

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 6 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.00 P.M. at the District office at station # 2 Clinton.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on 2 December 1971 read, and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2551.72 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 paid, carried and vouchers signed.

The County Treasurers report for the month of November is on hand and shows taxes in the amount of \$ 6387.59 collected for the expense fund and warrants outstanding in the amount of \$276.40 leaving a net ballance of \$ 14905.92 as of the 30 th. The G.O. bond fund shaows taxes in the amount of \$2656.62 collected for a balance of \$14786.99 \$ 10000.00 which was invested has been added with interest of \$213.37 for a total net balance of \$22,343.74 \$15,000.00 in bonds with \$2250.00 interest is due 1 December and when deducted will leave a net balance of \$ 5093.74

Under new business the secretary reccomends that the Commissioners write a letter to the Fire Commissioners state office exacutive secretary in regard to certain legislation regarding the State Fire Commission in which exception shall be made to some of the wording in the bill, namely in the places where the word implement is used this shall be sticken and the word reccomend substituted. There is further discussion regarding this and the secretary is instructed to draft the letter for the Commissioners signatures, and forward to the State office.

Under further new business the secretary says it is time again to appoint a District Chief. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that Chief Hunter be reappointed for coming two years, carried.

Chief Hunter now orally says he is resigning his position as of the 30th of April which is four months away. Says he will present a formal letter of resignation at the February Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Henny asks regarding his reasons for resigning. Hunter says he has been with the department since 1953 and has been District Chief since 27 April 1954. Mr. Henny asks Hunter his age, and Hunter answers with a counter question of how old Mr. Henny thinks he is. Mr. Henny replies 55. Hunter thanks him and says he is 69. Says he feels that after working for 55 years or since January of 1917 he would like to slow down a bit and not continue the responsibility of the Chiefs job, and also feels a younger man would be better suited for the job. Says he still will and can do any job he would expect of any of the firemen, has enjoyed the job, putting his all into it over the years, but would prefer someone else to do the investigating and the leg work in the middle of the night when these calls come, although he would still like to turn out to fires but not under the pressure of the Chief job.

Hunter now says he has several reccomendations., One , that he stay on as District secretary at a salary of \$ 125.00 per month. This is to supplement his social security and small State firemens pension as this is all the income he will have for his support. Also he feels he is still well qualified for the job which he has

held for eighteen years.

Second recommendation is that he would like to be appointed assistant District Chief which he feels would help in the transition to a new Chief.

Third recommendation is that Orville Hunter be appointed District Chief, as he feels he is the only District fireman who has the dedication, past years of fire fighting experience, and age. He is at present Battalion chief of the Clinton fire department. He also cites his ability to get along with people. He is and has been Clinton Water District Commissioner for the past number of years and as such has been largely instrumental in upgrading that water system to the place it is now, very good.

Mr. Henny now responds to Hunters statements and remarks, saying that he feels that the Chief has done a very good job over the years, and he can understand why the Chief feels as he does about wanting to retire from the job to less strenuous activities. Hunter had said that he and his wife had bought motorbikes to ride and would like more time to enjoy them. Mr. Henny says he also has a motorbike and enjoys taking it over trails etc.

Mr. Henny also said he could endorse the idea of making Hunter the District secretary, but felt the three Commissioners should get together again and discuss the matter of appointing a Chief. In this the Chief said he felt it was a matter he thought should be resolved as early as possible, and not prolong it very long. During this time he will be very much concerned, and would like to be relieved of the uncertainty of not knowing. Also in fairness to Orville Hunter, if he should be chosen he should know as soon as possible in order to get his affairs in line for the change.

The Chief had stated he had gone over the list of volunteer firemen often and could arrive at no other recommendation for a replacement, from the department, and felt it is not good to import one from outside.

Mr. Henny asked the other Commissioners to make their comments relative to these developments. Mr. Capp and Mr. Long each replied that they could see no reason why Hunters request to continue on as secretary wouldnt be satisfactory. They also concurred in Mr. Hennys statements regarding Hunters service to the Fire District over the years.

There was a short further discussion and the session is ended and meeting adjourned at 8.30

  
Marion E. Hunter, secretary  
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