

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 27, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Deputy Chief Gary Franz, Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett, Assistant Chief Tom Mason, Assistant Chief Todd Jensen, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and District Secretary Kathy Hale

Absent: Assistant Chief Tony Judd had an excused absence.

Commissioner Gustafson led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Pierson moved to approve the Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2010, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank You Letter from North Star Elementary

FINANCIALS:

Construction Payables Vouchers #12071 through #12011 in the amount of \$6,531.30, General Payables Vouchers #12077 through #12183 in the amount of \$428,111.08, and Account Transfers in the amount of \$460,361.21 for a total of \$895,003.59, of which \$613,829.32 was for Payroll and \$281,174.27 was for Payables were presented for approval.

Commissioner Pierson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$895,003.59 after proper auditing. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Romines requested an excused absence from the January 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. The Board gave their approval.

Station No. 21-0. Assistant Chief Baskett stated he has not received the written report yet, but is hoping to have it by the next meeting.

Station No. 21-2. Nothing new to report.

Station No. 21-3. Nothing new to report.

Site Development Permits. Assistant Chief Baskett reported the District has received the final permit for Station No. 21-5, and there is one minor issue with the permit for Station No. 21-6 having to do with the storm water pond. The issue should be resolved shortly. Everything else has been signed off.

Cartography Position. Chief Romines presented the Board with a copy of a letter he sent to PALS Director Chuck Kleeberg requesting he not eliminate the cartography position at the County. Copies were also sent to Executive McCarthy, Councilman Roger Bush, and DEM Director Steve Bailey.

Commissioner Skaggs informed the Board the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association will also be sending a letter.

Medic Unit Change Order. Chief Romines clarified the Change Order for the new medic unit is in the amount of \$440.

PRESENTATION:

Assistant Chief Chris Grant of South Pierce Fire & Rescue presented Certificates and Ribbons to those members who responded to the Deputy shooting December 21, 2009. He praised their heroic efforts and care given in trying to save the lives of Deputy Nick Hausner and Deputy Kent Mundel during this horrific incident.

Chief's Report (continued)

On-Going Projects. Chief Romines presented the Board with an email from Assistant Chief Baskett outlining several unfinished projects which will be completed next year. A formal plan will be developed for Board review.

Mediation. D/S Hale is coordinating a meeting with the Fire Fighter's Bargaining Unit, Administration and the Mediator to resume the mediation process.

Boeing Clinic Closure. Chief Romines explained he was contacted by Chief Paul Spirup of Boeing Fire to see if we could transport Boeing patients with minor injuries to the Franciscan Prompt Care facility on Canyon Road. Chief Spirup explained Boeing closed down their on-site clinic as of December 23, 2010. Assistant Chief Jensen investigated the request with County EMS and found that the 2010 revision of the medical protocols allows this to occur.

Operational Orders. Chief Romines presented the Board with two Operational Orders: 11-01 Staffing Priorities; 10-04 Bariatric Transports, for their review. He stated they have also been given to the Union for their review.

Storage Unit. Chief Romines explained the District has been renting a storage unit, currently located at Station No. 21-3, which was storing new apparatus equipment and

items for the new stations. Assistant Chief Judd is requesting we purchase the storage unit and place it at Station No. 21-4. Funds to purchase would come out of line item 522.20.64.01 if approved by the Board. The cost is approximately \$2,000.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve expending funds in the amount of \$2,000 from line item 522.20.64.01 to purchase the storage unit. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Training Report

Assistant Chief Mason presented the Training Report to the Board for their review. Please contact him if you have any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vehicle Accident. Chief Romines requested Board direction regarding the vehicle accident which occurred during the snow storm to the 1998 Pierce Engine. He explained our Engine was hit by a 24-year-old resident of the District who received a ticket from law enforcement for multiple violations; failure to maintain control, no license and no insurance. Chief Romines inquired on whether the Board would like the District to pay the repair bill, \$3,966.01 or turn it in to our insurance company resulting in seeking restitution from the citizen.

Commissioner Skaggs stated he does not believe we should condone such actions by paying for the repairs from public funds, and the matter should be turned over to our insurance company. Commissioner Pierson concurred. The Board gave direction for staff to turn the matter over to our insurance company.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chief Romines requested a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, 5 minutes under RCW 52.30.140 to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for professional negotiations, with business to follow.

Commissioner Gustafson announced a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, 5 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, and 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for professional negotiations, with business to follow. (25 minutes total) Executive Session was announced as beginning at 7:30 p.m.

An announcement was made at 7:55 p.m. to extend the Executive Session another 25 minutes.

Commissioner Gustafson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve the 2011 Chiefs' Bargaining Unit Agreement as presented. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierson moved to approve the Professional Services Contract with Kathy Hale, dated January 2, 2011, through December 31, 2014, in total as presented. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pierson moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement to Fire Chief Romines' Professional Services Contract as presented. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement to Deputy Chief Franz's Professional Services Contract as presented. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked Chief Romines, Deputy Chief Franz and District Secretary Hale for their hard work, dedication to the District, and understanding of the present financial economy.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of December 27, 2010, was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary