

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 25, 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 Tony Judd, Assistant Chief Tom Mason, Assistant Chief Todd Jensen, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and Administrative Secretary Kathy Hickok.

Absent: District Secretary Kathy Hale and Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett had excused absences.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Pierson moved to modify the Agenda to allow Larry Rabel, Consultant, Deployment Dynamics, to discuss impact fees. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Franz introduced Larry Rabel who has been approved by the Board to help us prepare for and go through the process of acquiring an approval from the Pierce County Council for development of impact and mitigation fees. Mr. Rabel's slideshow presentation explained the difference between the two fees and the fee process overview. Other highlights were laying the groundwork, project status and what the next steps are.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 11, 2010, were approved as presented.**

**The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2010, were approved as presented.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from United States Census Bureau

**FINANCIALS:**

Construction Payables Vouchers #10016 through #10026 in the amount of \$222,979.39, General Payables Vouchers #10068 through #10156 in the amount of \$334,644.64, and Account Transfers in the amount of \$517,242.84 for a total of \$1,074,866.87 of which \$686,243.11 was for Payroll and \$388,623.76 was for Payables were presented for approval.

**Commissioner Pierson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$1,074,866.87 after proper auditing. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:  
Chief's Report**

Chief Romines reminded the Board the three citizens who helped at a recent serious accident will be at the November 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. They will be presented awards of recognition for their actions.

Station No. 21-0. Chief Romines presented the Board with a letter he authorized John Hildenbrand to send to Ecology and the TPCHD. Chief Romines asked for Board action to approve \$8,982.50 to continue monitoring as proposed by John Hildenbrand.

**Commissioner Pierson moved to authorize Chief Romines to spend up to \$8,982.50 to continue the monitoring of Station 21-0. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion with discussion. He asked if it was for the deep well and Chief Romines said it was not. Motion carried unanimously.**

Station No. 21-2. Chief Romines reported he will continue to look for land in the general area of Station No. 21-2.

Station No. 21-3. Chief Romines sent correspondence to Sheriff Paul Pastor concerning our relationship and Geoff Sherwin relayed having submitted the wetland work to the County for Station No. 21-3.

New Medic Unit. The Board authorized the purchase of a New Medic Unit at the decreased price saving the District about \$65,000.00. Chief Romines requested Chairman Gustafson's signature on the contract. The Board gave their approval.

FF Bargaining Unit Mediation. Chief Romines reported the settlement the Board approved, the Fire Fighters' Bargaining Unit did not. Chief Romines met with the Fire Fighters' Bargaining Unit and will be meeting in Executive Session with the Board to discuss the results.

Medical Insurance. Chief Romines stated both bargaining units have approved moving to the WFCA plan.

Pierce County HIT Agreement. Chief Romines stated the original agreement has been amended to identify who would be charged for services within the five agencies that make up the team. Public agencies and schools have been excluded. Chief Romines requested Board approval for this Agreement.

**Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve the HIT Agreement as modified. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Refined Data Resolution. Chief Romines stated Refined Data has agreed to settle for \$4,250.00 versus the \$8,000.00 at question. Chief Romines requested Board approval in the amount of the proposed settlement; \$4,250.00.

**Commissioner Pierson moved to approve the Refined Data Resolution agreement in the amount of \$4,250, as recommended by Chief Romines. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Training Report**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Romines presented a policy to the Board for a two-week review. He stated it is an update drafted by Lieutenant Corak for our Citizen CPR/First Aid courses. Chief Romines stated he will ask for Board approval at their next Board meeting.

Chief Romines stated a Fire Comm Oversight Committee has been created which is going to be put in place to replace the Fire Comm Users Group Operational meeting. Chief Romines recommended we continue to assign Assistant Chief Judd to represent our agency at these meetings and Deputy Chief Franz to be the alternate.

**Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve members Assistant Chief Judd and Deputy Chief Franz to represent our agency. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Skaggs spoke regarding the new deployment plan. He stated Chief Romines has set up a meeting with each shift to discuss the impacts and to get their input. Commissioner Pierson stated it is important the floor let Chief Romines know their problems and concerns.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT:**

Citizen Susan Wilkie, 23806 86<sup>th</sup> Ave E., Graham, WA 98338, who works for the Letter Carriers Union, stated they have heard a rumor that Station No. 21-6 is closing. They want to know why, when and what the reason is. Chief Romines answered her questions and offered to sit down with her and show her the budget, what projections are for equipment replacement, what the new response model is, where the call volume is right now, etc.

Lieutenant Andy Faubion stated he appreciated the explanation, but voiced he is struggling with the concept of the response model and is concerned about the plan.

Chief Romines said all the details of the model have not been worked through. There will be three more presentations to receive input from the floor.

Commissioner Skaggs stated it has never been the intention to increase response time - the goal is to decrease response times and continue to provide excellent medical and fire prevention and public education services. Commissioner Pierson voiced his agreement.

Assistant Chief Judd stated we keep hearing that Station No. 21-6 is going to close. Since we opened it we have staffed Station No. 21-6 with personnel when we have them available and will continue to do that. We are not in any way looking to close for response completely.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chief Romines requested a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140, to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, and a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f), to receive and evaluate complaints/charges against a public employee, with no business to follow.

**Commissioner Gustafson announced a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140, to adopt strategy for collective bargaining, and a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f), to receive and evaluate complaints/charges against a public employee, with no business to follow. Executive Session was announced as beginning at 8:13 p.m.**

**Commissioner Gustafson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:23 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2010, was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

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Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

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Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary