

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

September 3, 2009

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

Present:

Chairman Houser
Vice Chairman Christiansen
Commissioner Kirkbride

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: To approve the agenda as written.

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

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Broman introduced Cadet Mateusz Zajac, on a firefighter exchange from Poland through September 30, 2009.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda with corrections noted on page 2 of the August 20, 2009 meeting minutes.

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

Discussion: There was brief discussion about warrants.

- A. Minutes of the August 20, 2009 regular meeting and the August 31, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- B. General Fund checks numbered # 9764 through # 9811 in the amount of \$23,197.64.
- C. Payroll # 8B in the amount of \$516,496.80.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EMS - MEDIC ONE

No report.

B. CAPCOM

Chairman Houser distributed a breakdown of Insurance comparables from the last meeting. The information presented revealed less expensive alternatives to the current insurance coverage through the County. Since the budget is already set for 2010, staff will begin looking at rewriting the Inter Governmental Agreement and make the most cost effective recommendation for consideration in 2011.

C. THURSTON COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: To authorize Vice Chairman Christiansen to carry proxy votes for Chairman Houser and Commissioner Kirkbride at the October annual meeting in Spokane.

Motion: Chairman Houser

Second: Commissioner Kirkbride

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Houser and Kirkbride proceeded to sign the appropriate paperwork for their proxy vote.

D. THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

No report.

E. CITY / DISTRICT LIAISON

Chairman Houser presented information concerning contract elements for 2011-2014 for discussion purposes only. This is set on a 2010 base cost of \$4,826,104 for service to the City of Lacey. Houser noted additional costs beginning in 2011 over and above the base cost would include training/travel expenses, deferred maintenance costs, additional funding for ALS calls and funding for volunteer training and retention.

Extensive discussion followed about the costs of service and how best to communicate these costs to the City.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Broman presented the success rate of students enrolled in the Thurston County Medic One EMT training. He presented charts prepared by Chief Brooks that illustrated course completion data for 2002 through 2007. Two charts depicted annual and aggregate data in both bar and pie chart formats. The third chart provided greater detail regarding the underlying reasons that students did not finish the course.

Chief Broman reported that \$14,100 out of a budgeted \$15,000 has been spent from designated funds for educational incentives. Since there are some still in school, Broman requested consideration of a \$5,000 increase to this year's budget to cover the remaining costs of classes. Broman reported the direct return for the District is a higher skill level of existing, long term employees.

Commissioner Kirkbride requested a detailed reporting of the classes and types of employees currently utilizing the education incentive program.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Christiansen announced that Lieutenant Pat Harn was recently honored in the Wenatchee World for helping to save the life of someone who nearly drowned. Job well done!

Christiansen further thanked Commissioner Kirkbride and Chairman Houser for attending the meetings with the City and patiently working through the issues with them.

Commissioner Kirkbride also thanked Chairman Houser and staff for all of their hard work with the City of Lacey.

Kirkbride and Chairman Houser both welcomed Cadet Mateusz Zajac to the District and Kirkbride thanked all of those who have participated in hosting firefighters from Poland in this exchange program.

Chairman Houser also recognized the life-saving work of Lieutenant Pat Harn.

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.	Juvenile Firesetter Program	4 th quarter 2009 progress report.
D.	PIO Program	Develop job expectations.

XII. HEARING OF PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

Firefighter Kelly Perry raised a question about guaranteed funding by the City to keep stations open that benefit them, if necessary.

Perry further raised concerns about security around fire stations while the 2010 budget is under consideration. He cited a recent burglary at Station 35.

Firefighter Jake Fouts asked how the Board addresses increases in personnel costs in the proposed draft contract, especially in light of the projected growth to take place in the next several years.

Chairman Houser responded that while the City would likely be in favor of a standard COLA, they are not necessarily in favor of an increase in pay.

Commissioner Kirkbride added that issues like these may be addressed under governance. The current draft covers both the immediate governance need and long term governance opportunities such as a regional fire authority, annexation, etc.

Lieutenant Pat Harn asked if there had been any discussions with the City about the weight restrictions on a Quint.

Chairman Houser responded there had been no discussions while Commissioner Kirkbride added that “Quint” is part of the City’s vocabulary but has not been part of the District’s recommendations.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2009 – 5:30 pm

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Secretary