

KLICKITAT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

200 Husum Street, Husum, WA 98623

Commissioner's Meeting

Thursday June 8 2017

Called to order: 18:30

Attendance: Commissioner Zoller, Commissioner Montag, Commissioner Connor, Chief Long, Secretary Plumb. Public: Charles Virts, Eric Bosler, Debbie Olson, Lloyd Olson, Sandy Montag.

Approval of the agenda- Motion to approve the agenda for June 8 2017 made by Commissioner Montag, seconded by Commissioner Connor, (3 yay, 0 nay).

Public Discussion: Members of the public indicated they are interested in item on the agenda (the bond and land purchase). Eric Bosler commented that KCFD3 was well represented at the White Salmon Spring Festival.

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 11 2017 meeting made by Commissioner Montag , Seconded by Commissioner Connor. (3 yay, 0 Nay).

Secretary's Report:

1. County Treasurer's Report for May 2017 was not available for the meeting

Beginning balance	\$360,520.22	Ending Balance	
Deposits		Disbursements	

District expenditure for May matches the County Auditor's Office – \$17,695.15 and verified by Commissioner Connor.

2017 District expenditure shows a year to date (June 8) total of **\$229,954.14.**

2. Bills and items to be signed:

Motion to approve the bills made by Commissioner Connor, Seconded by Commissioner Montag, (3 yay, 0 nay).

Vouchers: Commissioner Voucher May 12 2017 to June 8 2017

- a). 05/16 - \$1,124.71 b). 05/25 \$3,535.53 c). 5/31 \$2,498.25
d). 6/01pr - \$7,106.72. e). 06/07- \$4,447.78.

3. Budget 2017.

-The Station 32 Project is primarily funded from the cash balance outside of the 2017 budgeted amount, however, the additional work for the electrical box (\$4,904.15) will be coming out of the station maintenance funds for the year. State regulations stipulate the district shall retain 5% of the cost of the project until completion. The district is retaining \$2,976.00. The project is not complete until the contractors submit affidavits regarding prevailing wage to L&I. The district cannot release the final payment until it receives approval from L&I.

-Ambulance Loan. The first payment for the ambulance occurred on June 1. The payment amount was \$51,766.67 (\$49,000.00 principal and \$2,766.67 interest). There will be another interest payment in December for \$1,010.00 which was missed in the budget planning. Funds will need to be transferred from another line item to correct the error.

4. Investment of funds

The District is maintaining \$101,000 which will mature in November 2017.

5. Correspondence:

MRSC newsletter – on line newsletter was forwarded to the Commissioners. There are often updates for public records and other critical local government activities.

6. Current projects include:

- a). Annual State Audit was completed. The State Auditor’s Office will be in the area in September to go through an accountability audit of the District. Anticipated cost is \$3,850 plus travel expenses, based on information from the 2014 audit.
- b). Financial policies.
- c). Public records and archiving.

Chief’s report: See attached.

Training Report: See attached.

On-going business:

- 1. **Payroll:** No progress has been made on the direct deposit.
- 2. **Policy review:** None to review this month. Chief Long and Secretary Plumb had anticipated having a draft policy regarding temporary employment but were unable to complete it in time. There is more research required. The aim will be to hire the volunteers as temporary employees for State Mobilizations. By having them as ‘employees’ they can be classed as ‘career’ firefighters on a State Mobe and their hourly wage would be greater than if they are regarded as volunteers on the same mob, where they would get the standard rate. A policy is required to enable the district to pay members out of district funds and the district would be reimbursed for the amount spent. There is a fair amount of work to do to establish comparable rates for the district. It was noted that the district currently follows the rates established by DNR that have been adopted by KCIFA (see May 11th 2017 meeting). A temporary Employment Agreement document has been drafted but without a policy it cannot be approved. The Commissioners requested the Chief move forward with a policy and they will review it at the next meeting.
- 3. **Station 32 project:** Commissioner Montag updated the Commissioners on the status of the work.
 - a. Bathroom appears finalized. The shower pan has been redone and looks a lot better.
 - b. The old heaters have been removed.
 - c. The holes in the ceiling have been repaired.
 - d. The plumbing is all done.
 - e. The new electrical panel has been installed and main power is back.

- f. PUD has also visited and assessed the project for the rebate. Calculations are still being worked out.
- g. The L&I documentation has to be completed before the final check can be issued.

