

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington**  
**November 9, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Chairman Kenon Simmons  
Commissioner Bob Elliot  
Commissioner Mike Helland  
Chief Rusty Palmer

Audience: Jimmy Berto, Paul Busch, Mike Cotton, Gary Gabelein, and Connie Shields

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- III. Public Input – Nil
- IV. So. Whidbey Volunteer FF & EMS – FF Berto reported the Association is gearing up for the Holiday Party and gathering resources and potential families for Santa to visit.
- V. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of Island County Fire District #3's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
  - a. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Regular Meeting October 14, 2010
  - b. Finance Officer's Reports
  - c. Monthly Vouchers –
    - i. Payroll Warrants \$51,039.76
    - ii. Vol. Points - \$77,305.38
    - iii. Vendor Warrants \$98,253.51
  - d. Chief's Report
  - e. Resolution 2010-13 – Canceling Warrant

Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the additional warrants of \$10,908.70; Motion carried.

- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. 2011 Budget –

The Board thanked the staff for declining the 3% salary increases that were proposed for 2011.

Discussions regarding the pending FEMA Grant financed boat and the public's perception of the District followed.

If the grant is awarded to the Port of South Whidbey (the Port) and the Fire District and the boat is purchased, questions involving the operations and maintenance of said boat still need answers. Chief Palmer was directed to set up a meeting with the Port to discuss an interlocal agreement involving the grant, boat, mooring, etc.

Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the 2011 Requested Expense Budget of \$2,610,553.42. Commissioner Helland moved to amend the motion to include a contingency upon the approval of the FEMA Grant for the boat and an interlocal agreement with Port and ICFD3; motions carried. The Requested Budget is now the Proposed 2011 Budget to be finalized in January 2012.

As the struggle on the current budget has reflected, by 2012 the District's expenses will surpass the revenue at the present levy rate. Many revenue options need to be explored to keep the District's long term plan on track in the current economy.

In preparing the survey designed to assist the District in planning for the future and fulfilling its constituents' needs, one of the issues brought forward by the marketing committee is the District's name(s). The District has adopted many names over the years, this has resulted in confusion of who/what the District is and does. Island County Fire District #3, Island County Fire Protection District #3, South Whidbey Fire, South Whidbey Fire & Rescue, Freeland Fire Department, etc. needs a unifying front.

- i. Annual Trustees Plan Health Care Application – Chairman Simmons signed the application.
- ii. Resolution 2010-12 - Substantial Need Declared – Assessors Office report the resolution is not needed this year. No action taken.

- VII. New Business - Nil
- VIII. Announcements - Nil
- IX. Varia – Nil
- X. Executive Session – Nil
- XI. Action taken as result of Executive Session – Nil
- XII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Paula Schuler  
District Secretary