

*Bonds.*      *Re Hunter's salary*  
**7 BONDS**

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS MARCH 3, 1966

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

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

Minutes of the meeting of February 3, read and approved as read.

Bills from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet and in the amount of \$ 1201.07 are examined, and Mr. Henny moves, seconded by Mr. Long that the bills be allowed and vouchers be approved and signed. Carried unanimously.

The secretary now mentions that a Chief should have been appointed in January, for the district for the next two years, but, that he had forgotten the matter at the January and February meetings, and it should now be taken care of.

Mr. Long now makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that Chief Hunter be reappointed for the next two years. Carried.

The Chief now reports relative <sup>to</sup> the parking situation in front of the Clinton fire station. He says that he had called Mr. Gordon Simmons regarding the situation, and Simmons had cleared the drive way in the front of the station, and had placed a small marker at the corner of the drive way, and since then, (11th) of February, there had not been any cars parked on the drive way. The Chief offers the opinion that there probably would not be any trouble in this manner for some time to come. The Chief also has several snap shots which he took on February 10, showing the bad parking condition in front of the Clinton station at that time before Simmons cleared up the area.

The consideration now turns to the subject of; shall the Fire District put a general obligation bond issue on the ballot next fall. The Chief has some figures on hand which he presents as the minimum capital needs for the District for the next ten years. They total \$ 98,550.00 Included in the list are the following major items;

Pay balance of the Freeland and Clinton trucks	\$ 21,200
1 new pumper truck	18,000
1 new tanker truck	12,000
Lot and new station at Maxwellton	11,000
Lot and station at Clinton	18,500
60 alerting receivers for volunteer firemen	10,000
1 new radio base station	2,000
Spare hose	3,000
Turnout clothes (pants and boots for 60 men)	2,100
1 new 5 HP siren for Freeland	750

The question of how best to present the bond program to the district voters during the interim time before election time was discussed at length. Several thoughts were presented but no specific recommendations made. It is felt that in the main the voters would consider the bonds as to whether they were needed and vote yes or no accordingly, etc. As to the amounts for each item it is felt that, the facts and figures

+ Volunteer firemen pay

should be available to those who desired to know, but to not use them as part of the main reasons for the bond issue.

Mr. Capp asks the other commissioners if they felt that the program should be carried to the ballot, and they were \* unanimously in agreement that it should.

Mr. Long asked the question: 'what would the expense fund money presently being used for capitol purposes and which would be released from this use if a bond issue is passed, be used for?' The Chief states that he feels he should be entitled to a raise in salary of at least \$ 100 per month, and that Mrs. Baty who mans the radio and alarm center a majority of the time is entitled to a salary of \$ 100 per month. These two items would require approximately \$2500 per year. Also no fire insurance is carried on any of the fire stations at present, and a release of expense funds would provide for this item. + A pay program of some sort for the volunteer firemen could be instituted. Mr. Long also suggests that perhaps some maintenance jobs now performed by the Chief might be done by someone else who could be paid for the job.

The question of how large a bond issue to put on the ballot was talked over and not decided as to whether it should be \$ 100,000 or \$ 125,000.

Mr. Capp requests the Secretary to write to Mr. Jim Gay a bond attorney in Seattle whom Mr. Terry Thompson recommended and explain what the District has in mind and request advice from him, and what he would do to help.

The next move is to decide on the size of bond issue and employ a bond attorney to draw up the resolution to legalize the proceedings needed to go ahead on the proposition.

The discussions are now ended and it is moved to adjourn at 9.30

*Marion E. Hunter*  
Marion E. Hunter, Secretary  
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