

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

Hot line

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 9, 1965

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Capp at 7.00 P.M. at the meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayview.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lloyd S. Capp  
David C. Henny  
Joseph H. Long

This meeting had been postponed from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February til this date because of the absense of the secretary ME Hujter, he being away to California to deliver the new truck for Clinton, from the Crown Coach Corporation plant in Los Angeles.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Commissioners on January 7, read and approved as read.

County Treasurers report is on hand, and shows a balance of \$1438.60 on hand as of January 31 with warrants in the amount of \$137.81 outstanding.

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Vouchers for the firms and individuals named and listed on the reverse side of this sheet were for current bills, were examined and Mr. Long made motion seconded by Mr. Henny that the bills be allowed and the vouchers signed, carried.

The Chief had the new truck at the office and the Commissioners ~~examined~~ <sup>(examined)</sup> same previous to starting the meeting.

The secretary had a letter from the Whidbey Telephone Company which was read. The letter was a result of a conversation the Chief had with Mr. Henny, manager of the telephone company, relative to the possibility of putting a recorder on the emergency line at the telephone company switch board. This would be in furtherance of an effort to eliminate as much as possible the possibility of error in receiving firealarms. The letter stated that it would be possible to put in a hot line to the Hunter home at Midvale, on which fire alarms could be received directly by the fire department from persons calling an alarm. This ~~separate~~ line would be activated by the simple act of the operator plugging in on this line at any time anyone called in and mentioned fire or the need to sound an alarm. The fire department then taking the alarm would instruct the telephone operator which fire departments to call. This would be placing the responsibility for calling the various stations with the fire department and thus relieving the phone operators of all responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Henny disqualified himself from taking any part in the actions of the fire Commissioners, leaving it to Mr. Capp and Mr. Long, who are a majority. He stated he now was only representing the Whidbey Telephone Company. He further went to explain that there were as many as 12 or 15 operators who might be taking fire alarms at various times and that the times could be far between, resulting in their possibly becoming rusty in handling an alarm, in spite of their intensive training in this respect. He also felt that in centralizing the control of alarms at ~~one~~ the radio control point which has been handling the alarms aftr the first initial alarm, it would result in more effective results. The radio control is usually manned by one of only these persons. This centralizing we would hope would bring closer control of dispatching.

Another point is that a recorder could be placed on this hot line at the dispatch point very easily. The recorder would eliminate the errors which could happen at the receiving end of the alarm.

The matter was discussed at length, and the consensus of thoughts was that this would be desirable, that is, the entire change, not just the recorder alone.

After this discussion Mr. Capp made motion, seconded by Mr. Long that this plan be adopted and the hot line be installed to Midvale, carried.

This concluded the business for the evening, and meeting was adjourned at 8.30 P.M.

  
SECRETARY

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