

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, JUNE 3, 1976

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:04 P. M.

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Joseph H. Long	Instructor Baty	"
	Kenneth G. McClellan	Batt. Chief Gabelein	"
		Carl Simmons	"

Minutes of last meeting of May 6, 1976 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$5,774.24 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Mr. Nelson arrives at 7:25 P. M.

Carl Simmons now asks the Commissioners to choose the color of the Olympic stain to be used on the Saratoga station addition and the Bayview station. After discussion it is decided to use Seafoam green.

Jim Fridland, with R. C. A. Radio in Bellevue arrives at 7:35 P. M. and the Chairman introduces him to all present.

Discussion now returns to the building program. Mr. Hunter reports that Mr. Graff called him in regard to the Bayview station plans and so far he has not been able to get together with Mr. Hinchey of the County Building Department to get the permit approved for this station.

In discussion with Mr. Simmons in regard to the Saratoga station on extras added to the original plans, the Commissioners agree to putting in new windows in the existing part of the building, with two windows in the truck bay, a six foot window in the meeting room in place of the present four foot window, ventilators in top and bottom of hose tower, conduit to top of hose tower for electric wiring to operate siren, and insulation and plasterboard in hose tower.

Mr. Simmons says he needs three sets of plans for the Bayview station. The Secretary informs him that as she will be going to Coupeville on Friday, June 4, she will pick these up from Mr. Graff and deliver them to him.

Attention is now turned to radio and a lengthy discussion is carried on. Mr. Fridland is asked as to a range of prices on mobile radios and he quotes a list price of \$1,195.00 for their top line units. These are 100 W. output units with 4 frequency capability with 1 frequency in. The net difference between this unit and the 70 W. output unit is around \$60.00 to \$70.00. Mr. Fridland recommends the higher powered units for the small amount of difference in cost. The Chief verifies there is a need for 4 mobile units. This will place the cost above the minimum for buying without going to the bidding process. Mr. Fridland now explains the bidding process. He also states to specify in the advertisement for bids for the price to be F. O. B. Clinton and top of the line units for all bidders as the price ranges he has quoted are R. C. A. top line units.

There is some discussion regarding frequency stability, warrantees, etc.

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Mr. Fridland names the top of the line units as being Motorola Micor, G. E. Master 11 And R. C. A. ML1000.

Mr. Hunter feels there is a serious need for a new base station, placing the one presently in use on a backup standby basis, with quick change over controls.

Mr. Fridland is asked as to prices of these units. He quotes a list price of \$3,870.00 for the 330 W. unit and a list price of \$2,115.00 for the 110 W. unit. These are with a 67" indoor standard cabinet and single frequency with two frequency capability. Optional meter panel would be \$150.00 extra for either unit.

Delivery time on any radio equipment would be from 8 to 12 weeks after receipt of order at factory.

In discussing base station power output needs the Chief reports three weak spots in reception. These are at Sandy Point, Fox Spit and Bush Point.

There is some further discussion relative to reception throughout the area and the radio business is now concluded, Mr. Fridland is thanked for his attendance at the meeting and now takes his leave at 9:30 P. M.

The Chief now presents a revised training schedule for the Commissioners consideration and it is discussed at some length. He reports the officers and firemen are in favor of this program. The Chief also feels a new fireman should be on probation until he has passed an appropriate training program satisfactorily.

There is much discussion around the room, with several thoughts dominant: attendance at training classes and drills, satisfactory passing of examinations, officers having Advanced First Aid training, etc.

Training Officer Baty reports that men who need the training least are the ones who do train, and those most in need of training do not take it and seem not interested. He feels to continue as a fireman compulsory attendance should be required, plus a certain number of hours of training required per year.

Battalion Chief Gabelein feels Battalion Chiefs should be trained in specific field of operation and exchange stations for training, etc.

Mr. Hunter feels Battalion Chiefs should train in all areas of operation and instruct in own station instead of rotating around, with occasional exchange on a voluntary basis. Chief Erikson agrees with this. Mr. Hunter also feels the training officer should carry on a training program on a rotating basis at the District stations, in this way getting around to each station once each month to six weeks. In the meantime Battalion Chiefs to carry out drills and refreshers on what Chief Instructor has presented.

Mr. McClellan feels all Battalion Chiefs should be able to take instructors course. He also states that he would like for the firemen to all have badges at a future time when finances permit.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 10:55 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter

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