

Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 10, 2009

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:32 p.m. on June 10, 2009, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Merritt
Chief LaFave
District Secretary Bouchard

Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Bergquist
Asst. Chief Headley

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the May 27, 2009, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Public Hearing:

Chairperson Cameron recessed the regular meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Chairperson Cameron opened a public hearing to discuss a petition to annex ten of sixteen parcels on Ravenwood Road with over 60% property owner signatures.

Floyd & Michale Hubsy, of 379 Ravenwood Rd. attended the public hearing. Mr. Hubsy asked what the annexation will mean. Chief LaFave described what is meant by “outside of fire protection” and “gift of public funds”. He also described the boundaries of the Fire District. Chief LaFave asked the Hubsys if they know if they currently pay taxes to the Fire District. They indicated they pay forest land protection to DNR. Chief LaFave explained this is for the unimproved areas of their property and does not cover a response to the improved property. He explained the annexation will essentially move the boundaries beyond where they currently exist to include the areas requested to be annexed. Those areas will then be in the Fire District and would allow us to provide services. The property owners would begin paying appropriate taxes for improved property to the Fire District.

Asst. Chief Headley described efforts throughout the County to educate the public by the ESAP grant crew last summer, including new signage indicating when leaving or entering the Fire District.

The Hubskys are very concerned about the impact this annexation will have on their taxes, however, they indicated they did not want to remove their names from the petition as they decided it would be better to have services provided by the District.

Chief LaFave expressed his appreciation for their attendance at the meeting and for raising their concerns.

The hearing was closed with at 5:58 p.m. by Chairperson Cameron.

Chairperson Cameron re-opened the regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Other Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

None

Written Reports:

Exit Conference/State Auditor's Office: The exit conference information from the State Auditor's Office was provided to the Board in their packets. Chairperson Cameron noted he attended the exit conference. There weren't any questions or comments from the other Board members.

Action Items:

Resolution #682-2009: Resolution #682-2009 for annexation of lots 343, 379, 381, 385, 396, 397, 417, 418, 453, 458, 477, 478, 487, 488, 510 and 511 Ravenwood Rd. was presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve Resolution #682-2009. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Revised Policy #5008: Chairperson Cameron provided another draft for approval of the Board incorporating all changes previously discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve Revised Policy #5008 as presented at this meeting by Chairperson Cameron. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

City of Woodland Agreement Addendum: Asst. Chief Headley has worked with the City of Woodland staff to come up with a reasonable fee for the amount of plan review work anticipated. They are suggesting 25% of the permit fees they collect as the plan review fee for C2FR. This modification includes the WalMart project that has already begun. If there are items not covered under the fee schedule, the fee reverts to \$60.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to authorize Chief LaFave to sign the fee addendum with the City of Woodland. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution #683-2009; Surplus Trailer: The Cascade Air Trailer, VIN #WA98-206435 is no longer needed by the District and is a storage problem. This trailer was built in-house many years ago, but no longer has a use as we have our own breathing air compressor and an adequate number of spare SCBA bottles. Staff recommends it be surplused and sold at the discretion of the Asst. Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution #683-2009. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. Further discussion. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

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

Chief's Report:

- Large fire in Kalama in an antique store. The investigation will be assigned to our team.
- We will probably be pulling back on our SWAT team; Chief LaFave will be discussing this with the police chiefs and Sheriff Mahoney. It is difficult to justify overtime for this function when our overtime budget has been reduced overall.
- Fire season is coming up.
- Training is ongoing. The MERTS training for the high school class was excellent. There were 130 total recruits with 4 battalions of 4 to 5 companies each. Our group was the largest and most organized.
- The Recruit Academy is almost complete.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve payroll totaling \$184,462.24 for warrant numbers 29511 through 29566 dated June 5 and 11, 2009. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$38,867.17 for warrant numbers 29567 through 29627 dated June 12, 2009. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Merritt distributed information from the Chiefs' Conference and the Chelan seminar on impact fees and the workshop with Brian Snure on the LID process.
- Commissioner Merritt requested Board input to prioritize legislative issues being addressed by the WFCA.
- Trial on the Laymon lawsuit is still scheduled to begin June 22nd.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:33 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary