

Commissioners' Meeting

July 9, 2012

Chairman Sutich called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Casebolt, Entze, Stephens and Jarmon, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Watson & Nixon, B/Chief Pearson, D/Chiefs Lyon, Shoemaker & Waters, L. Abbott, J. Brenner, P. Riley, Local 3390 Representatives, Shift Personnel, N. Tatom, M. Spencer, K. Fogle, K. Kreitzer, FD #16 A/Chief Allen, Jon Kennedy and family, family and friends of Eric Waters

Our flag salute was led by Eric Waters.

No communications were received.

Commissioners Casebolt and Jarmon moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2012 meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Entze and Casebolt moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 121579 - 121654 in the amount of \$282,290.26 and Payroll Vouchers 121655 - 121763 in the amount of \$1,045,572.84 for a total consideration of \$1,327,863.10. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Medical Division Chief William Shoemaker and Assistant Chief Guy Allen from District 16 provided the background regarding the assistance provided by Jon Kennedy during a motor vehicle accident on the Purdy Bridge located between District 5 and District 16. Mr. Kennedy's willingness to stop and assist was clearly above and beyond and greatly appreciated. Chief Burgess presented Jon Kennedy with the Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One 'Good Samaritan Award' in recognition of his willingness to become the first link in the "*Chain of Survival*" for his May 21, 2012 Citizen CPR.

Assistant Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- He reported on the 4th of July week; 60 alarms occur during the week, the majority of them occurred before July 4th. B/Chief Pearson reported on two major fires that occurred on July 2nd and 3rd. The first one was an apartment fire where a citizen was overcome by smoke and pulled from the fire, the second fire occurred shortly after at the Peninsula Orthopedic Guild Thrift Shop located on Kimball Drive. Crews responded to find a fully involved fire in the main building.

Pat Riley presented the Board with the Information Technology Division Report:

We have been working with Zoll regarding the launching of the Patient-side charting program. Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue were at one time thought to be potential partners in this project but both plans fell short of what our needs were. So we renegotiated with Zoll for a proposal to combine the Patient-side charting and the Inspection program upgrades to our FireRMS system for a 30% discount. We plan to purchase these budgeted upgrades this month (July).

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner Casebolt stated that the Capital Facilities Plan & Impact Fee Committee will be meeting again soon.

Commissioner Stephens provided the Insurance Committee report: Typically the renewal rate for insurance coverage happens in October of each year. Quoted rates that would take effect August 1st allowed the Support staff and the Administrative staff to take advantage of lower rates that would not be available in the fall. The staff and administrative team mutually agreed to move to an alternative plan as provided through their personal services agreement.

Old Business

Assistant Chief Watson addressed the Board regarding Private Bridge inspections. He has checked with county agencies as requested to search for existing information regarding private bridges within the District. During this research information came up regarding the Fox Island Bridge. The Pierce County Bridge Engineering section has analyzed the Fox Island Bridge and found that our apparatus can continue to cross the bridge with the exception of the water tenders who will have to slow their speed to 15 mph when transitioning on or off the bridge. A Safety Memo has been provided to all department personnel regarding this issue. He also spoke with the County Planning and Land Services Engineering Division and was told that they do not have any database on existing private bridges and found only that there are requirements that must meet codes as identified at the time each bridge was built. They do not keep any inspection records or do any continued evaluation of private bridges. Department personnel have completed an inventory of 25 private bridges within the District which represent about 245 single family residents. Now that we have specific addresses for each bridge we can then investigate parcel by parcel to do our own investigation.

Chief Burgess expanded on the current dilemma regarding private bridges as to the concern if they are strong enough to support department apparatus. At this time he feels the cohesive support of a larger agency level (Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association) should collaborate to come up with a viable resolution to this concern.

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.

Chief Burgess presided over the Promotional Ceremony for Prevention Division Chief Eric Waters. Family members were introduced and participated in the pinning of the Badge and collar brass. A celebration of his promotion will be held immediately following adjournment for all to attend.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

Pierce County Fire Commissioners meeting and annual picnic will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 26th at the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners Casebolt and Entze moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 23, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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