

Commissioners' Meeting

February 13, 2012

Chairman Sutich called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson, Miller & Nixon, AB/Chief O'Leary, D/Chiefs Lyon, Shoemaker & Waters, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, Lt. Cooper, FF Kress, Vol. D/Chief Petersen, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, K. Kreitzer, family and friends of Bill Shoemaker, Pete Kauppila, Kent Cooper and Ryan Kress

Our flag salute was led by Kevin Entze.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 120181 - 120286 in the amount of \$464,052.82 and Payroll Vouchers 120287 - 120393 in the amount of \$1,024,587.70 for a total consideration of \$1,488,640.52. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- The District has received an Emission Reduction Technology Grant from the Department of Ecology. The first phase of the grant has been completed. No word yet if a second phase will be granted. Thank you to Mike Smith for his work in obtaining this grant.
- The Punchlist has been completed on the Station 53 remodel. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is expected to be received within two weeks.

Assistant Chief Miller updated the Board on the following:

- The District has been awarded a \$13,000 FEMA AFG Grant for a SCBA fit test machine. Commissioner Entze stated "job well done" on obtaining this grant.

Standing Committee Reports:

Chairman Sutich introduced Eric Wilson who presented the Board with a EMS Committee Report regarding the EMS Levy work being conducted. Mr. Wilson provided a recap of the EMS Survey that was recently completed. Questions asking for community feedback were made via phone calls to local citizens and a printed survey was also available through the newspaper media. He expanded on the questions asked and the responses received. Items of “high priority” were to preserve the five (5) minute emergency response time and to maintain current services by restoring approximately half of the \$2.4 million in budget cuts. Approximately 1,100 citizens completed the survey via phone and just under 100 responded via the GHF&MO website. The tenure of the levy was presented as “Permanent” or “10 year” levy. Two options were provided for the Board to review in regards to the ballot title. Support was even on the preference noted by the surveys. He recommended an April 17, 2012 ballot measure for the “Permanent” levy of fifty cents (\$0.50) per \$1000 of assessed value. Commissioner Casebolt commented on the levy tenure and along with Chief Burgess recommending the “10 year” levy rather than the “Permanent” levy. Open discussion continued on the levy differences. The Board agreed as a whole to authorize the April 17, 2012 Ballot Measure to be a “10 Year” levy. The resolution will be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 27, 2012.

Old Business

L. Abbott presented the Board with DRAFT copies of Resolution 2012-03 Establishment of Purchasing Policies – First Reading for their review. This item will be presented for adoption at the February 27, 2012 Board meeting.

L. Abbott presented the Board with DRAFT copies of Resolution 2012-04 Warrant Payment Authorization – First Reading for their review. This item will be presented for adoption at the February 27, 2012 Board meeting.

New Business

A/Chief Watson introduced Resolution 2012-05 declaring two (2) Kohler Diesel Generators with power system transfers and two (2) mobile homes surplus to the needs of the district and authorizing disposal. Copies were provided to the Board for their review. A/Chief Watson recommended the Board adopt this Resolution as presented. Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-05 as presented, declaring items identified on Attachment “A” surplus to the needs of the district and authorized disposal. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Due to the abbreviated agenda there will be an opportunity for Open Public Comment at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held February 27, 2012.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Entze received the *Service Above Self Award* from the Gig Harbor Rotary.

Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

Chief Burgess presented the Awards for those unable to attend the Awards Celebration. Chief's Award was presented to FF Ryan Kress and Career Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Lt. Kent Cooper.

Chief Burgess presided over the Promotional Ceremony for Medical Division Chief William Shoemaker. Family members were introduced and participated in the pinning of the Badge and collar brass.

Chief Burgess presided over the Promotional Ceremony for Battalion Chief Pete Kauppila. Family members were introduced and participated in the pinning of the Badge and collar brass.

A celebration was held after the Board Meeting for all to attend.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 23rd at Graham Fire & Rescue #21 - 23014 70th Ave E.

2012 Legislative Day will be held on Wednesday, February 25th in Olympia. Commissioners Casebolt and Sutich and Chief Burgess will be attending.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 27, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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