

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 13, 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 Todd Jensen, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and District Secretary Kathy Hale.

Absent: Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett, Assistant Chief Tony Judd and Assistant Chief Tom Mason had excused absences.

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

APPROVAL 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 November 22, 2010, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau
- Letter from Pierce County Boundary Review Board
- Thank You Letter from Frederickson Clover Creek Community Council
- Thank You Letter from a Citizen
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FINANCIALS:

Construction Payables Vouchers #12001 through #12006 in the amount of \$7,346.02 and General Payables Vouchers #12001 through #12076 in the amount of \$89,206.86 for a total of \$96,552.88 were presented for approval.

Commissioner Pierson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$96,552.88 after proper auditing. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Romines reminded all of the Graham Firefighters' Association pizza feed, Tuesday, December 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Station No. 21-4.

There will be a special presentation at the December 27th Board Meeting made by South Pierce Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Chris Grant to our members who responded to the Officer Kent Mundell incident last year.

Chief Romines presented the Board with an invitation to Assistant Chief Dave Dupelle's retirement party, January 15th. A/C Dupelle is from University Place Fire Department.

Chief Romines reminded the Board of the 21st Annual B-Shift Christmas dinner on December 18, 2010, which will be held at Katie Downs this year. It's not too late to RSVP Battalion Chief Clawson if you want to attend.

Chief Romines thanked Todd and Christie for hosting the Administration Holiday Party last Friday. Everyone had a great time and it was very well attended.

FF/PM Troy Flowers has been temporarily assigned as a Lieutenant on C-Shift due to a medical absence exceeding 30 days.

Legislative Day 2011 is February 2nd. Please let DS Hale know if you plan on attending.

Station No. 21-0. Chief Romines presented the Board with a copy of email correspondence from John Hildenbrand of Robinson Noble explaining the borings went well and no significant contamination in the area around MW-7 was found in the soils or groundwater, which means there is probably a very localized area of residual contamination.

Rule of the Road Opinion. Chief Romines explained an inquiry had been made whether emergency vehicles are held to the standards of the RCWs the same as private vehicles regarding passing near a railroad crossing. Attorney Quinn had been contacted, and in his legal opinion emergency vehicle operators may disregard certain regulations governing direction of movement.

MOU. Chief Romines requested Board approval of an MOU with the two bargaining units to continue to use the Washington Counties Insurance Pool for dental, basic group life, voluntary life and disability and the EAP. Both bargaining units have agreed.

Commissioner Skaggs moved the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with both bargaining units to continue to use Washington Counties Insurance Pool for dental, basic group life, voluntary life and disability and EAP. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOU. Chief Romines requested Board approval of an MOU with the two bargaining units not to expend funds for a formal awards banquet. Both bargaining units have agreed to this.

Commissioner Skaggs move the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with both bargaining units not to expend funds for a formal awards banquet. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Rescue Grant. Assistant Chief Mason furnished a list of equipment that will be requested in a water rescue equipment grant the Training Division is submitting.

Attorney Quinn 2011 Contract. Chief Romines presented and requested Board approval of the 2011 Attorney Quinn Professional Services Contract.

Commissioner Skaggs moved the approval of the 2011 Professional Services Contract with Joseph Quinn, Attorney, as presented. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Snure Seminars. Chief Romines reviewed the 2011 Snure Seminar schedule with the Board and asked them to contact DS Hale of their interest.

PPEO Report

Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake presented her report to the Board for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 766, Authorizing Specific Transport Accounts be Written Off. District Secretary Hale read Resolution No. 766, Authorizing Specific Transport Accounts be Written Off, into the record.

Commissioner Pierson moved the approval of Resolution No. 766, Authorizing Special Transport Accounts be Written Off. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Romines informed the Board one of our citizens had inquired about the possibility of home school children participating in our annual Great Escape Contest/Program. Chief Romines voiced he thought it was a very good idea, and with Board approval, will work with PPEO Merdian-Drake to get the word out to home school parents and work out the details of participating. **The Board gave their approval.**

PPEO Merdian-Drake stated New Hope School has offered their facility to teach the home school children the educational course.

Chief Romines asked for Board approval of a change order for the new medic unit in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,200. He explained Assistant Chiefs Baskett and Jensen recently met with Braun representatives to finalize the building of the vehicle and found a few items needing to be added/changed.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve the change order for the new Braun Medic Unit in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,200. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT

Commissioner Skaggs inquired about the addressing coordinator of Pierce County and whether the position was going to be eliminated in the upcoming budget cuts. Chief Romines stated he would look into the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Romines requested a 5-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with no business to follow; 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with possible business to follow; 5 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate a complaint against a public employee, with no business to follow.

Commissioner Gustafson announced a 5-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with no business to follow; 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with possible business to follow; 5 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate a complaint against a public employee, with no business to follow.

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 10 minutes.

An announcement was made at 8:05 p.m. to extend the Executive Session another 10 minutes.

Commissioner Gustafson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve Bonni Mielbrecht working 24 hours per week and benefits being pro-rated at three-fifths beginning January 1, 2011. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to direct Chief Romines to re-negotiate a new mediation package with the firefighters' bargaining unit on the basis of the bargaining unit not approving the complete original package. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2010, was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary