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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, MARCH 3, 1977

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

Commissioners present: Marion E. Hunter Kenneth G. McClellan

Chief Erikson Batt. Chief Gabelein Jim Fridlund of RCA Will Surface

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The Chairman dispensed with reading of the minutes of the last meeting of February 3, 1977. They stand approved as written.

Current bills in the amount of \$4,578.22 are on hand. In examining the vouchers it is noted in the one to Lumber "Jack's" there are three items, a Ketex dispenser, a case of Kotex and a Kotex receptacle in the amount of \$125.21 including tax. Discussion reveals that these items would be installed in the Maxwelton station. Further disclosure shows there may be a need only at time of election board use, which could be up to four times a year. After further discussion it is felt by both the Chairman and Mr. McClellan that there can be a less expensive solution to the problem if indeed there is a problem. Therefore these items will be deleted from this voucher with the approval of the remaining items. Mr. McClellan now makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter that the vouchers be approved with the above correction and signed, carried unanimously.

There are applications from two men for admittance to the fire department. They are Merlin L. Carter for the Bayview station and Harold R. Moore for the Clinton station. These men are acceptable and the applications are signed by the Commissioners.

Under correspondence the Secretary reads a letter from Wm. G. Graff, Architect on acceptance of the Bayview station and a letter from Kehle & Hawley stating that when our present insurance expises we can no longer get this coverage with them, but that Bill Kehle, who has been handling our coverage has associated himself with Alexander & Alexander, Inc. and that he can handle our insurance needs through them. Kehle & Hawley will continue to handle the Franchise Group Life program and the AD & D program.

Attention now turns to the opening of bids received by the Secretary for a new radio base station. Only one bid has been received, and that from RCA who is represented by Jim Fridlund, who is present in the meeting. The bid price is \$4,550.00 plus tax. This includes a base station of 350 watt capacity, 1 remote control console with microphone and complete installation. There is now discussion and Mr. Fridlund points out the advantages of the RF pre amplifier for the receiver at an additional cost of \$50.00. There is further discussion and questioning of Mr. Fridlund relative to the entire installation etc. At the end of the discussion Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter to accept the RCA bid at \$4,550.00 plus the RF pre amplifier option at \$50.00 for a total cost of \$4,600.00 plus tax, carried unanimously.

As attention is turned to other matters the Chairman suggests a freeze on spending from the Bond Fund for any new items at any of the stations except to complete the unfinished projects at the Bayview station. When these projects are completed the amount of Bond money left and available will be known. Mr. McClellan concurs.

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It is now suggested by the Commissioners to the Chief that he get together with the Saratoga firemen relative to an open house at their station.

In the Chiefs report he points out the water drainage problem at the Bayview station. At present the water drains to the south onto Mrs. Gabeleins property, which she does not want. Most of this water is coming from the property to the east of the station lot, namely Verlane Gabelein & Sterba property. It is entering the fire station property on the north side next to the road and on the east side approximately 40 feet from the south line. It is felt that when the drainage water problem from the other properties is resolved, the actual drainage from the fire station property will not be large. Mr. Hunter suggests that with the good percolation of the soil this water can be handled by a storm drain and a below ground gravel and rock sump located toward the rear of the parking lot.

Attention is now turned to the News Media coverage of Fire District activities. In a recent issue of the Whidbey Island Record there was erroneous information to the effect that the District headquarters was moved to the Bayview station, while in fact it is still in the Clinton station.

There is discussion relative to this and the matter of financial information release to the news media.

Mr. Hunter says that while the Chief has moved his office to the Bayview station he sees no need for the District office or Commissioner meetings to be changed. Mr. McClellan agrees stating that he is satisfied with keeping the District headquarters at Clinton.

In the matter of finances the Record disclosed some figures which were not entirely accurate, and some of which the Commissioners did not wish to publicize at this time.

It is felt that it should be clarified as to who shall release information to the press.

Mr. McClellan says he feels in matters pertaining to Fire Department activities, fires, etc. should be handled by the Chief, but anything in connection with District business, such as financial information, etc. should be taken care of by the District Secretary. Mr. Hunter agrees.

The Chief reports that he got a desk and chairs for the Bayview station.

The Chairman now asks for visitor comments. Gary Gabelein and Will Surface both say they have none.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:21 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary Island County Fire Protection District No 3