

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3  
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 21, 2021**

Vice Chair Durr called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. This is a Zoom meeting. A quorum was present with Chair Dalton excused. Also in attendance were D/C Boltz, A/C McGrady, A/C Hebeisen, A/C Adams and Director Wick.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Durr motioned for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Rankin moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Clancy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

- Fire Prevention Month Proclamation – A/C Adams briefed the Board on the history of Fire Prevention Month. Commented on the safety and fire prevention history through the NFPA. Briefed the Board on the activities in our school program. Covid protocols are in place but working hard to work with the schools to make sure the kids are involved through Google Classroom.

Vice Chair Durr read the Proclamation stating October will be recognized as Fire Prevention Month.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of August 17, 2021. Warrant #63594 through #63678 totaling \$150,465.76. Warrants #63679 through #63730 totaling \$402,954.82. Warrants #63731 through #63763 totaling \$228,402.31. Warrants #63774 through #63811 totaling \$69,598.66. Warrants #63812 through #63857 totaling \$1,126,883.60. Warrant #63858 totaling \$1,580.00. August payroll \$2,928,252.65. Finance Report July 31, 2021. Consent Agenda approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** - No comments at this time.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp briefed the Board:
  - Hiring update – Lateral hires ended with seven new hires. Initially offered ten positions but when it came to leaving their job and final process there were three that declined the offer. The academy will start October 4<sup>th</sup>. Entry level hiring occurred and job offers have been put out to 21 individuals. January 1, 2022 will be their start date.
  - Vaccination mandates – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the mandates that were discussed at our last meeting. These State mandates were put in place. Worked through the process with the State and all paperwork needs to be in place by October 18, 2021. There is also a Federal mandate that came out. We are not a Federal business but fall under the contractor language because we receive money from Medicaid. Federal funding falls under this mandate. Offering service to the VA is a federal contract. The federal mandate is a little broader and mandates all our employees are to be vaccinated. We are looking for legal review and will follow guidelines that are put in place. Deadline for Federal Mandate is November 22, 2021.
  - WPFR received \$230,000 to use for emergency management material and remote technology during the pandemic. Last night we received the approval for funding. Funding is from Lakewood ARPA funds. Great news.
  - Firefighter Hastings will be starting Paramedic School this month and we are excited to build this program with our own people.
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> we had the ceremony in Lakewood at City Hall. We also had our service on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Station 31. Very well attended. The weather was in our favor and everyone did an amazing job putting this together. Thank you to all involved.
  - Chief Sharp received a proclamation on behalf of PCFCA. Lakewood Council also provided a proclamation thanking firefighters for their service.
  - Chief Sharp also spoke at the memorial down at the County City Building for Police, Fire and Armed Forces. Recognized all the first responders lost. WPFR has worked on the project from the beginning. Final project turned out very nice. If you are down at the County City building please take a look.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Cancel October 5, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting – Chief Sharp briefed the Board and stated there is no new business or action items to bring forward to the October 5, 2021 meeting.  
**Vice Chair Durr called for a motion to approve cancel the October 5, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Rankin motioned. Commissioner Sheeran seconded. All approved unanimously**

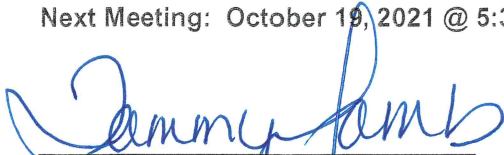

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Nice to see Fire Prevention Month. Thankful for the ARPA funds from the City of Lakewood. Thanked Vice Chair Durr for taking over the meeting.
- **Commissioner Clancy** - No comments
- **Commissioner Rankin** – SS911 Board meeting tomorrow to discuss the budget. County council meeting was today. Commissioner Rankin will not be at the October 19, 2021 meeting.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Thanked A/C Adams for his work in Prevention. Thanked everyone for their hard work

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to bring to the Board Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 @ 5:30

  
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Tammy Lamb, District Clerk  
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Dave Durr, Board Vice Chair  
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Koree Wick, District Secretary