

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2011**

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, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Assistant Chief Tony Judd, 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: Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs and Deputy Chief Gary Franz had excused absences.

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 Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2011, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank You Letter from Commissioner Pierson
- Mediation Meeting Notice from PERC

FINANCIALS:

General Payables Vouchers #01022 through #01121 in the amount of \$449,973.00 and Account Transfers in the amount of \$489,340.54 for a total of \$939,313.54, of which \$642,797.85 was for Payroll and \$296,515.69 was for Payables, were presented for approval.

Commissioner Pierson moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$939,313.54 after proper auditing. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Romines reminded the Board of the Legislative Day on February 2, 2011. All Commissioners stated they will be attending. Chief Romines will also attend.

Station No. 21-0. Chief Romines presented the Board with a summary report from Robinson Noble, Inc., for the most recent testing which showed all areas are clear or below concern levels except for the area immediately surrounding MW-7. The report gave two options for the Board to consider. Assistant Chief Baskett explained the first option is to release an oxygen compound into the subsurface over a period of time through a new monitoring well. The well would be monitored for several quarters. If after the monitoring there is no effect, the second option would be to macro-purge a large volume of water from the wells to flush the contamination from the surrounding soils. Assistant Chief Baskett also stated the Department of Ecology and Tacoma Pierce County Department of Health should be consulted on the matter and input sought from the two agencies.

The Board inquired about the cost of the two options. Assistant Chief Baskett stated he would obtain an estimate from Robinson Noble, Inc., so the Board would have a better idea of the entire scope of the two options.

The Board asked that John Hildenbrand attend their next Regular Meeting to explain the project further and answer their questions brought about by this report and recommendations.

Sheriff Co-Facility. Chief Romines explained the Sheriff's Department had contacted Assistant Chief Baskett to see if there was any interest on our part to look into grants to build a co-facility at Station No. 21-3. Chief Romines stated he is concerned with spending staff time on researching and writing grants when normally grants are not awarded at 100% and the District does not have the funds to match for a multi-million dollar building. Assistant Chief Baskett stated he had relayed during the conversation he would be more than happy to supply any information the Sheriff's Department would need for them to research and write potential grants.

The Board concurred they would be interested in a potential lease of our property at Station No. 21-3 to the Sheriff's Department, and staff time helping with answering questions and information, but not spending staff time in research and writing.

Mitigation Fees. Chief Romines presented an email from Deputy Chief Franz wherein he relayed County Executive Pat McCarthy is not willing to sponsor the mitigation fee process. Deputy Chief Franz has tried to contact her, but has been unsuccessful so far.

Capital Improvement Projects. Chief Romines presented the Board with an outline of recommended capital projects and estimated costs for their review. The topic will be placed on next meeting's agenda.

Uniformed Firefighter. Chief Romines informed the Board he will be attending a meeting in Tumwater on February 8, 2011, with the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) to clarify the fire service's opinion on the definition of "firefighter" and "uniformed firefighter". He explained DRS had changed the word "or" to "and" in their definition of eligibility section for LEOFF employees, which in turn has eliminated several fire service positions from participating as LEOFF employees/retirement.

Good Sam Hospital Open House. Chief Romines presented the Board with an invitation to attend an open house for the remodeled hospital on February 10, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Training Report

Assistant Chief Mason presented the Training report for Board review.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2011, was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary