

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, DECEMBER 5, 1974

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Assistant Chief Berkeland	"
	Joseph H. Long	Battalion Chief Gabelein	"

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Hunter in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the last meeting of November 7, 1974 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$25,669.13 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Now there was a brief discussion in regard to the payments on the new truck which will cost approximately \$45,000.00 equipped.

The Chairman now reports that the time and dollar cost for the gasoline tanker upset alarm amounted to approximately \$390.00 extra above payment for a regular alarm, and approximately \$ 495.00 including the first alarm. This item is for firemen reimbursement. He feels this is quite excessive in view of the fact that the incident occurred in District 5. The Chief feels that District 5 did not have the manpower on the scene at this time to handle this problem.

Fireman Ed Nelson now arrives at 7:30 P.M.

The Chief reports on the meeting on Camano Island re the proposed fire code for the County. They would like to be excluded from the code, which is not possible, feeling that this should be a State responsibility.

Discussion now turns to the recent meeting of the County Commissioners to discuss and set the County budget for 1975. The Assessors office was reduced in the budget and the Assesor reports that he will not be able to enter the new construction on the tax rolls for 1976, but probably would be able to for 1977, which would result in a delay of revenue for all County departments. He reports that in District 3 only the new Thriftway store was added for 1975 taxes.

The Assesor also reports that the County Treasurer will not be able to process the tax statements as fast as formerly, and will also be slower in recording tax receipts, due to a cut in salary budget. This will result in slowing up of cash records for taxing districts. The Treasurer also will not be able to follow up as readily on collecting unpaid taxes.

It is also reported that, due to a recent law, the Assessors office must get a report from fire departments in the County on fire losses affecting tax values of property. This matter is turned over to the Chief, to carry through on these reports to the Assessors office.

Chief Erikson now reports that the American Legion is promoting the purchase of decals for residence windows and doors, which will indicate to fire department or rescue personel that a home might shelter either children or invalids. These

decals, by the letters on them, to identify the above in case of emergency, especially by fire. The Legion hopes to receive help from several organizations, including the fire service, to pay for and distribute the decals to appropriate homes, etc. The firemen in the departments could be enlisted to do this, preferably installing them with permission from the occupants.

The cost of these decals is reported at \$115.00 per thousand.

The Commissioners feel this is a very worthy and needful cause, and instruct the Chief to look further into the problem, and that the District will probably pay any balance of cost over what other groups will pay.

While on the subject of decals or stickers the Chairman says he feels that fire alarm numbers should be placed on every phone. Mr. Henry of the telephone company has resisted this idea in the past when approached re this matter. The Chief is requested to check into this.

It is reported that a commission has been set up to check into a 9-11 emergency reporting system for Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan and Island Counties.

The Chairman reports that he talked with Commissioners from three Snohomish County fire Districts at the annual Conference re the 9-11 central dispatch they are using. Their answers were, not too satisfactory at present but given time, the bugs will be ironed out and it may be alright.

The Chairman now reports that he feels, perhaps some time in the near future, the District should explore the possibility of acquiring a better copier, one which would be less costly to operate, and faster to use. *Copier*

The Chief now reads correspondence from Pierce Manufacturing re the new truck and minor changes and additions. The contract price is \$39,828.60 for the truck and there will be some added costs in the amount of \$696.67 including an error of \$100.00 in computing the sales tax.

The Chief reports he will leave on the 10th for Appleton, Wisconsin to pick up the truck. He will take along the copy of the specs to check against the truck as built. It has been recommended that he call the Pierce factory before leaving, to be sure the truck is ready.

Under visitor comments Mr. Berkeland reports a good turnout at Saratoga station. William Clark is now the Battalion Chief and Ray Reis is Captain in that station.

The business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Ella E. Hunter
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*End 1974 Examination
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