SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
Purpose: Regular Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting
Location: Guemes Island Fire Station
Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2026

Commissioner Haggerty called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Present: Commissioners Haggerty, Meekins and Vammen; Fire Chief Cole, Secretary Davelaar.

Annual public budget meeting was held between 6:34 pm and concluded at 7:30 pm, $334,848 is the 2027 budget levy figure that will be presented to the county commissioners. Budget Sheet numbers updated; categories and line items discussed, streamlined and annual amounts updated. The 2027 rolling format budget sheet will be discussed and approved at the December fire commissioners meeting.

The regular public fire commissioners meeting convened at 7:30 pm: The motion was made by Commissioner Haggerty to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026; **motion seconded, motion carried.** Motion was made by Commissioner Vammen to approve the meeting agenda, **motion seconded, motion carried.**

Open: None

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

October Operating Fund cash balance			$129,839.79
October General Investment Fund balance			$ 53,702.59
October Capital Fund cash balance			$ 35,046.81
October Capital Investment Fund balance			$113,708.74
Total			**$332,297.93**
October Expenditures	Expenses	$7,778.44	
	Payroll	$5,299.85	
Expense Grand Total			**$13,078.29**
October GIFD Revenue:	Tax Collection	$92,960.44	
	Donations	$ 525.00	
	Interest	$ 658.81	
October GIFD Total Revenue			**$94,144.25**

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 010-001 to 010-006	$4,592.83
Electronic Payments:	V9360-1001 to V9360-1005	$ 473.18
	V5202-1001 to V5202-1008	$1,062.45
	V5095-1001 to V5095-1002	$ 43.00

Payroll Voucher: PR 102026 $5,299.85

October Total Expenses **$13,078.29**

VFF Stipends (banked monthly/paid quarterly) $2,645.00

Commissioner Vammen made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, **motion seconded, motion carried.**

Commissioners discussed the undesignated donations of $525 to the Capital Fund. Commissioner Meekins suggested delaying the transfer until the December meeting; at that time, we will transfer funds from the second half 2026 property tax collection as well.

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses.

Unfinished Business:

- Long-term Capital planning update—List of Equipment needs are in process; the 13-month rolling budget spreadsheet unveiled.
- Update: Commissioner Vammen applied for WA State DNR grant for surplus brush rigs; announcements of the recipients will be released the first week of December. We are now receiving information as other grants are becoming available; these will be added to the Shared Drives in a folder labeled "Grant Proposals" found under the "Funding" folder. Updates can be added to the spreadsheet.
- Update: Commissioner Meekins' capital donation of $100,000 before the end of the year—further questions can be discussed with Jackie Brunson, Skagit County Treasurer.

New Business:

- Capital Planning Meeting to set 2027 Budget Levy; see above.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm**.** The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Monday, December 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.**

Next Resolution will be 497.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

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Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman