Wayne Schlaefli said that he had e-mailed the Chief regarding the fact that we are 6 months into the year and we should be starting the 2010 budget. Mr. Schlaefli said that he was told that we could not start the budget because we do not get the numbers from the County Assessor until September. Mr. Schlaefli said that he talked to the County Assessor, Jack Westerman, and that we will get a 2% increase.

Mike Hyde commented on an article in the newspaper regarding the tractor that we recently received from a grant. He questioned the amount of grants and donations that have been received in the last 4 years.

Chief Herbst offered to provide Mr. Hyde with a list of the grants and donations.

Sue Bond said that they have flyers and signs to promote the levy, and she asked the audience for volunteers interested in helping to promote the levy. She thanked the audience and community members for their strong support of the Fire Department Barbecue last month. Sue said that they would like to organize a Town Hall Meeting

about the upcoming EMS Levy, and she asked Chief Herbst if he would be willing to attend the meeting to answer questions.

Chief Herbst responded that he would be more than happy to attend the meeting-just let him know where and when.

Bill Barnet said that he is new to the community-coming here from a big city. He attended the recent Fire Department Barbecue, and he was quite impressed by the demonstration put on by the volunteers. According to statistics, 80% of all emergency calls in America are EMS related.

Jim Watson said that he talked to the Sequim Fire Chief this last week and that the Fire Chief said that he had faced a similar situation once and that it can be done. You need to get small groups to promote the levy.

Ron Loska said that a few years ago his brother-in-law had a massive stroke while here in Brinnon. His brother-in-law was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center from the Brinnon School. Mr. Loska said that the Doctors in Seattle told him that the agency (Brinnon Fire Department) over in Brinnon did an excellent job. Mr. Loska said that he would like the levy to pass so that the Fire Department can receive the funds needed to provide continued coverage to the community. He would like the EMS services available if he personally every needs them.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ware
District Secretary