

Henny re alarm center design

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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 7 January, 1971

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

Commissionees present: David C. Henny  
Lloyd S. Capp  
Joseph H. Long

Minutes of the last meeting on 3 December 1970 read and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2226.63 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers for same signed. Carried.

The secretary reported that there was a little difficulty in the payment for services to the various district departments for the year 1970, in that it could not be paid just to the department without naming the various men in the departments and the amounts to be paid to each, and a separate warrant be issued to each man. An alternate method was to get the signature of each man on a payroll sheet with the amounts due him, and a statement on the sheet that the warrant then was to go to the department, which would be one warrant. There had not been time to use the latter method so the secretary used the first.

There was now some discussion relative to the taxes for the coming year, millage etc. The millage set by the county commissioners was 1.57 for the expense fund and .65 for the G.O. bond fund for a total of 2.22 mills based on a 50 % of real value. This will be \$ 46,160.35 and \$ 19,524.98 for the expense fund and the G.O. bond funds respectively.

Under new business the Chief asks for an increase of \$ 50.00 per month for himself and \$ 100.00 per month for the alarm dispatcher.

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the Chief be granted this raise.

Relative to the raise for the dispatcher there was some further discussion. It is conceded that the amount was not excessive in light of the fact there was in return 24 hour per day service for every day in the year, on the part of the dispatcher. Mr. Henny indicated that for this amount of money the Whidbey Telephone Company might be interested. Mr. Capp voiced thought that at some later time the District perhaps could handle it at one of the stations by several personnel. Hunter reported that Snohomish County Fire District one had used this method for years and had had cost rises to nearly \$ 30,000.00 per year, and about two years ago had contracted with Mountlake Terrace to handle their dispatching at a saving of \$ 14,000.00 to \$ 15,000.00 per year. Terrace dispatches their own fire department, police department and Brier's police department. Question was voiced as to how Island Co. Fire Dist. 5 handled their alarms and Hunter said it was through the Sherrifs department, but that the Sheriff would like to discontinue it, but at present they had no alternative. The Oak Harbor Police department dispatcher handle fire alarms for Island County Fire District No 2 and Oak Harbor. It was pointed out that this fire district <sup>(3)</sup> actually has four dispatchers at disposal now, Mrs. Baty, Mr. Baty, the Chief's wife and the Chief. It was also pointed out that one of the reasons for the present system was that the previous method of using the telephone operators was not entirely

satisfactory.

Hunter voices the thought that the telephone operators would not want to monitor all the traffic on the radio frequency in order not to miss any of the mobile units calling in at an unexpected time. This would be necessary to be entirely satisfactory from the fire operating end.

Mr. Capp voiced the thought, what if the dispatcher should suddenly decide she was going to quit the next day, what would the district do? The Chief replied that this was not a possibility and with a satisfactory pay rate there would be ~~even~~ a less one.

The gist of the discussion was that any alternate methods should be explored, in the event of any eventualities which might come up.

Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the raise of \$ 100.00 per month be granted, carried.

Under further new business, the Chief states he believes it is in order to consider the purchase of a car for the chief's job and dispose of one of the present two Dodge pickups the District has. Both are 1954 models, one with 72000 miles on it and the other with 32000 miles. Only one is needed as a service car for general use and maintenance. The District can buy under the Washington State buyers contract, which would be quite a sum less than the price usually paid.

Mr. Henny suggests the possibility of getting a station wagon which could be used as an emergency conveyance for an injured person if the need arose. The secretary is instructed to get the information in regard to this method of purchase and have it available at the next meeting.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 8.45

*Marion E. Hunter*

Marion E. Hunter, secretary  
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