

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021**

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:31 p.m. This is a Zoom meeting. A quorum was present with all Commissioners in attendance. Also in attendance were D/C McCurdy, D/C Boltz, A/C McGrady, A/C Adams, A/C Fiacchi and Director Wick. A sign-in sheet was provided for additional attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton motioned for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Rankin moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sheeran seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of June 15, 2021. Warrant #63176 through #63247 totaling \$523,054.61. Warrants #63248 through #63304 totaling \$98,550.59. Warrants #63316 through #63344 totaling \$121,498.27. Warrants #63345 through #63422 totaling \$350,461.38. June payroll \$3,213,298.18. Finance Report May 31, 2021. Finance Report June 30, 2021.

Consent Agenda approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - No comments at this time.

STAFF REPORT

- Fourth of July incidents – A/C Adams briefed the Board on the 4th of July holiday. Last year was 14 firework incidents. This year we only had 5. Firework related calls have to be confirmed with evidence of a firework. Super dry out and last year we had 58 calls this year we had 82. Five day window, last year 216 calls. This year over 300. Brush fires we have had 26 this year. Increased from last year. Great work out in the field. Jenny Weekes has been putting out a lot of messages out on social media regarding safety and burn ban information. No house fires on the 4th of July but a residential house fire on the 5th that was not firework related.
- National Night Out is August 3, 2021. A/C Adams sent an email out to all Commissioners to invite them to drive around the district and attend neighborhood parties. If you would like to be involved please let B/C Nelson know. Reply to the email and we will get you signed up. Excited to be a part of this night out. Both cities have parties. This year there will be about 37 parties.
- Recent Incidents – Chief Sharp stated there were no
- Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp briefed the Board
 - Quarterly Report
 - Working with the City of Lakewood on Covid related funding source. D/C McCurdy is sitting on a committee to decide how to use the funds.
 - Contract negotiations have begun with the PFSAG Guild. Great meeting this morning. Hopefully will not take long to complete the contract.
 - SS911 has had a lot of discussion regarding the 911 program office. Historically been housed in the Pierce County Government. Office needs to move to the SS911 center and keep in the central core of the county.
 - County excise tax on phone lines goes to Pierce County. Looking at moving that into the SS911 center and start moving the whole 70 cent tax over. The County is not excited about this plan and there has been discussion amongst the Board. Moving money from one government agency to another is up for discussion. PCFCA have gone on record to support the movement of these funds. Discussion is ongoing and Chief Sharp will update as information comes available.
 - Hiring update: Currently we have under 1000 applications with 23 lateral applications. Lateral interviews will start next week. Written test for entry level started this week. Online test will end next week and interviews will follow the following the week.
 - Lobby has opened to the public and Board meetings will begin in person on August 17, 2021 at Station 31, Looking at meetings and training calendars to make sure we follow protocol on number of attendees

- Invited the Commissioners to the Eat and Greets which builds team building and gets all the divisions together. Opportunity to mingle and get to know other departments. Director Wick will send out the invites.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ACTION ITEMS – None

BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Great to hear that everyone is doing well. Glad to be in person for our next meeting. Keep up the good work.
- **Commissioner Clancy** - No comments
- **Commissioner Rankin** – Meeting for SS911 on the July 28th. Chair and Vice Chair will be pursuing the funds so they are the only two in the discussion. PCFCA will have their get together at Orting Park. Discussing how the meetings until the end of the year will be formatted.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Echoed Commissioner Sheeran's comments. Will be nice to get back together.
- **Chair Dalton** – Glad to see Fourth of July there were no incidents. Commented on an incident he had at his home on Lake Steilacoom. West Pierce Fire & Rescue responded and did an amazing job. Police and fire were there and helped the swimmer get back to shore and helped to retrieve his clothes. Thank you to the department for your quick response and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board Commissioner Dalton adjourned the meeting at 5:55.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2021 @ 5:30



Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



Bart Dalton, Board Chair



Koree Wick, District Secretary