



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 14  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
February 18, 2013**

PRESENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr, Battalion Chief Jay VanMiddendorp, and Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich, -Secretary Angela Cain  
Absent: Commissioner Larry Moore

**GUESTS**

- Items signed by the Commissioners:
  - Regular meeting minutes approved and read.
  - Warrants in the amount of \$ 10,077.60
  - Rush Warrants in the amount of \$ 2447.15
  - Payroll in the amount of \$ 12,244.34
  - BLS Payroll for January in the amount of \$ 2222.00
  - Payroll changes for Chief J. DeBruin, D. Christensen, D. Moe, J. Schneider, Tammy Baisden, and Troy Baisden.
  - Enrollment forms for K. Butler and B. Hollibaugh.
  - BVFF physical reimbursement for A. Cain, K. Butler, B. Hollibaugh, M. Gates and A. Gates.
  - Resolution to surplus the 1977 Ford Tender.
  - Forms to cancel the warrant issued to Air Compressor Services in the amount of \$270.00.
  - Retirement for Charlie Patterson.
  
- February Treasurer's Report: Not available at this time

- Old Business:
  - District Chief Jerry DeBruin reported that the local DOT will be having a meeting at Kendall Elementary on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM about lowering the speed limit out front on the Kendall Rd and looking into putting a roundabout on the Mt Baker Highway and Kendall Rd. On March 5<sup>th</sup> employees from the State DOT will be having a meeting at Kendall Fire Station at 9:00 AM regarding the same concerns.
  - Valley Plumbing & Electric has not started the energy savings and incentive project at the Sumas Station.
  - District Chief Jerry DeBruin reported that Motor Trucks is waiting for parts to start working on E 91-02.
  - Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich and his wife Gail will be flying to Minnesota on March 20. They will be driving the truck back from Midwest Fire. He will need to take the final payment with him.
  - Commissioner RobRoy Graham heard from Jack Hoviner regarding the Mitigation Agreement. His lawyer was stuck on some of the wording of the new Mitigation Agreement. Jack Hoviner felt comfortable with the new Mitigation Agreement and would like to have it complete by the February Commissioners meeting.
  - Commissioner RobRoy Graham and District Chief Jerry DeBruin attended a EMS meeting. At this time we do not pay dispatch fees. In 2014 we will have to pay half the fee which is around \$9,000.00. In 2015 we will be charged the full fee of \$18,000.00. Commissioner RobRoy Graham made the discussion that we will have to plan for it in the up coming Budgets.
  
- New Business:
  - District Chief Jerry DeBruin worked with medic on a billing system. Reports were being misplaced at Peace Health and not able to get billed by Medic One. Reports will be taken in the billing department once a week. We will have a check sheet signed by the employee that takes them into Medic One. Will have the billing person that reviews them also sign the form. Will keep all records with the months BLS reports. Check next month reports to see if this systems is working and claims are getting billed.
  - Chief Jerry DeBruin looked into conditional permit that IKO was to have to expand the building in the remodel. It has not been completed and they are working on getting it done.
  - Interfaith is looking into the having a facility at the Resource Center. They will be having meetings in March to get responds from the community.
  - The property next the Land the district purchased in Sumas is up for sale. It is something the District would be interested in but it is not in the Budget at this time. Commissioner Leonard Bjornstand will get a hold of the owners and let them know the situation.
  - Commissioner RobRoy Graham read a letter from Jack Hoviner from Red Mountain Developing. In regards to the process of the concurrency agreement. On February 1 Bellingham County Council agreed to accept the mitigation agreement. Commissioner RobRoy Graham made the motion the Fire District

#14 would accept the mitigation agreement as a working document.

Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad seconded the motion.

- March 9<sup>th</sup> will be the district dinner at the Resource Center. Will be honoring the members that retired at the end of 2012.
- Fire Station Reports:
  - Station 1--Sumas---Battalion Chief Jay VanMiddendorp.
    - A 91-02 alternator is out.
  - Station 2--Kendall--- Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
    - CPR class will be offered to the Kendall Block Watch.
    - Would like to have community members get the blue address markers.
  - Station 3--Welcome--- Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich.
    - Had Mike Zukerman look over the power bills for the last year. He gave some suggestions on how to lower the monthly bill.
- District Chief Jerry DeBruin reported:
  - Meeting with the District Secretary Angie Cain.
  - Review and approved of deposits for January.
  - Review and approved bills for February.
  - EMT Class will start March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Planning house burn training.

**FIRE/EMS CALLS TO DATE:**

February calls 2013---128

February calls 2012---95

February calls 2011---90

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM the next meeting will be at Kendall's Station.

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COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

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COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

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COMMISSIONER--- Leonard Bjornstad

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Temp Admin Assist---Lauren Merrett