

Commissioners' Meeting

September 14, 2015

Chairman Entze called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Stephens, and Duncan, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson and Nixon, D. Weyn, D/Chiefs Lyon, Johnson, and Waters, B/Chief Kauppila, Lt. Bjurstrom, A. Mattila

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Entze.

No communications were received.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Duncan and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the August 24, 2015 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Duncan and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 151254 - 151332 in the amount of \$88,953.14 and Payroll Vouchers 151333 - 151355 in the amount of \$1,234,705.67 for a total consideration of \$1,323,658.81. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Attended a PCSORT meeting last week; reviewed the budget; reviewed outstanding invoice from the silo collapse, which is currently in litigation. South Pierce has planned to pay the invoice in 2016; discussed liability when responding to non-contracted districts. Would like to get contracts together, which will be going through legal for review.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- All crews have returned from Wildland deployments. Katrina has done an excellent job sending invoices into the State, we are ahead of the game on billing.
- Crunch time went well. We had a total of 67 students show up, some from Canada, Idaho, Spokane. There was only one injury this year; a minor hand laceration.
- Staffing for July and August is down; Station 56 was open only 30% of the time. We expect to have Station 56 open more in September. Constant Staffing Overtime for July was 770 hours, and 285 hours for August, which may be attributed to number of deployments (Backfill overtime was 900 hours).

It may have benefited the District to send crews to wildfires. \$215,000 has been saved in overtime costs

D. Weyn updated the Board on the following:

- The application process has closed. 60 candidates will move forward to the EMT test on September 21st. We are hoping to hire a mix of paramedics and firefighters. Six (6) new hires will begin work on January 4, 2016.

D/Chief Waters updated the Board on the following:

- There will be 4 Prevention events in September, and 4 in October.
 - Purdy Open House – roughly 800 people in attendance
 - Scarecrow Festival, October 3 – roughly 3000-6000 people in attendance. Prevention will be giving engine tours and staffing a booth with a scarecrow.
 - Harborview for Halloween
- Annual fire and evacuation drills in the schools will be happening in October and November. All public schools will be done by the end of November; duty crews will assist when available. There are 24 pre-schools that will also need to be scheduled.
- 8 additional Safe Sitter classes were added in 2015 due to high demand.
- Lisa has done an amazing job with Health and Safety Expo 2016; Our major sponsors have already committed, which is unprecedented.
- The hydrant maintenance crew completed 850 hydrant checks this summer.
- The Inspectors completed 1,200 visits this year; 800 initial visits, 450 re-inspections.
- Huge thank you to the District for the opportunity to go on Wildland Deployments. It was an amazing 2-week experience and a lot of information and knowledge was gained.

Standing Committee Reports:

At this time Chairman Entze announced a 5 minute recess before going into an Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) that will be held for the purpose of evaluation of the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. Chairman Entze reconvened the meeting at 3:55pm. No announcement was made.

Old Business

Staff Contracts have been completed for executive staff which includes A/Chiefs Watson and Nixon, D. Weyn and P. Riley. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the staff contracts as presented. Commissioner Nelson would like a spreadsheet that shows the position and pay rate with future contracts. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The administrative team has completed their SWOT analysis today. Still getting feedback from those who missed the first meetings.

New Business

A/Chief Watson presented the board with Pierce County Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement has not been updated since 1981 and has been revised. Revisions have been signed off by all mutual aid districts and needs to be approved by the Board. Revisions

are as follows; Page 1, language for Mutual Aid is updated; Page 2, #8, language was updated after the Oso Landslide to add the ability to switch from Mutual Aid to State Mobilization; Page 3, added language to give Fire Chief ultimate decision making; Page 4, under compensation, updated to include language to keep from abusing mutual aid and giving districts the ability to seek contributions for mutual aid abuse. Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded approval of the updated Pierce County Mutual Aid Agreement. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Good of the Order

Chairman Entze announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

At the September 28 meeting, the Board will formally recognize members for their life saving efforts during Lt. Bjurstrom’s medical emergency, as well as the swearing in of new volunteers.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Entze moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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