

## **Commissioners' Meeting**

November 26, 2012

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

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, D/Chief Shoemaker, P. Riley, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, Vol. D/Chief Petersen, Shift Personnel, K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Eric Watson.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 122858 - 122911 in the amount of \$55,178.49. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- The Executive Assistant position hiring process is proceeding; the two candidates are Danette Hodges-Weyn and Michele Spencer. Peer Review forms have been made available to personnel with a due date of November 30<sup>th</sup>. Panel Interviews will take place the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. He has requested Chairman Sutich to be present during the interview process.

Assistant Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Phase II of the Emission Reduction Technology Grant from the Department of Ecology and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has been received. This grant replaces batteries and generators on apparatus rather than utilizing diesel to run the vehicles. Vendor proposals are due the end of this month. The entire budget is funded at approximately \$500,000. Phase III will start in 2014, grant amount for this portion is \$1,000,000 – \$1,500,000.
- L. Abbott updated the Board on the Wildland reimbursements received to date; \$54,000 for the Taylor Bridge Fire and \$17,000 from DNR. Additional funds of

\$7,500 plus are expected to be received as well. Chief Burgess stated we have billed out \$150,000 for reimbursements to cover personnel and equipment costs.

No Standing Committee Reports were introduced.

### **Old Business**

Chief Burgess and L. Abbott expanded on the changes in the 2013 Budget being presented, as the final to go forward to the County. Copies of the final budget were provided to the Board for their review. L. Abbott then introduced the following Resolutions for the 2013 Budget:

Resolution 2012-15 authorizing the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer to levy \$14,074,362.73 on behalf of PCFD #5 which is a combination of assessed value of real properties and new construction and improvements within the boundaries of PCFD #5 and deposited into the General Expense Fund for utilization of the 2013 budget. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. L. Abbott recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2012-15 as presented. Commissioners Stephens and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-15 authorizing the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurers office to levy noted funds on behalf of PCFD #5. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2012-16 establishing the amount authorized to levy amount from the previous year for Fire in the amount of \$1,963,749.20 which is a percentage increase of 17.199% from the previous year. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. L. Abbott recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2012-16 as presented. Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-16 authorizing the 17.199% increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2012-17 establishing the amount authorized an increase in the EMS property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2013 tax year. Property tax for Pierce County Fire District #5 EMS shall be levied at the rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value as authorized by voter approval on April 17, 2012. It should be noted that the statutory rate limitation of \$.50/\$1,000 Assessed valuation will result in an actual tax levy amount of \$3,518,590.68. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. L. Abbott recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2012-17 as presented. Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-17 authorizing the increase in the regular property tax levy as authorized by voter approval on April 17, 2012. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Open discussion continued regarding budget figures and resolutions. Chief Burgess commended Linda Abbott on the great job she did putting together the 2013 Budget as well as prior Budgets since Chief Black's retirement.

L. Abbott introduced Resolution 2012-18 Medical Services Membership, establishing a medical services membership program, setting forth the qualifications of membership and the benefits of such membership effective January 1, 2013. The resolution in draft form was previously provided to the Board for review and is now finalized. Document has been reviewed by legal counsel. L. Abbott recommended the Board adopt this Resolution as presented. Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-18 Medical Services Membership as requested. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**New Business**

There was no New Business to introduce.

There was no public comment.

**Good of the Order**

Chairman Sutich announced the signing of documents.

**Special Interests/Upcoming Events**

The Pierce County Fire Chiefs - Fire Commissioners 2012 Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 6th at the Tacoma Country & Golf Club in Lakewood.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Casebolt and Stephens moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 10, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

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