

Commissioners' Meeting

November 23, 2015

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

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, and Duncan, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chiefs Kauppila & Meyer, D/Chief Lyon, D. Weyn, P. Riley, A. Mattila, N. Tatom K. Kreitzer, Students from TCC Political Science 101.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Entze.

No communications were received.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 151671 - 151730 in the amount of \$171,535.96.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- We are hiring six firefighters using the SAFER Grant and one additional firefighter with money found in the budget. All seven candidates have given written acceptance of their Conditional Offers of Employment. We will be hiring Volunteers Andy Cochrane, Alex Langlow, Benjamin Olmstead, Glenn Rogers and Abraham Edmonson along with Alison Monda and Eric Ritter. We are not hiring any Paramedics, but our firefighter Derek Hansen is in paramedic school and the district will continue to support him through the process.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- For the 2015 Wildland season, we are invoicing equipment costs of \$94,500 and \$228,000 for personnel. Payroll is confident we will receive all equipment monies, however personnel may fluctuate.
- Both of our current laborers are being hired as firefighters; we will begin the replacement process this week.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- We started with 40 volunteer candidates and narrowed it down to seventeen. Twelve were selected to continue on in the process. Will be meeting tomorrow night with Volunteer D/Chief Petersen and the Volunteer Lieutenants to discuss moving forward after losing some of our most active volunteers.

Standing Committee Reports:

Commissioner Sutich would like to thank Insurance Committee members A/Chief Watson and Executive Assistant D. Weyn for their work on this year's insurance renewal; Our West Side rates increased by \$14,000 per year. It is recommended we look around and compare prices at the next renewal period.

Old Business

A/Chief Watson presented the Board with the second read of the Peninsula Light Company easement contract. He would like to update the contract and possibly negotiate having them put conduit in the ground for us while they have the ground open.

P. Riley presented the updated 2015 Budget as the final to go forward to the County. Copies of the final budget were provided to the Board for their review. P. Riley then introduced the following resolutions for the 2015 Budget:

Resolution 2015-14 declaring a finding that substantial need exists and directing that a limit factor of 101% be used for the EMS property tax levy to be collected in 2016. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. P. Riley recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2015-14 as presented. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-14. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Resolution 2015-15 authorizing Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer to levy \$16,164,025.57 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 2015 budget. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. P. Riley recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2015-15 as presented. Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-15. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Resolution 2015-16 establishing the amount authorized to levy from the previous year for Fire in the amount of \$11,714,372.96 which is a percentage increase of 14.23% from the previous year. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. P. Riley recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2015-16 as presented. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-16. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Resolution 2015-17 establishing the amount authorized to levy from the previous year for EMS in the amount of \$3,702,205.89. An increase over the actual levy amount from the

previous year is expected to be \$24,650.73 which is a percentage increase of 0.666% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made. The expected tax levy amount may change when the county performs its final calculations, scheduled to be completed in December. Draft copies were previously provided to the Board for their review. P. Riley recommended the board adopt Resolution 2015-17 as presented. Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-17. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Burgess presented the Board with the final read of the contract renewal for legal counsel and sought approval to sign on the districts behalf. Commissioners Sutich and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to renew the contract for legal counsel. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

D. Weyn presented the Board with the final read of Resolution 2015-13 regarding the Deferred Compensation 457 loan program. This resolution will allow employees to borrow from their 457 accounts with the ability to pay it back over five years, with no additional cost to the district. Commissioners Sutich and Duncan moved and seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-13. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Six students from a TCC Political Science 101 class were in attendance.

Santa runs will begin the week of December 7.

Valor awards will be presented at the next Board Meeting on December 14, 2015

Chairman Entze announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Entze moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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