

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 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, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and Administrative Secretary Michelle Greco.

Absent: District Secretary Kathy Hale had excused absences.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Pierson moved the approval of the Agenda as submitted with no modifications. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Commissioner Bob Skaggs regarding the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Life Time Membership
- E-mail from Dusty Mercer requesting a leave of absence

FINANCIALS:

Construction Payables Vouchers #09025 through #09045 in the amount of \$33,192.92, General Payables Vouchers #09073 through #09172 in the amount of \$411,019.93, and Account Transfers in the amount of \$478,931.99 for a total of \$923,144.84 of which \$638,606.17 was for Payroll and \$284,538.67 was for Payables were presented for approval.

Commissioner Pierson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$923,144.84 after proper auditing. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Baskett will be on vacation for the next month. Chief Franz will take over the Vehicle Maintenance. Chief Romines will take over the future property acquisitions and development issues.

Kathy Hale is on vacation until October 4, 2010.

Station No. 21-0. Chief Romines stated there is nothing new to report. We are still waiting on the formalized plans the Board has approved previously.

Station No. 21-2 (New). Chief Romines reported Assistant Chief Baskett met with the County to remove most road blocks.

Station No. 21-3 (New). Chief Romines stated the wetland issues are in the process of being finalized.

Chief Romines would like to present, at the first Board meeting in October, a firm plan on how to move forward on both Station 21-2 and Station 21-3.

Medical Insurance Increase. Chief Romines informed the Board the Bargaining Unit still needs to vote on the plan the Board agreed upon.

VFIS Evaluation. Chief Romines reported the evaluation went well. Commissioner Gustafson commented that the Chief Officers were very professional and did an upstanding job.

FF Bargaining Unite Mediation. Chief Romines reported another mediation meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 11:00am.

Citizen Recognition. Chief Romines stated that he would like to prepare a presentation to recognize the citizens and invite them to a Board meeting.

Training Report

Assistant Chief Tom Mason presented the Training Report for Board review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Romines informed the Board an engine went out in one of the 2006 Medic Units. He commended Chief Baskett for getting most of the repair work covered under warranty.

Chief Romines also informed the Board their Special Board meeting scheduled for October 12th has been cancelled. The meeting has been rescheduled for 5:30pm on October 11th just prior to the Regular Board meeting, when staff will present the draft 2011 budget to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Skaggs spoke regarding the 911 funding letters to the State. Commissioner Skaggs reported that Commissioner Kuss sent Chief Romines a letter regarding the annual Commissioner/Chief banquet and fees. Chief Romines stated he

would like to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting regarding how the fees are paid.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chief Romines requested a 7.5-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to review the performance of a public employee, with no business to follow, and a 7.5-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f), to receive and evaluate complaints/charges against public employee, with no business to follow.

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Commissioner Gustafson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2010, was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary