

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 5:30
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 06, 2025

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30. A quorum was present with All Commissioners in attendance. Also, in attendance were, D/C Boltz, D/C McCurdy, A/C McGrady, A/C Adams and, Director Wick,

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton called for a motion for approval of agenda. Commissioner Clancy motioned. Commissioner Dellinger seconded. All approved unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

- Administrative Professionals Proclamation – Chair Dalton read the proclamation and Kim Cacciaguidi, Admin Manager accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for the recognition.
- EMS week Proclamation – Chair Dalton read the Proclamation for EMS week. Deputy Chief Boltz accepted the proclamation and thanked the EMS staff and all paramedics for their hard work. Chief Boltz briefed the Board and thanked them for their hard work.

PRESENTATION

- Retirement – Jo Kummerle – Chief Sharp called forward Jo Kummerle to the front and read her retirement plaque. Thanked her for all her hard work. Chair Dalton read the proclamation. All Commissioners and staff thanked her for her hard work.
- Merit Awards
 - Captain Kari Anderson
 - Firefighter Alec Wilkins

Chief Sharp brought Kari and Alec forward and read the letter of recognition. Presented both of them with their merit award. Their actions are an exemplary act of their hard work and dedication. Commissioners and staff thanked them both for their hard work.

Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting for ten minutes at 5:44 for pictures and congratulations. Called the meeting back to order at 5:50.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes of April 01, 2025.

Capital Projects Warrant #74345 totaling \$111,338.63. Warrants #74346 through #74415 totaling \$404,856.06. Warrants #74416 through #74451 totaling \$39,244.97. Warrants #74455 through #74530 totaling \$1,179,712.05. Bond Warrants #74452 through #74454 totaling \$151,569.17. Warrants #74556 through #74605 totaling \$214,840.93. Warrants #74531 through #74532 totaling \$1,394.00. Capital Projects Warrant #74615 totaling \$41,586.95. Warrants #74616 through #74644 totaling \$477,719.92. March payroll \$4,084,223.13. March Alarm Summary. April payroll \$4,109,658.68. Finance Report ending March 31, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE – Chair Dalton commented on a community member who had stated how our crews helped her family and she was so thankful

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORT

- Recent Incidents – D/C Boltz briefed the Board
 - Semi-Tractor fire on I-5. Had some water issues that were worked through with the crews. Incident occurred on April 29th.
 - Saturday there was a fire and a citizen did not want to leave the apt. Police and Fire negotiated and got the citizen to come out.
- Chiefs Report - Chief Sharp briefed the Board:
 - Quarterly Report
 - Reserved funds were moved. Transferred 1.5 million and was moved back to reserve fund on May 1st.
 - Federal funding. Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the programs that affect the fire department. Have not been sure day to day with the FEMA grant awards. Grant funding was stopped for a while. The district was unsure of funding for about 10 weeks. Funding was in limbo. This past two weeks we have received payments on the Paramedic grant funding request, the SCBA grant, and the smoke alarm program. Things are moving forward. We put a grant in for defibrillators and we are hopeful the grant will be processed. Planning and preparing has been difficult.
 - The AmeriCorps volunteer was de-funded last week. Our AmeriCorps volunteer has been a vital part of CERT. This position has been in place for over a decade. We need to continue having our AmeriCorps volunteer until July. We have figured out an internal solution. In 2026 we will come back to the table and review this program. 25 states are included in a lawsuit to recover these funds.
 - FEMA activation and deployments. Sent crews to Hurricane Milton and Helene and we have not been reimbursed. Approx. \$120K. We will not deploy again until we get direction on payment. May not be any future deployments and this program is under review.
 - Other federal funding is the VA contract. If they lose federal funding this could be a problem. Will keep the Board updated if any information is received.
 - GEMT and Medicare transport funding is 10% of operating budget. Changes are being made to both systems. So far, we have not heard any news on the GEMT program. Monitoring very closely. Staff has been doing a deep dive if anything changes on any program that has been de-funded. Staff has a rough outline plan if anything changes to the funding model.
 - Two vacant Commissioner positions are open and both positions have been filed with the county to run for the positions
 - Presentation to the Lakewood Downtown associations.
 - Pierce County Council District 6 meeting.
 - April 1—11. LERA conference.
 - April 12th Rotary fundraiser
 - April 24th is our Leadership Summit. Guest speaker from Fort Worth Fire Dept.
 - April 30 attended the Pierce County Council District 4
 - Received Proclamation from Pierce County Council. Chief Sharp was present to receive.

Upcoming:

- May 9th presentation at Rotary
- May 21-22 Washington Fire Chiefs Conference
- May 28 Family night for Recruit Academy.
- May 29 - Recruit Graduation

ACTION ITEMS

- Cancel the May 20, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting – Executive staff will be at the Washington Fire Chiefs conference and not in town.
Chair Dalton called for a motion to cancel the May 20, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Casebolt motioned. Commissioner Durr seconded. All approved unanimously.

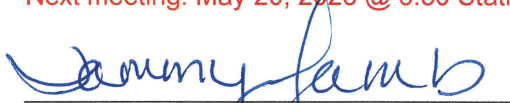
BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Dellinger** – Thanked Chief for the briefing on the federal funds. Congratulated Jo Kummerle and Captain Anderson and Wilkins.
- **Commissioner Casebolt** - Dittoed all the comments. Kudos to the department for the awards. Great for morale.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Dittoed the comments. Thanked everyone for their hard work
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Dittoed the comments and has eggs from his chickens for everyone.
- **Chair Dalton** – Dittoed the comments. Thanked staff for the awards and retirements. Thanked Chief for the update on federal funding. Very important to keep the AmeriCorps volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board, Vice Chair Clancy adjourned the meeting at 6:11 PM.

Next meeting: May 20, 2025 @ 5:30 Station 31.



Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



Bart Dalton, Board Chair



Koree Wick, District Secretary