

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 3 September 1970

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.00 P.M. at the Clinton fire station.

Commissioners present: David C. Henny  
Lloyd S. Capp

Minutes of the last meeting on 6 August 1970 read, and approved as read.

Current bills from the firms and individuals listed the reverse side this sheet, and in the total amount of \$ 1901.30 are on hand and examined. Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried.

Under new business Chief Hunter brings the matter of the need for new doors and hardware in the Ezeeland station, stating that the present doors are too heavy and hard to open as they were the doors which were in the station when it was at Whiteacres and when the station was moved to the present location he lengthened them by putting a 2-x 6 on each edge of door which made them very heavy to open. The springs and other hardware on them are obsolete in type and not used any more.

Hunter is instructed to get prices on new doors and electric openers for consideration a little later.

Hunter also says it would be desirable to also put in equipment to open the doors turn on the station lights and operate the station siren all by radio at the time an alarm is put out to the firemen. This would result in faster response-time to an alarm.

Another item of new business is brought up by the Chief, which is the blacktopping of the area between the parking apron and the County road at both the Clinton and Maxwellton stations. He says there is need for this to facilitate keeping the stations clean inside. Cost of this would run around \$ 3000 per square yard, and he estimates it would run about \$ 300.00 per station. Mr. Henny and Hunter measure the area in front of the station at 20 x 50 feet.

Mr. Capp makes motion that the Chief be authorized to go ahead with this project and contact Emmett Kramer regarding the work, seconded by Mr. Henny, carried.

The budget for the year 1971 is now considered. The Island County Assessor has advised the secretary that the assessed valuation for the fire district for 1971 is approximately \$ 30,938,438.00. This is double what it would be under the former method of taxing at 25 % and is at 50% which is now required by law. the millage of 2.4 mills which is the former rate would be halved or 1.2 mills. The assessor also advises that due to the repealing of the freeze law there would be an approximate increase of 25 % of the above millage or .3 of one mill, making it 1.5 mills. At this rate the income from the above valuation would be \$ 45,057.65. for the expense fund.

In the G.O. bond fund \$ 19,500.00 will be needed in 1971 to pay bonds of \$15,000.00 and interest of \$ 4,500.00 There will be a carry over to this fund from 1970 of approximately \$ 6,245.00 so there will be needed at least \$ 13,500.00 of taxes to be even, leaving no surplus for contingencies therefore the millage should be such as to permit of some reserve in the fund.

There was further discussion relative to the budget and it was felt that in the light of the rising costs of operation the expense fund should be increased by up to 10 % over 1970 budget.

The capitol outlay fund should show a considerable increase as there are several unfinished projects which should be completed next year. The capitol outlay fund for expenditure purposes is included in the expense fund, so the total expense fund will show an increase greater in percent than the 5 to 10 % listed above.

\$ 5,000.00 will be budgeted into the reserve fund.

Inasmuch as the next regular Commissioner meeting will be on the first day of October the budget will be finalized and completed in time to deliver to the proper County agencies at the court house before the first Monday in the month.

The meetings business is concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8.30

*Marion E. Hunter*  
Marion E. Hunter, secretary  
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