

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
Camano Island Fire & Rescue (CIFR)
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Board Workshop
February 25th, 2026
4:30 PM
MINUTES

Chair K. Williams called the **Special Fire Commissioners Meeting** to order at 4:30 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Commissioner

Kim Williams
Jerry Evans
Maria Carlstrom
Paul Foster

Fire Department Staff

Chief Jason Allen
Darci Runnels, Board Pro Tem Secretary
Bronlea Mishler - PIO

Public- 0 members of the public in person,
0 members via Zoom

I. Agenda:

MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda

1st: Commissioner Evans 2nd Commissioner Foster

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

II. Carletti Contract

MOVED TO APPROVE the Carletti Contract

1st: Commissioner Foster 2nd: Commissioner Carlstrom

Discussion:

**Regarding clarification needed of paragraph 1.2 on page 5 of B101 of the contract.
Commissioners approval with paragraph revision.**

APPROVED: Unanimous

III. Long Range Financial Planning

a. Presentation by Chief Allen

Discussion:

- Reviewed station 5 funding and construction timeline
- 2031 new engine needed
- Funding source options
- Defining levy types
- Funding alternatives – “pay as you go”, “Voted Debt Financing.”
- Recommendation from Chief Allen would be to leave the option to pay off any debt financing early.
- Planning Cost Assumptions
- Option 1
 - Move Engine funds to Capital Facilities Fund
 - Pass multi-year fire levy in 2027 (\$1.35 up to 6%)
 - Pass Ems levy in 2031 (\$0.50)
- Option 2
 - Councilmanic Bond (Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds)
 - Pay for the engine with the funds CIFR already has
 - Utilize the 2.9 M in the Reserve Facilities Fund
 - Non-voter-approved bond for 2m gives 4.9 M to fund project
 - Pay the bond off early
 - Pass multi-year fire levy in 2027 (\$1.35 up to 6%)
 - Pass Ems levy in 2031 (\$0.50)
- Option 3
 - Multiyear fire levy
 - Pay for engine with Capital Apparatus Replacement fund
 - 2027 fire levy for \$1.45 with a multiyear option up to 6% (raises an additional 2M in 2028 for capital projects)
 - No bond for station 5
 - Run levy increase since bond is going away
 - 2031 EMS Levy amount for \$0.50
- Option 4
 - Voter-approved Go Bond – rolling all capital projects into one bond
 - Pay for the engine with apparatus funds
 - 27 fire levy \$1.30 w multiyear up to 6%
 - Would delay us 1 year and require 60% majority to pass
- Elections Recommendation, 8/2027 fire levy and re-run in November for \$0.05 less, add councilmanic bond to cover short term facility projects
- Paul Williams recommends option 3
- Carlstrom – recommends option 3
- Evans recommends option 3 but fire levy at \$1.40 to allow wiggle room to increase
- Allen recommends going at \$1.40
- Foster – recommends Option 3

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- Decisions facilities analysis on what facility needs are imminent within the next 5 years to make a selection.

IV.

Announcements

- ✓ Commissioners: please complete Chief Evaluation
- ✓ **Commissioner Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, 4:30 PM**, in-person/virtual Admin Bldg.

There being no further business, Comm Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darci Runnels
Fire Board Pro Tem Secretary