

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson (by telephone), Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett, Assistant Chief Todd Jensen, Assistant Chief Steve Richards, Assistant Chief Tom Mason, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake and District Secretary Kathy Hale

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Skaggs 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 28, 2013, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank You Letter from a Citizen

FINANCIALS:

General Payable Vouchers #120 through #187 in the amount of \$63,987.59 and Account Transfers in the amount of \$249.89 for a total of \$64,237.48, were presented for approval.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$64,237.48, after proper auditing. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief's Report

Chief Romines reported on the following:

Legislative Day at Olympia will occur on February 20, 2013. Assistant Chief Baskett and Assistant Chief Judd will attend with Commissioner Pierson and Commissioner Skaggs.

A retirement celebration for Fire Chief Doug Willis, Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, will take place on February 20, 2013, at Station No. 61 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Evergreen Church at 249th and Meridian will be holding a pancake feed for fire fighters on February 12, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

South Sound 911. Chief Romines presented the Board with a letter from Commissioner Kuss to Pierce County Fire Commissioner President Scott Casebolt requesting he submit a letter to Pierce County Executive McCarthy regarding increasing representation for fire districts on the Policy Board.

Commissioner Pierson stated the Pierce County Fire Commissioners voted unanimously at their last meeting to request the letter to Executive McCarthy be written.

Franz Contract. Chief Romines presented a professional services contract between Gary Franz, the Pierce County Commissioners Association and the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association to the Board for their review and approval. He stated Graham will be the lead agency, with the funding coming from the two Associations. Also, Attorney Quinn had penned the Agreement.

Commissioner Gustafson moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Gary Franz as a consultant on the impact fees committee. Commissioner Skaggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Concession Bargaining. Chief Romines presented two MOU's to the Board and requested approval. He stated the Board previously approved the intent of the concessions listed, but there are two changes: The District will retain an eleven person minimum staffing model and alter the method of educational reimbursement. Chief Romines explained if the Education Fund is exhausted in one year before paying all reimbursements requested, and if there are unspent funds in the next two years, those unspent funds would be used to reimburse requests from the previous two years using the same calculation method as set forth in the bargaining unit contracts.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to accept and sign the MOU's on Concessions with the Fire Fighters' and Chiefs' Bargaining Units as presented. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Romines requested Board approval of the Education Reimbursement MOU as presented.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to accept and sign the MOU on Education Reimbursement as presented. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sunrise Agreement. Chief Romines presented an Agreement between the District and Meridian Sunrise Village for our use of their parking lot for driver training. He requested Board approval and signature.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to approve and sign the Agreement with Meridian Sunrise Village to use their parking lot for driver training. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Systems Design Contract. Chief Romines requested Board approval of the EMS billing service contract with Systems Design for 2013. He stated the contract is the same as the one the Board signed in 2012 – no changes.

Commissioner Skaggs moved the approval of the contract for 2013 with Systems Design for EMS billing service. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PPEO Report

Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake reviewed her Report with the Board. She also stated she was asked to be a guest at New Hope Christian School tomorrow to watch the Harlem Globetrotters perform.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Romines stated he had forwarded an email to the Board from Assistant Chief Baskett stating the final testing of Station No. 21-0 had come back clean. We are just waiting for the written report in order to apply for a No-Further-Action certification and the Department of Ecology Cleanup Grant.

Commissioner Skaggs voiced he believes the District went above and beyond in cleaning up this site and does not agree with what the State and County made us do and the resulting costs to our tax payers.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Pierson stated he would like to congratulate Tom Faubion for the recent Volunteer Award he was presented for his many hours cleaning and maintaining trails in the mountains. Congratulations, Tom!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Romines requested a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with possible business to follow; and five minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of a public employee, with possible business to follow.

Commissioner Pierson announced a five-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 to adopt a position for collective bargaining, with possible business to follow; and five minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of a public employee, with possible business to follow. The Executive Session was announced as beginning at 7:25 p.m.

Commissioner Pierson reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. He announced during Executive Session discussion was had regarding adopting a position for collective bargaining and the qualifications of a public employee. He further stated no action by the Board will be taken at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Romines presented the Board with an invoice from Good Samaritan Hospital for a volunteer and requested approval for the District to pay the bill. He explained the Board

of Volunteer Fire Fighters has determined they will not pay the invoice. Discussion was had.

Commissioner Skaggs moved to pay the \$1,599 invoice from Good Samaritan Hospital for Resident Fire Fighter Erik Zohn for his evaluation at the emergency room connected with an incident which occurred while he was on duty, for which the Board of Volunteer Fire Fighter Pension & Relief will not pay. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2013, was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner

Kathy J. Hale, District Secretary