4. Post Office relocation: Commissioner Zoller updated the group on the options for the relocation of the Husum Post office. Commissioner Zoller has been talking to US Post Office representative Greg Shelton on possible options. Greg will visit the site June 15 and they will discuss possibilities. The Commissioners are willing to consider options including inside the building. They would like to facilitate this for the community but they are very cautious that the project should not cost the district any money or loss of use. Commissioner Zoller outlined 3 possible options;

Option 1. Mobile unit at the side of the building.

Option 2 Mobile unit at the back of the building.

Option 3 Utilize space inside the building, but ensure the District does not lose usable space. This might involve giving up space in the conference/Commissioners Chambers, BUT also redesigning space in the gym to be multi-functional. Chief Long also commented that he would like to better utilize the square footage of the building with a view to creating better training facilities for the district and the community.

There may yet be other options the Commissioners are willing to explore.

Greg will also review the options for the location of the temporary mail boxes as this project will not be ready before the lease expires on the current location on August 1st 2017. The Commissioners agreed that the contract for the temporary mail boxes would be reviewed by the district's Legal counsel before they proceed.

New Business:

1. **Temporary Employment agreement:** discussed in policies above.
2. **Resolutions:** Review resolution 99-FC allowing Commissioners to be volunteer Firefighters. The resolution was adopted in 1999 when the district was completely volunteer based. The district has evolved since then to having paid staff. This resolution is rare as it is the only resolution required to have a unanimous vote. If one Commissioner is not in approval then the resolution is rescinded. Given that none of the original Commissioners on the resolution are serving, this resolution warrants review. It was discussed by the Commissioners that the Chain of Command is established by the State and its function is to enable clear roles for Commissioners and officers. While there are no commissioners currently participating as active firefighters at this time, and there have not been any issues reported when this resolution was effect, it was agreed that a conflict of roles could occur. The Commissioners all agreed they do not want to allow this practice to continue. It was discussed that the Commissioners could still be involved in projects for the district (station projects, road signs, mowing the grass, etc). It was believed that a motion would suffice to rescind the resolution (a resolution is usually required to alter a resolution), as this specific resolution required a unanimous vote.

Motion to rescind resolution 99-FC approved on November 15th 1999 allowing Commissioners to also be firefighters, was made by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Montag, (3 yay, 0 nay). Resolution rescinded.

3. **Fire District property purchase for future station:** Chief Long clarified that the district is not actively searching for property. However, the district should be looking to the future needs of the community, and Chief was approached by a community member whose family owns property off Loop Road that may potentially be available in the future. Chief noted he has heard of other possible locations near Puckerhuddle. The vision would be for a joint fire station between KCFD3 and White Salmon. Chief asked that the Commissioners consider the potential of future growth as it applies to the long term goals of the district and the community. It would potentially be a place for the EMS District and even the police department, and a community center. Eric Bosler asked about the potential for the City of White Salmon to annex a property in the future. That would be a consideration for any agreement made with any joint effort, and a matter for legal counsel.

4. **Bond Consultant Services for 2018:** Commissioner Connor referred to the letter received by Chief Long from Liz Loomis Public Affairs and the assistance the consulting company might give in organizing a successful Bond request. There are many factors to consider when asking the public to vote for a bond or a levy, and the Commissioners would not want to do so unless they were fully prepared. The district has identified needs and outlined general costs, but a consultant would help refine the process. Chief noted that the ambulance is one debt we will be paying off in two more years out of the current operating budget, but we are already behind in the replacement of vehicles and will likely enter right in to another loan without a financial boost. Commissioner Montag noted that we would need to revise the needs list and refine it. The Commissioners agreed to explore other consultants and begin their own education of the process. They are not committing to a bond or a levy request at this time. Chief Long will reach out to other consultants for information for the Board to review.

20:38. Five minute break and then enter in to executive session for 20 minutes

5. **20: 43 -21:03 –EXECUTIVE SESSION: –RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee.** The Commissioners met in executive session for the preliminary review of the annual evaluation of Chief Long.
6. **20: 03 back in public session:** Commissioner Zoller will review documents gathered for the evaluation and will meet with the Chief to go over the review.

Good of the Order: Eric Bosler noted the KCFD3 Volunteer Firefighters Association has paid for membership of the State Volunteer Firefighters Association which can give discounts on training. They also donated to the Lions Club and the High school graduation. Commissioner Connor noted he attended a presentation by Klickitat County for community councils and gathered information on public meeting procedures. He saw no areas of concern in how we are conducting public meetings.

