

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

March 19, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE: 5:35 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Houser
Vice Chairman Christiansen
Commissioner Kirkbride

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Houser noted that a modified warrants request was distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the agenda including the modified warrants, as noted.

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

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

No comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as written with warrants modification.

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

- A. Minutes of the March 4, 2009 regular meeting of the Board.
- B. General Fund check numbers #9049 through #9097, in the amount of \$53,274.79; and, check #9098 through 9099, in the amount of \$720.09.
- C. Payroll #3A in the amount of \$383,142.06.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EMS - MEDIC ONE

Commissioner Kirkbride reported on March 18 meeting of the EMS – Medic One Council. At the meeting, there were some minor by-law changes made; a Medic One activity report was presented; budget projections were presented there was discussion about the need to raise the current levy; and there was discussion about call volume and response time and the use of Medic 6 during the twelve daytime hours it is in use.

Commissioner Kirkbride congratulated Steve & Darlene Romines for the honor they received at the recent Hero's event.

B. CAPCOM

No report.

C. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Vice Chairman Christiansen reported on the March 17 meeting. He noted that Bainbridge & Kitsap fire districts are in the process of forming a Regional Fire Authority and that Tumwater is interest in having similar conversations with us.

Christiansen further shared a letter he received from Holly Mason, South Puget Sound Community College, and her request for support of a scholarship for EMT students. Christiansen suggested the union may want to consider support of the program as well and provided them a copy of the letter.

D. THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Commission Kirkbride reported that the final list of county projects from the recent stimulus package has been published. It includes mostly small projects related to walking trails, bike routes, etc. All projects must begin construction within 120 days of March 3, 2009, when the projects were funded. The number one Lacey project is to finish Woodland Regional Trail to the Lacey Community Center.

Kirkbride further shared there is a roundtable presentation each month by a different member of the Council. He will make a presentation in May on the subject of Regional Fire Authority and is looking for an excellent speaker for the meeting.

E. District / City Liaison

Chairman Houser announced that a trial date has been set for the week of August 17, 2009. The City has requested a meeting that will take place on March 26, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Present will be the city's mayor, the city's manager, Chief Broman, Commissioner Houser and the attorneys for both parties.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consultant Study Proposal

After a thorough presentation by Commissioner Kirkbride from his research and reference checks of the two consulting firms, as directed at the last meeting, the Board voted to proceed as follows:

MOTION: To approve entering into a consulting contract with Fitch & Associates in the amount of \$49,280.00.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkbride

Second: Vice Chairman Christiansen

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Staff was directed to begin contract talks and the hiring process.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Kirkbride commented on the success of his recent presentation on behalf of the District to the Lacey Chamber of Commerce meeting. He further stated that Ken Balsley posted an excellent summary of his presentation taken primarily from the contents of the District wide letter sent to its citizens.

Kirkbride further stated that he support Vice Chairman Christiansen's suggestion about a Board retreat. Chief Broman was directed to find some possible dates for the retreat and present them at the next meeting.

Chairman Houser praised Kirkbride for his presentation to the Lacey Chamber.

X. OTHER INFORMATION

Chairman Houser noted that a letter was received by Sharon Went and directed Chief Broman to draft a response for the Board's approval and signatures.

XI. PENDING LIST

	Item	Status
A.	Suggestion Box Proposal	Policy Documents to be developed.
B.	Handbook Draft Revision 3	Policy Documents to be developed.
C.	Extended care for LEOFF 1 employees	Insurance Providers are reviewing applications.
D.	Station Security: Vehicles in Parking Lot	Assigned to Chief Broman to research alternatives and cost.
E.	Juvenile Fire setter Program	Evaluate county-wide program
F.	Maintenance Shop	Evaluate contract work for shop; Meridian Hughes has expressed interest, pending proposals to other surrounding Fire districts.

XII. HEARING OF PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Roberts encouraged the Board to continue their public education efforts about the issues facing the District. Further, he noted that he appreciates the Board's careful monitoring of the legal fees being expended during the litigation process with the City.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2009 – 5:30 pm

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Secretary