

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 1991

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dennis Hannan, John Parker,
Leonard Pedersen

Attended by: Ed Udd, Doris Coates, Millie Cariveau, Dick
Johnston, Bill McDougall, Maurie Johnson,
Dee Kamp, Jim Groves, David Lawson.

Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chairman Dennis
Hannan.

COMPLETING STATION #33. Chairman Hannan provided background and current use of station #33. He also mentioned possible future uses if the building was completed, including sleeping quarters for residents. Commissioner Parker discussed his opposition to station #33 as the District headquarters. He would like to see station #31 improved first. Chief McFerran said where the headquarters is located and completing station #33 are two separate topics. Ed Udd added that completing the upstairs of station #33 could allow the district to have volunteer residents man the district at night. Chairman Hannan explained that the original plan for the addition was to complete the project. The cost was too high so it was put aside. Now we want to look into the possibility with new information. The chief reported that we have about \$90,000.00 from last years budget and have just renewed a \$60,000.00 C.D. Commissioner Pedersen asked if station #33 met all the requirements to allow us to start up and run the vehicles without interfering with the other areas of the building. Brian responded the building was designed with this in mind. Dick Johnston asked who would the district have to manage the job. There was a discussion of contractor costs vs being your own contractor. Jim Groves said indications suggest building could pick up in May and recommended we take advantage of the slow period we are in now. Commissioner Hannan made a **MOTION** that we obtain estimates to complete the upstairs at station #33 and that Chief McFerran and Commissioner Pedersen manage this project. **SECOND** by Commissioner Pedersen. **MOTION PASSED.** Commissioner Parker opposed.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

Chief McFerran reported on the benefits to the district since David Lawson has been at station #31. Response

times have improved and we have personnel at both ends of the district. He presented a recommendation to the board that we hire a second full time person in order to continue this level of coverage. This person should be prepared to become knowledgeable in NFPA safety and training requirements and function as the district's Safety and Training officer. Chief McFerran recommended Wm. David Lawson for this position. He also provided the board with David's training and experience background. The board asked about hiring someone in this manner. Brian responded that this was done in many fire departments. He also explained that this was confirmed as acceptable according to the Washington State Fire Commissioner's Association. There was a discussion of wages and David's unique situation and the benefit to the District. Dick Johnston stated that for the record, the Advisory Committee strongly supported hiring a second person. Bill McDougall reported that the Operations Committee was in support of hiring David Lawson. Maurie Johnson said he agreed and that the size of our district supported this decision. **MOTION** by Commissioner Parker to hire David Lawson as an additional full time person. **SECOND** by Commissioner Pedersen. **MOTION PASSED.** The chief will provide additional information for finalizing this position. *Corr. Mike Kithear's photo included*

E.M.S. REVENUE. Chairman Hannan reviewed the services provided by the district and future plans. He discussed E.M.S. services and future employee possibilities. With the growth in population and service needs, we might begin researching an E.M.S. levy. Bill McDougall also discussed his concerns of future A.L.S. needs and how the district would meet these expenses. Commissioner Pedersen made a **MOTION** that we proceed with plans for an E.M.S. levy for 1992. **SECOND** by Commissioner Parker. **MOTION PASSED.** *Election required in 1991, ~~that is~~*

CHIEF'S CONTRACT. Chief McFerran stated that he was requesting only one change to his contract this year. This was to increase his maximum sick leave days to 175. Commissioner Parker asked if he was staying current with the cost of living increases. Commissioner Pedersen asked about the objective of these sick leave days. The chief explained this was the county standard and was also in line with neighboring fire departments and fire districts. Commissioner Hannan made a **MOTION** to renew the chief's contract with the increase in maximum sick leave days to 175, **SECOND** by Commissioner Pedersen. **MOTION PASSED.**

Corr.

For a levy in 1992 requires an election in 1991.

There was no further business to discuss. MOTION to adjourn by Commissioner Parker, SECOND by Commissioner Pedersen. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


District Secretary

