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

- 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

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Fire Board Pro Tem Secretary

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