

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

Bonds must
by Hunter

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Budget

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 2, 1965

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Capp at 7.15 at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayveiw.

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

Minutes of the last meeting, on August 5 read and approved as read.

Island County Treasurers report is on hand and shows a balance of \$ 3139.76 on hand as of July 31 with warrnats in the amount of \$ 82.80 outstanding.

Vouchers for current bills in the amounts shown and to the named firms and individuals, and listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined, and Mr Henny makes motion seconded by Mr. Long, and unanimously carried that they be approved and signed. The total amount of all vouchers is \$ 636.65

Mr. Henny reports that he had looked at the lot for radio station and it looked very good.

Mr. Henny reports that he would like to have a battallion chief or even a fireman or two from one of the fire departments attend the meetings of the Commissioners each month. This was discussed and Hunter was requested to contact several of the men each month and invite them to attend, suggesting mailing them a post card. Hunter said he had repeatedly invited the men in the various stations to attend these meetings but, because of lack of response had gotten discouraged and more less given up. He now said he would contact them personally again and try and get some of them to attend.

The Chief was asked about the condition of the various trucks. He had on hand a progress report on the Ford which is temporarily at the Maxwellton station, and also a report on the GMC which normally stationed there. The report on the Ford shows a total of 24 separate Items repaired, ~~25~~ or altered and that the truck is now in good condition for some time to come. Addition of a revolving light on top of the cab would be desirable. The report on the GMC shows a total of 36 Items to change or repair, of which 32 are accomplished.

Mr. Capp asks about antifreeze in the trucks. Hunter says he keeps a book record on the antifreeze in trucks and tries to change it each two years. Also that the trucks are all protected.

Hunter also says when time will permit, he intends to install a card or book file for each truck showing all operations performed on each truck so that it will be a permanent record, but that at present there are many unfinished jobs to do and there is not enough time for too many more detail jobs yet.

Hunter says that he is accomplishing three separate jobs for the district, namely secretary, maintenance, and the organizational work, which to date has been somewhat neglected. He reports that to date this year he has been putting in almost 46 hours per week on the job and that he feels he is earning his pay, inasmuch as other departments in other places compare to this one pay their chief from \$ 500 per month and up for less jobs.

The chief now reports on the need to improve our base station output. He reports that in June when Mr. McCurdy of the Plectron company checked the output of our base station he found it putting out only 36 watts of power. This, Hunter found is not sufficient power to activate the Plectron receivers at Bush Point, or at Saratoga. It is enough to work the receivers at the other locations fine.

The question of a conditional sales contract to pay for the encoder and five receivers we have at present is discussed. Hunter has the contract on hand, having received it by mail the day before from Mr. Larry Alden of Alden Equipment Co.

The need for the receivers is discussed, and Hunter restates that he feels that it is a need which will have to be met eventually, and that this only a start, toward a complete system. Mr. Henny asks if the district buys these receivers will the company then come out very shortly with another which will make these receivers obsolete. Hunter answers that they now have another receiver which would be more desirable. It is transistorized has a self contained battery and switch, which will automatically switch over in case of a 120 volt power failure, and can also be used in a car or, as a portable. The price of this receiver is \$ 174.50, which is \$ 65.00 more than the present receivers we now have.

Mr. Henny says he thinks there is still a need for larger sirens, at least at the Freeland location.

Hunter says he is not advocating eliminating sirens by recommending receivers, but that the two would work together to further improve alarm receiving.

Mr. Long now makes a motion and Mr. Capp seconds, that the district enter into this sales contract for the purchase of one base station encoder and five sentry model receivers. The total time price is \$ 879.78 including freight and sales tax. The finance charged will be \$ 59.59 making a total time price of \$ 939.37 of which \$ 430.80 will be paid in April 1966, and the balance of \$ 508.57 to be paid in April of 1967. Motion is passed and all commissioners sign the contract, a copy of which becomes a part of these minutes.

Hunter reported that a man who has a home at Lagoon Point and who works at Communications Systems Inc. Ingalsbe by name is going to bring over to Hunter some meters to check the radio base station to verify the Plectron mans findings. Ingalsbe also says that RCA has at sometimes, factory reconditioned base stations which they will sell for 50 to 60 % of new price, with new warranty.