Klickitat County Fire District 3 Commissioners Meeting

200 Husum Street Husum, WA .

July 13, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

AGENDA

Regular Board meeting.0

(A) = Action (I) = Information

- **Open Meeting:** Call to order. Time _____
- **Approval of agenda (A)**
- **Attendance:**
- **Public Discussion:**
- **Minutes of last meeting: (A) June 8 2017 business meeting.**
- **Secretary's report: 1. Treasurer's report (A) approve treasurer's report reconciled with district report. 2. Bills and items to be signed (A) 3. 2017 Budget 4. Invested funds. 5. Correspondence.**
- **Chief's Report: (I) e-mailed**
- **Training Report: (I) e-mailed**

- **On Going Business:**
 1. **Personnel/Payroll** – Ongoing, Direct Deposit for paid employees. (I)
 2. **Policy.** None at this time
 3. **Station 32** –Bathroom & Heater project. - Montag
 4. **US Post Office** – relocation of Post Office. –Zoller
 5. **Temporary Employment agreement** – On hold as a new hiring policy is needed.
 6. **Bond Consultant services for 2018** (capital improvements prioritization).
 7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chief performance review –RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)** To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or **to review the performance of a public employee**. However, subject to **RCW 42.30.140(4)**, discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

- **New Business:**
 1. **Skamania County EMS contract**
 2. **Dry Creek Fire (I)**
 3. **Equipment Theft-** Authorize replacement purchases over \$1000. (A)

- **Good of the order:**
- **Next meeting:** Regular meeting **August 10** 2017.
- **Motion to adjourn: (A) Time** _____

BVFF local trustees meeting – As it is not part of the Commissioner's meeting it can be held after the meeting. TIME: _____

2017 Budget

Klickitat County Fire District 3

updated 6/8/2017

This budget sheet is connected to the expenditure spreadsheet.

BUDGET 2017

Category	Original Budget	MAY expenditure	expenditure YTD	Balance	% Used	Grants and other notes
Salaries & Wages + employee paid benefits	136,665.00	10,017.94	59,734.43	76,930.57	44%	
Benefits (excluding employee paid)	41,600.00	2,478.91	16,244.05	25,355.95	39%	
Volunteer Stipend	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00	0%	
Volunteer Disability/Pension/lifeflight	5,100.00	-	900.00	4,200.00	18%	
Volunteer Recognition	2,500.00	-	2,235.33	264.67	89%	
Office Expense/Supplies	6,000.00	-	2,379.99	3,620.01	40%	
Professional Services	6,652.00	139.72	1,182.27	5,469.73	18%	
Insurance	15,700.00	-	-	15,700.00	0%	
Communications	5,000.00	-	163.60	4,836.40	3%	
Advertising	500.00	-	56.58	443.42	11%	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	14,000.00	1,033.22	7,772.99	6,227.01	56%	
Rescue - Apparatus Supplies	7,500.00	-	3,573.50	3,926.50	48%	
Fuel	8,000.00	465.40	3,084.84	4,915.16	39%	
Station Repairs - Supplies	20,000.00	423.67	16,366.22	3,633.78	82%	includes 12,000 for stn 32 project
Utilities Services	17,000.00	1,241.55	8,082.07	8,917.93	48%	
Travel & Meals	4,000.00	404.05	2,069.77	1,930.23	52%	
Fire Training - Supplies	13,500.00	250.33	5,231.61	8,268.39	39%	
EMS Training - Supplies	9,500.00	1,112.66	2,657.12	6,842.88	28%	
Uniform/apparel currently in fire supplies						
Prevention	1,000.00	117.70	160.62	839.38	16%	
Long Term Loans (Ambulance)	51,766.67	-	51,766.67	-	100%	
Taxes (for previous year)	3,000.00	-	3,685.91	(685.91)	123%	December interest payment \$1,013.00 still due.
Dues & Fees	2,500.00	-	(3.81)	2,503.81	0%	Budget was set before the end of the year.
Revenue from Wildland (-)						
Expense for Wildland						
Municipal Pool Reserve	15,000.00			15,000.00	0%	
Capital Pool					0.00%	
Total budgeted expenditure	406,483.67	17,685.15	187,343.76	219,139.91	46%	
Stn 32 capital project using cash balance		42,610.38				
Total Actual Expenditure			229,954.14			
av property tax estimated in October 2016	470,547.42					
04/14/16 property tax confirmed from Assessor	420,547.42			233,303.66		

Fire Chief's Report to Board of Commissioners

June 8, 2017

Safety: Captain Renault is nearing 100% full release from doctor.

