



Clallam County Fire District 3

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 21st, 2019

Vice Chair Chinn called the Board of Commissioners Regular meeting for Clallam County Fire District 3 to order at 1:00 p.m. at Station 34 – 323 N Fifth Avenue, Sequim, WA. Present were: Commissioners Steven K. Chinn and G. Michael Gawley, Chief Ben Andrews, Assistant Chiefs Eric Quitslund, Tony Hudson and Dan Orr, Administrative Assistant Lori Coleman, Finance Manager Alwynn Whitaker, FF/PM Bryce McGinley and Ivan Hueter, Volunteer Bill Miano and Citizen Duane Chamlee.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Chinn called for changes to the agenda; Chief Andrews requested to add Agenda Bill 3, MOU, Union Membership Dues, between the District and Local 2933.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gawley moved and Commissioner Chinn seconded to approve the May 7th, 2019, Regular Meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chief's Report –Chief Andrews – No report.

Risk Reduction and Planning Report – AC Orr reported that he has been working with the City of Sequim and homeowners on Spyglass Lane; the homeowners put a gate across the road which restricts access to emergency response personnel and many other agencies. Construction work on Fir Street is underway and expected to last roughly one year; currently there are nightly closures on Fir and Sequim Avenue. Alternative routes are being addressed as road closures and times are identified.

Agenda Bill 1: Significant Wildland Fire Pre-authorization – Chief Andrews reported that: he is seeking Board Pre-authorization to spend up to \$25,000, with an additions \$25,000 being verbally authorized by the Board Chairman during a disaster when the \$25,000 threshold is met, on firefighting resources if the District is faced with a wildfire that would require immediate District intervention before human life loss, significant property damage or rapid growth occur. Chief Andrews explained that predictions for the 2019 wildland fire season in western Washington are more severe than in past years. Although the District may not face this need, Chief Andrews prefers to plan for the worst. Commissioner Gawley moved and Commissioner Chinn seconded to authorize Chief Andrews to spend up to \$50,000 for firefighting resources if a wildfire has the potential to threaten human life, cause significant damage to the community or rapid growth may occur; with the caveat that once expended funds reach \$25,000, the Commissioner be notified regarding the situation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Bill 2: Approval of Payroll and Expense Claims – Commissioners conducted their review of the expense claims and payroll reports. Commissioner Gawley moved and Commissioner Chinn seconded to approve Accounts Payable Claim check numbers 107906 through 107938, dated May 21,

2019, totaling \$23,591.05; Payroll EFT's and IRS Deposit and Benefit Checks check numbers 107895 through 107905 dated May 10, 2019, totaling \$535,727.74; for a disbursement grand total equaling \$559,318.79. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda Bill 3: MOU, Union Membership Dues – Chief Andrews reported that: the District’s attorney drafted an MOU to address the 2017 Supreme Court ruling in Janus vs. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31(AFSCME) (referred to as the “Janus Decision”) that the application of public sector union fees to non-members is a violation of the First Amendment, ruling against AFSCME. He explained that if an employee chooses to not to pay union dues, they also choose to not have the full support of the union should union representation or support be requested. Commissioner Chinn moved and Commissioner Gawley seconded to approve and authorize Chief Andrews to sign the MOU, Union Membership Dues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Chinn called for an executive session beginning at 1:23 pm, expected to last for 22 minutes under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) to evaluate to review the performance of a public employee. In attendance were: Commissioners Chinn and Gawley, Chief Andrews, AC Orr, Hudson and Quitslund. At 1:45 pm Vice Chairman Chinn called the meeting back into Regular Session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

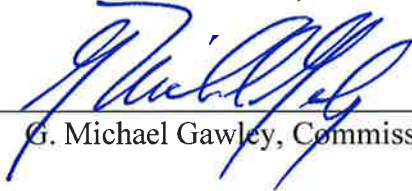
GOOD OF THE ORDER – It was reported that:

- Caity Karapostoles is undergoing medical treatment and so far all is going as well and as planned.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Chinn called for adjournment at 1:46 p.m.

James D. Barnfather, Board Chair



G. Michael Gawley, Commissioner



Steven K Chinn, Vice Chair

Attest: 

Ben Andrews, Fire Chief