Hunter says he believes that an increase in power from our base station is desirable along with the move to a higher, better location, in the interest of better reception by inexperienced volunteer firemen, and it would be advisable to look into these base stations.

Hunter also reports that King County Fire District No 4 is installing a new base station along with a new alarm headquarters about the first of the year and that they will then get about three bids for the old station, tower and antenna from three companies for this and then sell this equipment to a district or department who needs radio for the best of these offers. He also states that an Earl Woodford who has a summer home at mutiny bay is one of the commissioners of King County Dist 4.

BONDS
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Hunter again mentions the possibility of a bond issue on the ballot at the next election, as he still feels that it should be done to take care of the capitol needs of the district. Some discussion but no personal or district commitments.

Hunter brings up the matter of routing of alarms directly through the telephone office to fire alarms headquarters via the hot line, instead of through the operator. Mr. Henny feels it would be better to route them through the district phone of 5209 so as not to tie up the hot line.

Mr. Camp says he thinks that most people still would go through the operator by dialling her when turning in an alarm. There is still discussion but no action taken. Mr. Henny states ~~this~~ is his thinking, but he will do as the district wishes in the matter.

Referring back to earlier discussion in the meeting ~~Hunter says that~~ relative to publicity, and contacting firemen to attend meetings, Hunter stated that for a while in the past the Whidbey Island Record, in their column, 'Whats doing on South Whidbey' listed the meetings of the District Commissioners, and then dropped them and had not mentioned them for a long time now. Mr. Henny volunteered to contact Mr. Comstock and request that the meetings be included in this column in the Record.

The meeting is now concluded at 9.15

Marion E. Hunter

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

PS: The budget for 1966 is considered, and resolution # 40 is adopted, in the total amount of \$ 19,215.00 for the year. This budget resolution becomes a part of the minutes of this meeting of September 2, 1966.

Marion E. Hunter

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

ALDEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 12531 Bothell Way N.E., Seattle, Washington, herein called Seller, and ISLAND COUNTY F. P. D. #3, address ROUTE 1, CLINTON in the County of ISLAND, State of WASHINGTON, herein called the Buyer, agree as follows:

Seller hereby agrees to sell to Buyer and Buyer hereby agrees to buy from Seller at the price and on the terms and conditions herein set forth, the following property, together with its equipment and attachments, and acceptance of which is hereby acknowledged by Buyer, to-wit:

Type of Equipment ALERTING SYSTEM Make or trade name PLECTRON
Purchase price of property exclusive of interest and all other charges \$836.95
Sales tax \$35.95 Total Cash Purchase Price \$879.78 including freight
Cash payment ----- Deferred balance \$879.78 Finance Charges \$59.59
Total Time Balance \$939.37

Purchaser agrees to pay said Total Time Balance in 81 payments of \$430.80 ~~each~~ APRIL for 1966 and a final payment of \$508.57, said payment to be paid on the APRIL of each 1967 beginning ----- or as follows:

All payments hereunder shall be made by Purchaser at ALDEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY or its assigns, with interests thereon, after due date thereof at the highest rate permitted by law. If Buyer should at anytime require an extension of time on unpaid balance, it shall be by mutual agreement between Buyer and Seller and interest rate not to exceed 6% per annum.

Title to and ownership of said property shall be and remain in Seller until the purchase price and interest shall be fully paid and shall then pass to and vest in Buyer.

Buyer shall keep said property in good order and repair and make all necessary renewals and replacements.

Buyer shall not use or permit said property to be used for any illegal or unlawful purpose, or for hire, and shall not permit said property to be taken out of the State of Buyer's residence without Seller's written consent.

In case suit or action is instituted to collect any unpaid balance due under this agreement, or to recover said property, Buyer shall pay all statutory costs and disbursements allowable in such suit or action, and, in addition, such further sum as the Court may adjudge reasonable for attorney's fees in such suit or action, together with all costs and charges incurred by Seller.

Executed in quadruplicate, this 2nd day of SEPTEMBER 1965.

Alden Equipment Co.
Seller

Larry Alden

Buyer

Lloyd S Capp
Joseph W. Long
David A. Henry