

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
Special Meeting
November 17, 2017

A Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Palm on November 17, 2017 at 5:50 PM. Topics of the Special Meeting are the 2018 budget, and CAC report on property sites.

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Rusty Stamps, Emily & Paul Sisson, Keith Comstock, Brian McAuliffe, Rick Nordby. Rick Rottman, Rocklynn Culp, Ralph & Sara Carlberg, MVN Anne McCreary. Bruce Hevly, Alan Fahnestock, and Ken Doran.

Budget Meeting

Special Meeting topics to discuss 2018 Budget, and the Community Advisory Council report on building sites.

Int Chief Acord discussed the fact that the County has yet to provide final revenue numbers for tax, so we aren't able to vote on the budget, will be done at a later time.

CAC on Property Selection

Ralph Carlberg and Paul Sisson sent letters to the board.

Paul Sisson says that the board agreed to communicate as individuals, and that nobody speaks for the board. He said that the board agreed that there were 13 sites that wouldn't work and 3 that might. From there opinions varied on each of the 3 sites. Sisson stated that not one site had 4 acres of buildable flat acres. Talks about possibility of future land banking.

Ralph Carlberg expressed that making a decision that would hold value for the next 50 years. Having multiple sites for the long term would be ideal.

Ken Doran asks about a timeline for project, has District considered other locations for training site? Is there a strategic plan? Are they using studies from the planning commission that states where new growth is coming from and adjusting accordingly?

Jerry Palm states that this project is for the Winthrop Station. Says there is no real timeline.

Ken asks about moving training to another site. Commissioner Palm says that multiple sites aren't out of the question. Ken recommends that the board communicate the plan

with the community so the vision is clear. Int Chief Acord said that a capital improvements and operations plan is on the Districts website.

Commissioner Les Stokes talks wonders about future needs, and is concerned about the need for adding satellite stations within 5 miles of residences.

Div Chief Comstock talked about the large amount of non-profit organizations in the Valley and that it's hard to compete for volunteer time. Commissioner Palm thinks that a new station will help recruit.

Paul Sisson discusses the value of staffed stations and the aid in rapid response times.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary