

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pierson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Todd Jensen, Assistant Chief Tom Mason, Assistant Chief Steve Richards, IT Manager Lyle Stahnke, and District Secretary Kathy Hale.

Commissioner Pierson announced the purpose of this Special Meeting was for the Board to further review the Proposed 2013 Budget.

2013 Budget Review. Chief Romines reviewed two changes staff made to the Proposed Budget: Line Item 511.60.50.06, State Chiefs' increase \$150; 522.40.43.01, Volunteer Recruitment increase \$4,000. He stated those were the only changes made to the Budget since presenting it to the Board at their October 9th meeting.

Discussion was had regarding funding the Reserve Fund and the amount of assessed value decline estimated for 2014. Chief Romines answered staff is estimating a three percent decline in assessed value in 2013 for the 2014 budget.

The Board discussed the need to lay-off personnel beginning in 2014 if assessed value continues to decline and concessions are not made as expenses are one-million dollars short of revenues per year.

The Board approved the Proposed 2013 Budget as submitted and asked staff to have the resolutions prepared for next Monday's meeting.

Executive Session:

Chief Romines requested a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for professional negotiations with no business to follow, 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) to evaluate complaints against a public employee with no business to follow, and 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110.(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of a public employee with no business to follow.

Commissioner Pierce announced a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 to adopt a position for professional negotiations with no business to follow, 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) to evaluate complaints against a public employee with no business to follow, and 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110.(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of a public employee with no

business to follow. Total time 40 minutes. Executive Session was announced as beginning 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Pierson reconvened the Special Meeting at 5:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board Meeting of November 20, 2012, was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary