

- 28 • Barbara Huff then presented the report. The report was in the packet; however the lengthy
29 attachments were reviewed by Commissioner Staczek. It is based on the year-end December
30 2015 report, which had been in the packet previously.
- 31 • It looks different than last year due to different accounting software and this year it added a
32 pension liability statement. Last year we had to declare the amount of vacation accruals that
33 if employees left or the District went out of business, what our liability would be to
34 employees. PERS is underfunded by the state, so the District would be liable to fund that.
- 35 • The Schedule 22 is new and is audit preparatory work with a long list of questions. It also
36 asked for attachments, which are a variety of source documents, available to the Board for
37 review from the District Secretary.
- 38 • Besides the addition of the amounts of the pension liabilities, the budget amendment and the
39 Interlocal Agreement with South King County Fire Training Consortium included in this
40 year's notes.
- 41 • The last couple pages are a five year comparison of expenses and revenues for the years
42 2011-2015.
- 43 • Chief Lipe thanked Barbara & Peter Lake's office for their work. The Board made a
44 comment that they like the five year comparison.
- 45 • Commissioner Staczek reviewed the monthly and annual financial reconciliation and saw the
46 expenditures for the entire year. She complimented the Chief for managing the budget so
47 well for all the expenditures the District pays each year.

48 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

49 **Chiefs' Reports**

50 *Chief Lipe:*

- 51 • He attended the meeting at the King County Chinook building and sat in on the candidate
52 process. It was being conducted to select the new Executive Director for the King County
53 EMS, replacing retiring Jim Fogarty. Chief Lipe endorsed Michelle Florde who has been
54 with the county over 20 years. She can provide the stability needed and is well qualified for
55 the position.
- 56 • Vashon is in the final stages of training for the Cascadia Rising exercise in June.
- 57 • He had a meeting on Friday morning with the Operations Chief of Franciscan Health Center
58 and received the news about the clinic closing in August.
- 59 • Aid 55 has been repaired; it had bad seals replaced and now is back in service.
- 60 • One medic who had been out on an industrial injury has now returned to work – good news.
- 61 • The SCBA bottles have not arrived and we're still waiting to complete that order.
- 62 • At Grannie's Attic tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. they will be showcasing their projects. VIFR will
63 have the Gator on display. The original founder of Grannie's will be there.

64 **New Business**

65 Closure of the Franciscan Clinic

- 66 • Chief Lipe introduced Tag Gornall of the Vashon Maury Health Cooperative, who
67 wished to brief the Board. Tag introduced John Jenkle, Bill Selzer and Carol McLean.
68 He thanked Susan Reimer for putting information up online right away. The clinic
69 closure is a worry but they have a great deal of hope because this group has been working
70 on this issue for months. The Franciscan Clinic will close on 8/5/16, which was just

- 71 announced on Friday to his group. Tim Marsh briefed Susan Reimer on the
72 circumstances. There are a number of possible providers in play at this time.
- 73 • They sent some material on Wednesday afternoon to the University of Washington
74 Medical Center (UW) and they answered Thursday morning. Although there are talks
75 and things going on, the group is keeping the information close in order to deliberate
76 before putting it out prematurely on the table. Susan's article has lots of information in it
77 and if people go to their website at www.VMhealth.org, they can find a fair amount of
78 material on this issue.
 - 79 • Chief Lipe asked that, as an EMS provider, that the District be represented at some point
80 with a potential partner. The goal is to help them fully understand VIFR limitations, the
81 way we operate and get a sense of us as an EMS provider. We are not a clinic, we do not
82 treat but stabilize and transport, yet we get the overflow. It's vital we communicate to
83 them how fragile it will be for us to do our job without a clinic of that size on the island.
 - 84 • Rex Stratton has served on the board of this group for the last three to four years so the
85 clinic closure brought this issue to the forefront. Going further, Tag will bring more
86 elements in. What we want to avoid is a vacuum in service.
 - 87 • Right now John Jenkel is getting operational data metrics from the Franciscans so that
88 they can talk knowledgeably with potential partners. The challenge is to get some partner
89 to get to "yes," and they're working on this. Then they can pull the resources from the
90 county, the provider, and people of the island.
 - 91 • The Board expressed concerns that the District could quickly become overburdened in
92 terms of service. However, if there is a Hospital Taxing District, it could financially
93 devastate the District.
 - 94 • Community members have to have some participation and ownership, but there doesn't
95 have to be taxing resources to have ownership of this facility. John Jenkle commented
96 that "skin in the game" comes in from a number of different sources and kinds. But it
97 will be important that the community commit to using the clinic rather than going off the
98 island for sustainability.
 - 99 • Battalion Chief Brownell expressed concerns operationally. There will be employees
100 looking for work. Can a clinic sustain operations? And in the short term, there is patient
101 liability.
 - 102 • Chief Lipe asked Tim Marsh (Franciscan Manager) what their walk-in patient numbers
103 were. He answered that they have 10-15 patients a day. If VIFR has those same 10-15
104 additional walk-ins in our system, we'll be maxed out real fast. Long term sustainability
105 of EMS is critical and we have a little time to redefine that. The Chief didn't know what
106 we'll be faced over the next 12 weeks, but he has reached out to county officials
107 including Dr. Rae, the King County Medical Director and Alicia Griswold of the OEM.
108 If we find we have a heavy increase in volume, the Chief will be reaching out to the
109 Washington Fire Chiefs if we have to draw on outside resources.
 - 110 • Mike Kirk asked if there were other communities who have had similar situations and
111 have examples of what to do. Tag hired a consultant who has reached out and they have
112 learned a lot about what *not* to do. One of the most important lessons from Friday Harbor
113 and Cle Elum is don't overbuild. Some facilities were built with too many beds,
114 fountains or art work. It is wise to build with scalability: cover the immediate need first,
115 get to a stable state and then scale some sort of a solution from there.
 - 116 • Alisha Griswold's background is in EMS. So she comes to OEM as an Emergency
117 Manager by trade to help bring it all together. She lived for several years on Vashon until
118 recently and hopes to return someday. In communication with Alice Larson, who has a

119 lot of experience in working with underserved healthcare communities, Alice said that if
120 Vashon applies as an underserved community, there is a process that can bring in monies.
121 • It was clarified that the clinic treats 35-50 patients a day or 900 a month, with the 10-15
122 patients as walk-ins or unscheduled.
123 • The Board asked Tag if it would helpful for a member of the Board to sit down with
124 them. He answered that they are trying to maintain a small steering committee for agility
125 but at some point – in the near future – they will bring other stake holders in. Four years
126 ago this organization was formed with a couple dozen community activists to make sure
127 we continue to have healthcare available on the island.
128 • Joe Ulatoski suggested that if there is a core group, inviting a broader base of community
129 members will allow different people to look at different aspects. Once the word gets out
130 about the clinic closure, people will get excited. The answer was that there are people are
131 “waiting in the wings,” to join the Health group so they do have a pretty broad base.
132 There is a link on the website to email a question or public comment.

133 **Old Business**

134 Medic One Proposal Update

135 The Chief reached out Chief Hebert (South King County EMS Medic One), Michelle Plorde
136 and Andre Chevalier. He will be talking to Andre Friday to set a meeting to discuss some
137 options.

138 Q/A Committee

139 Some Board members need to get material from Commissioner McCullough.

140 Strategic Plan Update

141 Interviews have started with individuals within our community, information is being
142 compiled and they are on track.

143 **General Comments**

144 None.

145 **For the Good of the Order**

146 Secretary Wolf suggested that she record the times of the regular meetings on the timesheets of the
147 Board members since she already does that taking minutes. That will promote consistency and
148 accuracy on the Commissioner time sheets.

149 **Documents Signed**

150 Mike Kirk thanked our Captains. He stated they had a four hour drill learning to use the new
151 battery-powered Hurst tools for extrication and appreciated the time and effort in the training.

152 The Public session was closed at 7:09 p.m. and the meeting moved into Executive Session after the
153 room cleared.

154 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

155 The Executive Session was being held pursuant to a provision of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g): To evaluate
156 the qualification of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public
157 employee.

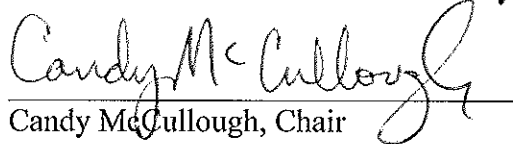
158 Executive Session started at 7:10 p.m. At 7:25 the meeting was extended by the Chair for another
159 10-12 minutes.

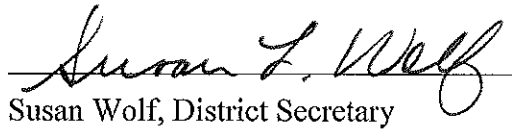
160 The Executive Session ended at 7:38 p.m. and the meeting was simultaneously adjourned. No
161 decision was made.

162 *There will be a Board retreat (Special Meeting) on Sunday May 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Camp*
163 *Burton Lodge. While the public is invited, the courtesy of an RSVP to either Susan Wolf (swolf@vifr.org) or*
164 *463-2405, ext. 311 is appreciated.*

165 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 05/26/16 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

Approved this 24 day of May, 2016.


Candy McCullough, Chair


Susan Wolf, District Secretary