

**THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 18, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE: 5:30 pm

Present:

Chairman Houser
Vice Chairman Christiansen
Commissioner Dobry

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Dobry
Second: Vice Chairman Christiansen
Vote: Unanimous
Motion carried.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Houser relayed the praises Chief Heikes received from the Board at the last meeting for the excellent job in coordinating the recent burn. Both Commissioner Dobry and Vice Chairman Christiansen reiterated their praise for a job well done as well.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Vice Chairman Christiansen
Second: Commissioner Dobry
Vote: Unanimous
Motion carried.

- A. Minutes of the February 4, 2010 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- B. General Fund checks numbered # 10284 through # 10325 in the amount of \$43,057.06.
- C. Payroll # 2A in the amount of \$521,284.33.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EMS - MEDIC ONE

Commissioner Christiansen reported on the February 17, 2010 meeting.

- He reported there are several new members on the Board.
- The largest part of the meeting was an orientation for new members.
- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were held.
- There was discussion about State and National testing for EMS certification. Because of limited State testing sites, recent graduates can pursue either State or National certification.
- A task force has been assembled with CAPCOM to examine the means by which emergency response data is reported.

B. CAPCOM

No report.

C. CITY / DISTRICT LIAISON

No report. Chairman Houser plans to attend future City Council meetings to make public comment regarding Annexation.

D. NISQUALLY TRIBE

No report. Meeting was rescheduled for March 11, 2010. Commissioner Dobry, Vice Chairman Christiansen, Chief Broman and Chief Pearson will attend "Government to Government" tribal orientation on February 23rd.

E. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Vice Chairman Christiansen reported on the recent meeting of the Association.

- The Annexation bill passed a vote by the Senate and will now go to the House for approval.
- The Commissioners rejected the idea of third party fire inspections and has reverted back to inspections being conducted by the County.
- Chairman Houser reported there will be ongoing discussion about term limits. He further reported that Chief Pearson has been asked to serve on the Strength of Purpose Committee.

F. THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Commissioner Dobry reported on the meeting of February 5, 2010. Most of the meeting was administrative details: calendar, appointment of executive directors, 2010 officers were elected. Additionally, there was training on water resources management.

- Dobry reported that Request for Proposals went out for the Yelm Highway project which is expected to cost between \$3 million and \$5.5 million.

- Dobry stated that Thurston County is exploring a new tax on renewal of your automobile tag in the amount of \$20 to raise local money for local projects. This would not need voter approval but it is just in the exploratory stage at this time.
- Dobry distributed the Annual Report from *Journey's* Regional Transportation.
- Dobry reported that the Regional Transportation Improvement Board is pursuing approval to install a median cable barrier on I-5 between Martin Way and Carpenter Road.
- Dobry announced the new school safety program is called "Walk and Roll." This is the program that former Commissioner Kirkbride has been instrumental in getting underway encouraging kids to walk or ride their bike to school.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO) Membership Renewal

Houser reported the original purpose of NAEFO is both an educational and lobbying organization. The \$85 membership is essentially a donation to the organization. Chief Person reported there are several throughout the County that do participate in the Association. The Board chose not renew membership on behalf of the Commission but Chairman Houser will personally pay for his own membership in support of the Association and the work they do.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Pearson reported that he attended the public hearing for Senate Bill 6287 – the Annexation bill. Chairman Houser added that the bill has come from the Senate and has now passed the House committee.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Christiansen will not be at the next meeting due to surgery scheduled for February 25th.

Commissioner Dobry reported on the meetings of the Citizens Action Committee. They have adopted the tag line "Better Together," leading the charge with a united effort in support of Annexation. Dobry will be the liaison to Panorama City residents.

Chairman Houser added the Committee now has a PDC account set, fundraisers are being planned, informational public forums are being scheduled. Special thanks to Senator Fraser for her work in promoting the bill and keeping in moving through the Legislative process.

X. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

XI. PENDING LIST

	Item	Status
A.	Suggestion Box Proposal	Staff to develop draft.
B.	Vehicle Maintenance Program	Evaluate consultant recommendations on program.
C.	PIO Program	Develop job expectations.

XII. HEARING OF PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Erickson thanked the Board for the Legislative update on the Annexation bill. He further requested a copy of Firefighters pay scale with step increases indicated. Chairman Houser assured him he would pass his request onto Nola von Neudegg to provide him a copy at the next Board meeting – March 4th.

Commissioner Dobry reported that the Board did receive Kelly Perry's letter on behalf of the Union on the Financial Services staffing recommendation. Chairman Houser stated he appreciated his comments particularly his note about the members appreciation of their support staff and that the comments in the recommendation in no way reflect a personal value judgment on any individual.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 5:30 pm

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Secretary