

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 17, 1996

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Roy Raudebaugh called the Special Meeting of September 17, 1996, of the Board of Commissioners for Jefferson County Fire District No. 3 to order at 6:05 p.m, downstairs at Station 31 located at 7650 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow, Washington. This Special Meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a planning meeting with representatives of the Fire District Volunteer Association.

Commissioners present were: Roy Raudebaugh, Harry Morrison, Earl Wells, and Dennis Hannan. Also present: R. Kent DeWitt, Fire Chief; Arlene Obtinario, District Secretary, and David Neault, Volunteer Lt./EMT.

Not present: Commissioner Robert Flaherty.

Chair Raudebaugh started the discussion explaining Pope Resources has formed a Port Ludlow Planning Forum; Pope desires input and representation from the Fire District regarding services and a new fire station; proposed site for a new station is near the RV park in the commercial center off of Breaker Lane; discussion followed regarding past proposals and land negotiations; Lt. Neault suggested the Fire District go for the "pile in the sky"; **Volunteer FF Matt Miller** entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.; discussion followed regarding the preliminary site plan drafted by Malcolm Campbell with reference to optimal emergency vehicle approach to existing roads from Breaker Lane; Lt. Neault suggested asking for additional acreage to establish a training center, perhaps off of Teal Lake Road, since the ability to conduct all necessary training at the proposed new fire station in the commercial center would be limited; Commissioner Hannan suggested Pope property off the Oak Bay Road toward Beaver Valley Road; Chief DeWitt suggested submitting two proposals, one for a fire station and one for a piece of property with easy access from 104 and 19 for a training site; Chief reported the State Policy Protection Board is pushing to establish a training center in each County with the possibility of a \$200,000 grant being available; Commissioner Hannan suggested near Sandy Shore which would be close to several districts; Chief commented District 3's response time from Sandy Shore would not be favorable and went on to say a site at Teal Lake by the existing wells where there is water and power and it's all downhill for emergency responses would be ideal; suggestion was to ask for a minimum of ten acres for dedicated training grounds on land not prime for development, away from neighbors and the commercial center.

Discussion followed stating Pope Resources has requested the Fire District give an overall plan that may be circulated to the public so all community members can comment. It was decided that it would be important to communicate to Pope and the community the Fire District is cognizant of the need for other municipal services in the Port Ludlow plan and the Fire District would be open to planning inclusion of other public service offices in the new fire station, such as law enforcement.

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Discussion followed with regard to the Fire District's financial obligations to BLS, ALS, the possibility of hiring a new employee late 1997, and Chair Raudebaugh mentioned the insurance on a new fire station would be approximately \$7,000 plus the additional utility expenses. Discussion also included talk about the tax base and its effect on the District finances.

General consensus was to submit a proposal to the Port Ludlow Planning Form as follows:

1. Request Pope donate 2 1/2 acres on Breaker Lane for new fire station.
2. Request Pope donate new fire station.
3. Request Pope donate a minimum of 10 acres of minimal development potential, centrally located in the Fire District for training grounds.
4. Fire District will commit to keeping Station #31 open.
5. Fire District will pursue grant application process for training site facilities.
6. Fire District will commit to working with other public service groups to possibly include their offices in an administration-type setting in the new fire station.

The members asked DS Obtinario to put together a draft letter and proposal to the Port Ludlow Planning Forum for review and adoption at the September 24 Regular Board Meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, Chair Raudebaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

SIGNED: BY: *Roy C. Raudebaugh*
Commissioner Roy Raudebaugh

BY: *Harry F. Morrison*
Commissioner Harry Morrison

BY: *Earl Wells*
Commissioner Earl Wells

BY: *Dennis Hannan*
Commissioner Dennis Hannan

ATTEST:

BY: *Arlene F. Obtinario*
Arlene F. Obtinario, District Secretary