

Commissioners' Meeting

August 9, 2016

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Sutich, Nelson, Entze & Smith, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Bjurstrom, Watson & Nixon, D. Weyn, D/Chief Meyer, A. Mattila, Vol FFs J. Cooper & J. Huscroft, Claudia Jones, K. Kreitzer

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

Former District 16 Commissioner Claudia Jones wanted to thank Mike & Debbie Smith for their help on July 23 at the spaghetti fundraiser to tackle the opiate crisis in Pierce County. The fundraiser brought in \$16,000, and the objective is to open a treatment facility on the Peninsula.

There were no communications.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Commissioners Smith and Nelson moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the July 26, 2016 Commissioner Meeting as mailed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Duncan and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 161140-161255 in the amount of \$145,661.65 and Payroll Vouchers 161226-161248 in the amount of \$1,198,136.46 for a total consideration of \$1,343,798.11. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Went to Prosser, WA last week to assist with a 5,000 acre wildland fire. No structures were lost.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- Attended a SS911 group meeting workshop with Commissioner Sutich. They approved the budget with a 2% increase in dispatch costs. There was also a commitment among the group to nail down a cost point for radio services. It was decided that they would not increase the cost per radio for 3 years. The County will subsidize money from E911. SS911 will take over operations of CCN at the end of the 3-year window.
- The County and SS911 have agreed to use the old Puget Sound Hospital location for its new building; still need to go out to bid and get pricing. The construction timeline is roughly 1.5-2 years.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- Pierce County came out and updated radios. The upgrades seem to be working well.
- Currently working to troubleshoot some of the new LEEDS-compliant buildings for better reception. Chief Nixon provided information about the testing of the radios in “in-building” situations. We are testing out vehicle repeaters with a new vendor, free of charge, and are hoping it’s a good solution for in-building radio coverage.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- We are currently looking into the possibility of changing our name officially to Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One. Wondering if there is a reason to keep Pierce County Fire District #5 and will be looking into any legal issues. Will keep the Board updated.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no Standing Committee Reports.

Old Business

Chief Burgess presented the Board with the final draft of the IT Contract. This is a temporary 6 month contract that includes a 30-day clause for either party to terminate the contract with written notice. Chief Burgess recommended that the Board accept the contract as presented. Commissioners Nelson and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve the IT contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A/Chief Watson updated the board on the underground fuel tanks at Station 51. Will need to do an RFP to advertise for engineers; will be working with legal counsel on the paperwork. We are hoping to drill holes, check the soil, and then cap the holes. The hope is the soil samples will come back with no contaminations. Worst-case scenario we will have to excavate and clean the area. A question and answer session followed.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the EMS Levy Lid Lift Measure. We are currently working on an educational flyer. There has not been a “no committee” established. We received the final ballot title and there were changes made. The County removed the language “will not exceed the 50 cent cap” which we felt was an important message to convey, and we are disappointed in the change.

Chairman Duncan updated the Board on the proposed Residential Sprinkler Ordinance. The City of Gig Harbor is organizing the group mitigation meeting. Three people from each side will represent their viewpoints at the meeting scheduled for the 29th of this month. The longer the process takes, the more houses are being built without sprinklers.

New Business

Executive Assistant Weyn updated the Board with the 2017 Budget process timeline.

Chief Watson addressed the Board for approval of Resolution 2016-13 to surplus outdated IT equipment. The items will be going to an electronics recycling firm for proper disposal. In the future we will be establishing a plan to dispose of items on a regular basis. Commissioners Entze and Nelson moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 as presented. With no

further discussion, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Comment

Citizen K. Krietzer addressed the Board with a humorous comment regarding the use of outdated electronics. Laughter ensued.

District #5 Member Comment

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Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

There was no interest/upcoming events.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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