

# SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Fire Department Training Room Fire Station #31 at 1011 Mullis Street in Friday Harbor

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Colley called the Fire Commission meeting for SJC Fire District 3 to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Dwight Colley (Chair) and Warren Appleton (Vice-Chair).

Staff: Chief Noel Monin, Executive Staff Robin Garcia and Board Secretary Amy Taylor.

Others: SJI Fire & Rescue staff. Interested members of the public.

# CITIZEN COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) the Commission held an executive session regarding qualifications of candidates for an appointed position. The Commission announced that they would enter an executive session estimated to last 15 minutes. Participants: Fire Commission, no staff. The session began at 3:05 p.m. and ended at 3:13 p.m. No action was taken. [Note: See New Business for appointment.]

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Fire Commissioner Vacancy

Chair Colley thanked the applicants applying for the vacant position for Fire Commissioner and invited candidates to introduce themselves. Candidates Mike Coreyell, Alexa Rust and Joy Lorde spoke about their backgrounds and interest in the position. Chair Colley again thanked the applicants and urged them to remain active with the department regardless of who was appointed.

Moved by Appleton, seconded by Colley, to appoint Alexa Rust to fill the unexpired term for SJC District 3 Fire Commissioner. Motion passed 2-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

34 No changes were requested to the agenda.

#### Minutes

Moved by Appleton, seconded by Colley, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024 and April 14, 2024. Motion passed 2-0.

40 Bills and Payroll

41 Discussion followed regarding the status of other junior taxing districts devesting from County services for payroll.

Moved by Colley, seconded by Appleton, to approve the payment of bills and payroll as published. Motion passed 2-0.

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#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposition 1 – Levy Lid Lift

Chief Monin asked whether the upcoming measure should be proposed as a temporary or permanent levy and provided pros and cons of each model. A temporary levy lid lift needs to be renewed making it more appropriate for short range planning like specific equipment or facility purchase. Chief Monin advocated for a permanent lid lift which creates a reliable funding source for long range planning. Chair Colley suggested a permanent levy lid lift. Commissioner Appleton stated that he would except either. Chief Monin reviewed a preliminary 20-year capital improvement plan. Discussion followed regarding other funds sources. Consensus to submit a permanent levy lid lift and schedule a work session for June 1, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. to discuss long range planning and specifics of the ballot measure.

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## Proposition 1 - Advocacy Committee

Chief Monin reported that the District is canvassing for volunteers to serve on the advocacy committee for the upcoming ballot measure. Staff will present a resolution at the regular June 11, 2024 meeting. Chair Colley encouraged the remaining candidates to serve.

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# STAFF REPORT(S)

Chief Monin provided the monthly financial report, including general fund revenues, expenses, ending cash balances and anticipated revenues.

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Chief Monin reviewed monthly staff reports, including an operations report.

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Chief Monin reviewed the April written staff report describing staffing, training, volunteer recognition, mutual aid agreements, business updates and current events for the District.

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Moved by Appleton, seconded by Colley, to approve addendum to inter local agreement [SJC Agreement 20.SH.007] with San Juan County. Motion passed 2-0.

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# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None requested.

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#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were given.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Appleton, seconded by Colley, to adjourn the meeting 4:35 p.m. Motion passed 2-0.

Dwight Colley, Chair

SJC Fire District 3 Commission

Respectfully submitted by: Amy Taylor, Board Secretary

Date Approved: June 14, 2024