



# Clallam County Fire District 3

*Motto: Serve, Respect, Prevent and Protect*

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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2018

Chair Barnfather called the Board of Commissioners Special meeting for Clallam County Fire District 3 to order at 6:00 p.m. at Station 34 – 323 N Fifth Avenue, Sequim, WA. Present were: Commissioners James D. Barnfather, G. Michael Gawley, Steven K. Chinn, Fire Chief Ben Andrews, Assistant Chiefs Tony Hudson and Dan Orr, Administrative Assistant Lori Coleman, and Finance Manager Alwynn Movius, Captain Marc Lawson, Lieutenant Ryan Tillman, FF/PM Mark Mullvain, Kolby Konopaski, Chris Corbin, Matt Newell and Bryce McGinley, FF/EMT James Whitaker, Citizens Tom Lunderville, Bob Brackbill, Ron Web, Ken Niblett, Bill Biery and Chris Snow.

**Agenda Bill 1: Proposed Levy Lid Lift Resolution** – Chief Andrews delivered a presentation that highlighted the District’s past and current financial and operational overview reporting that: the District relies on two property taxes to fund emergency services, one for EMS and one for the General fund. Currently the General fund levy rate is at \$1.26 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The proposed levy lid lift would increase the current rate of \$1.26 to \$1.50. By law, the District can only increase revenue annually by 1% without voter approval; that increase does not keep up with inflation nor the costs associated with the community’s rising call volume. If voters approve the proposed levy lid lift, the estimated cost would be around \$5.00 a month (\$60 a year) on a home assessed at \$250,000.00. If the levy does not pass, the District will have to balance the budget by deficit spending starting in 2019. The capacity to deficit spend is estimated to run out in 2023. At that point, the District will be forced to balance the budget with program and service level cuts.

Chief Andrews entertained a question and answer session noting that: the District cannot ask for voters to approve beyond a six-year time frame for a lid lift increases; district funds cannot be used to campaign, the District can disseminate information and educate regarding needs, as was done tonight; the District is saving money by planning the ballot timing around a general election; when asked about what citizens can do to support passing the levy, he responded that they should start talking about it, having conversations and using word of mouth to educated other citizens would be helpful in disseminating accurate information. Chief Andrews read aloud recent correspondence regarding the levy lid lift that had been e-mailed to him.

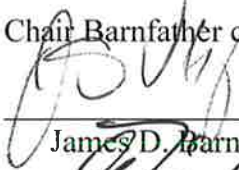
Chair Barnfather thanked everyone for coming asking that any correspondence regarding the levy lid lift be sent to Chief Andrews and informed every one of the next regular board meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, where further discussions regarding the proposed lid lift will occur.

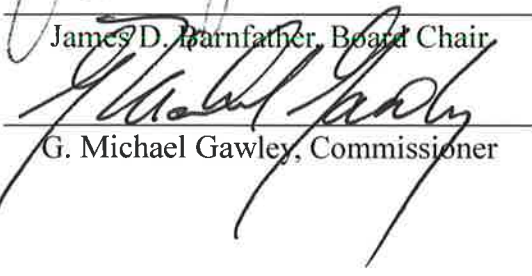
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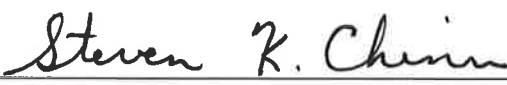
No public comment.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Barnfather called for adjournment at 7:04 p.m.

  
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James D. Barnfather, Board Chair

  
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G. Michael Gawley, Commissioner

  
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Steven K Chinn, Vice Chair

Attest:   
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Ben Andrews, Board Secretary