- Assistant Chief Nelson returned for light-duty.
- No additional injuries reported.

Customer Service (emergent and non-emergent):

- Received correspondence from Klickitat County Building Department related to fire safety survey provided to White Salmon School campus's inside the Fire District. The schools have been directed by the jurisdiction of authority to make noted corrections and conduct a follow up visit within 60 days. We are to report back to the building department noted findings.

Projects:

- Facility and yard maintenance has increased. Spent time mowing and weeding all three stations (chronically behind and the facilities are not looking well).
- Post Office Relocation: Commissioner Zoller reporting on that project.
- Met with Commissioner Montag and Hearn Construction related to Station 32 project. Commissioner Montag reporting on that subject. Final punch list items punch list identified.
- Eric Bosler and I spent about three hours cleaning the classroom at Station 32. Need to begin getting needed supplies to finish painting the entire classroom. Note: Also need to follow up on fixing the kitchen stove and securing a replacement refrigerator as the opportunity presents itself.
- Arranged to have the propane tank at Station 32 removed. Completed at no cost to the District.
- Tender credit test re-scheduled for June 20th, 2017. Changed the date at the request of WSRB.
- Participated in morning briefing in Glead Washington at the Central Washington Interagency Training Academy. Whereas, I was asked to speak on behalf of Klickitat County Fire Chief's, the value and importance of inter-agency cooperation and collaborative efforts in all that we do. The briefing had about 200 people in attendance.
- Assisted DNR as a unit instructor for Engine Boss classroom training in Glead WA on May 22 and 23rd.
- Have begun organization documentation for 2018 EMT Basic class which will be hosted by Fire District #3. Class will likely rotate around the county with Lyle Fire Department being the central location to hold the majority of classes.
- Participating in planning meetings for October MCI drill being hosted by Klickitat Valley and Skyline Hospitals. Note: They are required to conduct this training for their staff, we are working together to take advantage of training for our EMS providers as well.

- Assisted Fire District 13's Red Card Field day training In Appleton on May 13th. I worked with the team to deliver module-type instruction for students in the field who were given real-live scenarios found during Urban Interface fire environments and coached them through decision making processes. The afternoon session consisted of teaching the basics of Wildland fireline construction and all safety considerations associated.
- The May KCIFA and Klickitat County EMS Council meeting(s) were held at Station 31. The EMS Council met to go over several training and budget items. In attendance was the Southwest Region's director. During the KCIFA portion of this meeting, DNR provided input from a contractor beginning to work on the CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan). This document is being coordinated through Al Lawson and the DNR to help get several counties compliant with this document. This plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan are two legal documents being worked on to aid in allowing our citizens the ability to submit for Federal FEMA funding after a recognized disaster. At this time, Klickitat County citizens are not eligible for FEMA funding due to not having approved plans in place.
- Completed 2016 Annual Report – Commissioners have it for review. Will have printed for public review and post on the website as soon as approved by all.
- Website upgrades are continuing. We will roll out the new "look" as soon as it's completed within the next 30 days.
- Taking EMS Evaluator mandatory refresher training on June 8th in Hazel Dell (closest location found)
- Night lecture in Vancouver on June 7th. Scene size-ups and strategies for EMT Basics during motor vehicle accidents.
- Working on proposal to the Board for Training Officer Position beginning in 2018. Reached out to Chief Hunsaker for financial support from the city. Should have a proposal to the Board by the end of June.

Community Events:

- Participated in a fire safety survey in the Northwestern Lakes neighborhood.
- The Fire District participated in the Spring Fest event by having a staffed booth and two fire vehicles on display Saturday. Brush 312 and Medic 316 were both in the parade and staged in the park for customers to view the equipment. Engine 321 was also in the parade.

Personal Activities and Achievements:

- Completed entry process for Southeast Region Type 3 Teams. Assigned to "Team 1" under Benton County Fire District 1 Fire Chief Lonnie Click. Team 1 is 'on call' beginning Tuesday June 6, through June 14.

Respectfully submitted

Wesley W. Long

To the Fire Chief and Fire Commissioners of Klickitat County Fire District 3

May 2017 Training Report

Submitted on Wednesday June 5, 2017

Training Events:

May
June 2.

Equipment checks and house cleaning of the stations and equipment.

May
Sat. June 6th.

Burn to learn at 319 Bates road. Several fire districts participated in the training. 14 from KCFD 3, 2 from KCFD#4 Lyle, 1 from Westside Fire, 7 from White Salmon. Chief Lone was command and ran the fire much like you would under a normal structure. The Chief did a remarkable job keeping the crews flowing and placing them into rehab when needed.

May
June 9th.

Tender operation and Advance hose lays. The crews practiced pumping from their own water tanks then switching over from the engines to by delivering water from a Tender from a water supply then connecting to a water tender to make the transfer from the engine own water supply to receiving water from a tender at a given tender pump pressure without losing the continuous water flow to the firefighter flowing water from the nozzle. Again this is getting us ready for the WSRB tender operation test coming in June.

May
Sat. June 13th.

Appleton Fire District 13 and The Department of Natural Recourses sponsored a live Wildland burn to learn for several fire districts in Klickitat County. It was an 8 hr. hands on class that met the needs of the first time red card holders. KCFD3 had 2 firefighter attend. According to the crews fun was had by all.

May
April 25th.

Class on setting up ground ladders, Two in Two out, Standby, RIT and calling a Mayday. The training was broke up into two groups, one inside class room lecture and the other was outside hands on. The inside lecture was on how to set up standby crews, two in and two out and when there is a need for setting up the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) for possible rescue of firefighters. The outside class was a hands on removing and raising ladders, going over the various parts of a ladder and how to carry the different ladders to the location to be raised.

Upcoming training events:

Wildland fire training:

Appleton Fire District 13 will be hosting their annual live wildland fire training offered to any volunteer of Klickitat County who need the live fire training. This training will be held on Saturday May 13 at the Appleton fire station.

We have also scheduled the yearly red card wildland refresher training with Tony Gilmer who works for the Department of Natural Resources. An invite will be sent to the KCIFA Chiefs group in the event there are other firefighters needed this training.

This year the KCFD3 will have 9 firefighter with red card qualifications to assist with wildland fires throughout the region.

Fire Schools:

FF/EMT Rozalind Plumb will be attending a wildland fire school in May to complete her S-131 FFI qualifications.

~~FF/EMT Rozalind Plumb will be attending a wildland firefighter 1 class coming up in May.~~

EMT/EMS Officer/Fire Captain Renault will be attending the 94th annual Washington State Fire Fighters Association conference and fire school in Wenatchee Washington on May from 19th through the 21.

Training Statistics:

This last month attendance percentage was 40%.

Respectfully Submitted

AC/Training Jerry Nelson

KLICKITAT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSABLE EMERGENCY INCIDENT SUPPORT

This agreement must be signed for individuals to receive payment other than the district stipend when on a mobilization. The stipend will still apply with this contract in place, but the individual will receive only one stipend point per mobilization.

Intent of Agreement

It is the intent of this agreement that a temporary Full-Time employment relationship between the Employer and the Part-Time Employee, named herein below, be established and documented for the sole and exclusive purpose of having that relationship exist only in instances when the Employer tasks the Part-Time Employee to respond to resource requests in accordance with the provisions of the *Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan*, the *Department of Natural Resources, State EMD, EMAC assignments* and/or the *Cooperative Agreement with the USDA Forest Service*; and special local incidents, as noted below;

Whereas, major emergency incidents may result in the mobilization of fire resources as provided by the *Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan*, the *Department of Natural Resources, State EMD, EMAC assignments* and/or the *Cooperative Agreement with the USDA Forest Service*;

and

Whereas, Klickitat County Fire District 3 has committed to provide agency resources (availability determined by the Fire Chief) to mobilization efforts; and

Whereas, Employee is a qualified Part-Time or volunteer Firefighter and/or Part-Time or volunteer EMS Responder who may be available for assignment to a resource mobilization;

Therefore, it is hereby agreed by and between Klickitat County Fire District 3 (Employer) and _____ (Employee) as follows:

Temporary Employment

Part-Time/Volunteer Employee agrees to be employed by Employer as a temporary Full-Time Firefighter and/or EMS Responder, if and as available, to respond and act as such when called upon by Employer for the sole purpose of responding to resource mobilization events in accordance with the terms and conditions of the *Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan*, the *Department of Natural Resources, State EMD, EMAC assignments* and/or the *Cooperative Agreement with the USDA Forest Service*.

Employer may, also, offer temporary Full-Time employment to Off-Duty Part-Time Firefighters when local incidents occur where the Fire District will be fully reimbursed for response/standby by agency personnel. Such situations must result in zero net cost to the Fire District.

Term of Temporary Employment

Such employment shall only be effective for the period of time that agency resources are committed to a fire resource mobilization by the Employer. Each fire resource mobilization shall constitute a separate event and a potential separate period of temporary Full-Time employment.

Wages

Employee shall be paid by Employer per Klickitat County Fire District 3 Resolution 2017-08 adopting the standardized charges adopted by KCIFA for fire suppression. Overtime pay, at 1½ times the hourly rate, may be paid after working 40 hours in a work week which runs from 0001 hours on Monday morning to 2400 hours on Sunday evening.

Benefits

Employee shall receive no Employer-provided benefits other than those as required by law. *Temporary employees (that are volunteers with the District) are covered by the BVFF for accident and disability as long as they do not work more than 70 hours per month for 5 months.*

Employee shall be reimbursed for work-related direct expenses as allowed by Employer and reimbursable to Employer by provision of the *Washington State Fire Services Resource Mobilization Plan, the Department of Natural Resources, State EMD, EMAC assignments and/or the Cooperative Agreement with the USDA Forest Service;* or as reimbursed by the Responsible/Paying Party.

Employment Status

Employee acknowledges that Full-Time employment under this Agreement is temporary only, for the sole purpose of providing adequate resources to Klickitat County Fire District 3 for participation in fire resource mobilization. Employee has, and asserts, no rights to permanent Full-Time employment with Klickitat County Fire District 3, or bargaining unit member status or rights with any bargaining unit that has a labor agreement with Klickitat County Fire District 3.

Employee Signature

Date

Authorized Representative
Klickitat County Fire District 3

Date

KLICKITAT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

P.O. Box 1003, White Salmon, Washington 98672

Telephone: 509 493 3530

RESOLUTION NUMBER 99-FC

BE IT RESOLVED by Klickitat County Fire District #3,

In the matter of Fire District Commissioners serving as volunteer firefighters of the district,

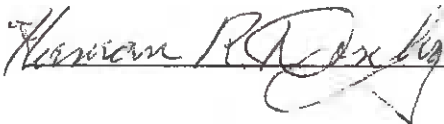
WHEREAS, the 1965 Legislature enacted Chapter 112, Laws of 1965 and RCW 52.14.010 permitting Fire District Commissioners to serve as volunteer firefighters of the district, and

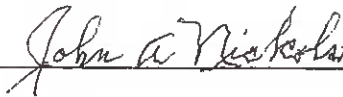
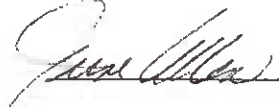
WHEREAS, there is a shortage of manpower in the areas of Klickitat County Fire Protection District #3, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioners of Klickitat County Fire Protection District #3 be allowed to serve as volunteer firefighters of the district,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE Commissioners of Klickitat County Fire Protection District #3, by unanimous consent of the Commissioners, be permitted to serve as volunteer firefighters of the district without pay.


Gil Randall, Chairperson


Herman Donley, Comm.

 John Nickols, Comm.  June Allen, Sec

The above Resolution was adopted at the regular Commissioners meeting held at White Salmon, Washington on November 15, 1999.

LIZ LOOMIS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 31, 2017

Chief Wesley Long
Klickitat County Fire District 3
PO Box 160
Husum, WA 98623

Dear Chief Long:

I am writing to let you know that we're taking clients now for 2018 ballot measures. While this may seem too far in advance, our experience tells us that it takes eight months to a year for your message to penetrate the minds of voters. Here are a few examples of the work we are doing:

Benton County Fire District 1 is considering a new EMS levy on the August 2018 Primary Election ballot. We've been providing communication services for them since January 2017, developing the message and building the case to demonstrate the need.

Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue is proposing a \$7.4 million bond for apparatus and station renovations. We've been working with them on this project since 2015.

Benton County Fire District 4 worked with us to pass a permanent EMS levy in 2016, and we've been working with them since then to prepare for a 2018 bond project for a new station and apparatus.

Lake Stevens Fire is working with us on an EMS lid lift this fall, followed by potential future funding initiatives.

Revenue requests take time – planning, messaging and execution are critical to the passage of your ballot measure. That's where we come in. We help improve communication with taxpayers to secure the revenue you need to save lives and property.

Our experience with ballot measures include permanent EMS levies, EMS levy renewals and increases, fire and EMS levy lid lifts, fire benefit charges, and mergers. Our win record is 93%. Why so high? We don't take projects that we don't think will win just to make a buck – we're not those type of consultants.

We want you to win on Election Day because we believe that emergency services are essential to strong communities. Please contact me at liz@lpa.biz or (425) 308-6236 to see how we can help. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,



LIZ LOOMIS