

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 11, 2009

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:40 p.m. on February 11, 2009, at 701 Vine Street in the training room. The following were present:

Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Bergquist
Chief LaFave
EMS Administrator Ribelin

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Merritt
Asst. Chief Headley

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the January 28, 2008, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

None

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Schedule Public Hearing for Annexation: At the January 28, 2009, regular Board of Commissioner meeting, the Board accepted a petition for annexation of a portion of the Mt. Pleasant area. At this time the Board must set a public hearing for this annexation.

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the Mt. Pleasant annexation to be held during the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on February 25, 2009. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

New Phone System/Upgrade: The current phone system at Station 21 is old and very limited in capability, features and expandability, though still functional. A new phone system at Station 21 will allow for more phone lines, better sound quality, expanded voice mail capability and provide for upgrades as we need to expand. By upgrading the phone system at Station 21 we can refurbish the old equipment and install it at Station 23 to give that station more capability, at a lower cost.

Quotes have been received from Pacific Northwest Telco. and Qwest for the phone lines (dial tone). Quotes for the actual phone system itself have been received from 2Tone Communications, Besttel and Sutinen PBX. All prices reflect replacing all of the existing telephones. It may be possible to reuse a portion of the existing phones which will lower the total cost of system replacement.

- Quote #1 from 2 Tone Communications is \$14,211.27.
- Quote #2 from Besttel \$15,110.67.
- Quote #3 from Sutinen PBX \$15,307.00.
- Quote #4 from City of Longview \$16,314.00.
- Quote #5 from Verizon – no return phone call

With the new phone system we will bring in a new phone line called a PRI T-1 which will give us 23 lines, caller ID and the capability to expand to over 200 phones. We will have to keep some lines through the state for the outlying stations.

The PRI T1 line through Qwest is \$555.00 a month with a 5 year contract.

The PRI T1 line through PNT X5 Solutions is \$459.61 a month with a 3 year contract.

By switching to PNT X5 Solutions we would be no longer getting a bill from Qwest just X5 and the state with a savings of \$100.00 to \$150.00 a month.

Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of a new phone system from 2Tone Communications and phone lines through PNT X5 Solutions.

Discussion by the Board of the alternatives; questions from the Board were answered by Staff.

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion accept Staff's recommendation for a new phone system. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- Additional Services Contract with Cowlitz County
- New POG: Out of District Responses
- Email Issues/Phone Issues
- New POG: #4008 – Emergency Vehicle Driving

Chief's Report:

- Will be bringing an agenda summary to the Board either recommending hiring a temporary full-time firefighter or another solution for covering currently injured personnel.
- Chief LaFave indicated to the Board that Staff is continuing to develop a part-time program using current Shift Volunteers if they are interested. He will bring this program to the Board for further discussion and implementation as it is developed.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$196,774.37 for warrant numbers 28706 through 28762 dated February 5, 2009; and \$1,669.08 for warrant numbers 28763 through 28765 dated February 12, 2009. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$28,436.32 for warrant numbers 28766 through 28811 dated February 13, 2009. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- None

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary