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DISTRICT 8

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MINUTES of the Special Joint meeting of FD7 and FD8 held July 15, 2011. Board members present from FD8 were Commissioners Small, Parsons and Getchman. Board members present from FD7 were Harper, Berman and Gleckler. Chiefs VanCamp and Terhune, Assistant Chief LeMay, Lieutenant Pooley, secretaries Harry and Stumpf were also present. Richard Kistler was in attendance as facilitator. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm..

Public and Volunteer Comments: None

Commissioner Gleckler led the flag salute. No minutes were provided from the previous meeting.

Facilitator Kistler asked to brainstorm a list of “deal breakers” in order to consider a joint venture (unspecified Inter-Governmental Agreement) between both FD7 & FD8. This list included:

- Not maintaining operating stations in both districts
- Not having a common governance board
- No increases in taxes or costs to either district
- No reduction in levels of service
- No damage to community culture
- No reduction in paid staff except for natural attrition
- Must be legal
- No subsidy of one district for the other

The vision for establishing an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) was stated: *Increased service and financial efficiency that might lead to a merger.*

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding each Board’s vision for a joint venture. Both Districts agree that they would like to provide more efficient service to their constituents with no increased costs. They also agree on the following:

- The reason that fire districts exist is to provide fire and medical emergency services to the citizens in our respective districts.
- The IGA should be built based on improving service delivery to all constituents of both districts.
- Bringing the two districts together in some form in 5 years was the universal thought of all six Commissioners.
- The constituents do not care how we do it as long as we show up.
- We can enter into a temporary IGA for one year covering the complete joining of all administrative and operating functions. If it is not working for one or both districts, it does not have to be renewed, and we go our separate ways.
- We are not all on the same page when it comes to saying “let’s just do it.”

District 7 Commissioners would like to identify specific areas within the administration and operation of the departments that could be combined to provide more efficient service to constituents at the same or lower costs. They would like the IGA to be a framework for a future joint venture made in incremental

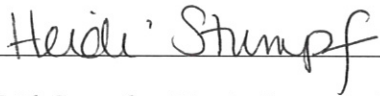
steps. They also felt that a significant number of individuals are not on the same page and will need their input to solve differences in opinion

District 8 Commissioners would like a complete joint venture whereby the two districts would be completely joined and operating under the direction of a six Commissioner Board and are not in favor of an IGA designed around selected functions. They would also like to have management establish the details of how to accomplish the venture and how much it will cost and then present it to joint-Commissioners for approval.

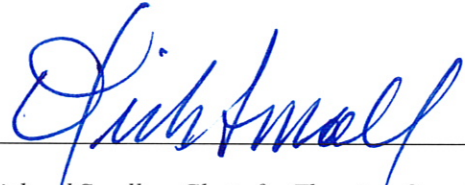
Following the discussion both districts agreed to meet separately to review and analyze their positions regarding the IGA. A recommendation was made for the Chiefs to prepare a draft IGA and management plan that addressed the issues and possible options for implementation; however, due to the Boards' difference of opinions, Chief VanCamp suggested this suggestion be postponed until all issues have been agreed upon.

Adjourn:

The Boards announced that next regular meeting will be held after the November 2011 elections. There being no further business the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.



*Heidi Stumpf as District Secretary for
Thurston County FPD 8*



*Richard Small as Chair for Thurston County
FPD 8 (pos. 1)*



*Ken F. Parsons, Sr., as Commissioner for
Thurston County FPD 8 (pos. 2)*



*Art Getchman as Commissioner for Thurston
County FPD 8 (pos.31)*