

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
July 19, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Gustafson called the Special Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Deputy Chief Gary Franz, Assistant Chief Tony Judd, Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett, and District Secretary Kathy Hale.

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

Commissioner Gustafson announced the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the 2010 Budget, Future Budgets/Financial Planning, and Station Locations.

2010 Budget. D/S Hale reviewed with the Board the status of the 2010 Budget, pointing out the carry-over from 2009 was increased by \$845,000 due to increased transport revenues received, increased delinquent taxes being paid and budget cuts made in 2009. This extra amount will help equalize the budgets for 2011 and 2012 as it was not infused into the 2010 Budget. She also presented revenue and expenditure estimates for the next five years, which included a 10 percent decrease in assessed value for 2011, with a carry-through at that level for 2012.

The Board reviewed the material presented, discussed healthcare increased costs, additional decreases in assessed value and curtailing spending in all areas possible in order to weather this economical downturn. The Board thanked staff and the members of the Department for working hard on controlling any excess spending to help balance the Budget.

Station Locations. Chief Romines gave a brief history of the process that has been taken regarding location of a new station in the south end area of the district: At Station No. 21-2 the line of site on the current County roadway would cause us to redesign the street at a tremendous cost if we wanted to build at that site; the site is not large enough to build any measureable facility; property could not be found in the 293<sup>rd</sup> and Meridian area that was not wetland; the Sheriff's Department has inquired about leasing space if we expanded Station No. 21-3; some sort of station needs to remain at the 21-2 area to maintain the insurance rating for homeowners.

Chief Romines stated he would like to further explore if the site at Station No. 21-2 would accommodate new living quarters in the form of a modular building. Board discussion ensued.

**Commissioner Pierson moved to not go forward with purchasing the property on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kapowsin Highway. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Romines stated he would contact the owner and inform him that due to wetland issues the District is not interested in purchasing his property.

There was discussion regarding building a larger site at Station No. 21-3 and leasing space to the Sheriff's Department. Assistant Chief Baskett stated Apex Engineering should be finished with the development drawings for the site, which will give us a better understanding of what can be built on the site. Chief Romines presented a Proposal for Services with Apex Engineering to include: topographic surveying; preliminary planning; sub-consultant services; water feasibility, in the amount of \$7,550, and from Russell & Associates for wetland/wildlife analysis in the amount of \$2,400. Total \$9,950.

**Commissioner Skaggs moved to accept the Proposal for Services for Station No. 21-3 from Apex Engineering in the amount of \$7,500 and from Russell & Associates in the amount of \$2,400, for a total of \$9,950, as presented. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion.**

Commissioners Skaggs and Pierson voiced their preference is to build a larger building at Station No. 21-3 for our future use and lease to the Sheriff's Department in the interim. Commissioner Gustafson stated for the record he does not like the idea of expending our funding to build a place for another agency. Further discussion continued.

**Call for the question: Commissioners Skaggs and Pierson; yes, Commissioner Gustafson; no. Motion carried by a majority.**

Chief Romines inquired of the Board if he should continue to explore options with the Sheriff's Department regarding leasing office space at Station No. 21-3. The Board directed Chief Romines to continue exploration.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board Meeting of July 19, 2010, was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.**

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Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

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Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary