



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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## **Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes**

**July 18, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Steve Hutchinson at 5:00pm

**Input from the Public** - None.

### **Commissioners and Staff Present**

Board Chair Steve Hutchinson, Commissioner Paul Messner, Commissioner Cheryl Engle, Chief Hartin, Deputy Chief Charlie Smith and Finance Officer/Board Secretary Kim Harpe

**Members of the Public Present.** Mr. Chris Geiger.

### **Consensus Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Old Business.**

Discussion of Inter-local Agreement between WhidbeyHealth Hospital and Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR).

Board Chair Steve Hutchinson provided board members, Chief Hartin and all in attendance a copy of WhidbeyHealth Hospitals proposed Inter-Local Agreement with North Whidbey Fire & Rescue. He stated, "The reason for last week's meeting was because he felt it was important, if at all possible to make the agreement with WhidbeyHealth Hospital work with the full increase of \$281,000."

He shared, "After reviewing the agreement with North Whidbey Fire Rescue, he felt there were a number of things that could work for CWIFR and a couple things that wouldn't". He spoke to WhidbeyHealth Hospital EMS Director, Mr. Roger Meyers on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and said, "Mr. Rogers was willing to keep on working to get a new contract".

Chief Hartin stated, "This contract was not the same as what had been proposed to Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue, but if the language was comparable the following mentioned items would need to be addressed:

- Cross staffing (not mentioned in current agreement)
- System coverage during "high demand" but "high demand" is not defined
- No defined clarity for split crews for transport activities
- Training needed clarity (i.e., who is responsible for the expense of additional hours in overtime)

- Accounting for the staffing of units and penalty of \$32.08 per hour for each hour a single unit is out of service or insufficiently staffed
- The Medical Program Director (MPD) does not work for WhidbeyHealth Hospital. He works for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council
- Constraints on when and how WhidbeyHealth Hospital would use Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue staff.
- WhidbeyHealth Hospital would like the contract to run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This does not take into account the 12% minimum wage increase going into effect on January 1, 2020.

Chief Hartin shared, “He wanted only the best for both entities and if we could get the ambiguity cleared up, we should be able to move forward”.

Board Chair Steve Hutchinson stated, “He was still trying to be optimistic and felt there had to be a way to make it work out. He would obviously like to get the additional revenue and see that no one be laid off”.

Commissioner Cheryl Engle shared, “She felt with parameters in place it would work”.

Mr. Chris Geiger stated, “The District should continue to pursue the \$281,000”.

Chief Hartin stated, “It would be much better to have the \$281,000, we just need the parameters. If there are no parameters the unknown is not worth it”.

Commissioner Paul Messner stated, “He wanted to figure out what the absolutes were and move forward with a new proposal to WhidbeyHealth Hospital”.

After some additional discussion, Board Chair Steve Huthinson stated, “He would try and get into see Mr. Meyers with Chief Hartin on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>”. Commissioners Engle and Messner concurred that would be a good course of action.

**New Business.** None.

### **Good of the Order/Announcements**

Sept 5, 2019

Host Sno-Isle Meeting @ Station 53

Oct 23-26, 2019

Annual WFOA Conference, Tulalip Casino, WA  
**(Commissioners Messner, Hutchinson & Engle)**

### **Next Regular Meeting**

August 6, 2019

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Station 53

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There being no further business, Board Chair Steve Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 18:05.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Harpe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Harpe, Secretary