

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

January 8, 2024

The Board of Commissioners met at 4 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2024 at Station 87. Those present were Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matthew Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams. Minutes for December 2023 were approved as written.

There was no public comment. The district secretary said that the State Auditor sent an opening email saying that they were going to begin the next audit for the state. The secretary also went over the financials for the district listing the cash on hand and the investments. The chief read his report.

Comm. Frey asked about stipends. Chief Medford said he was still trying to work out a payment plan. He said he needed to work out a more equitable metric for proportioned payments. Comm. Koehler asked about stickers on the new chief's truck. Chief Medford was still looking at design. He added that he still needed to get a radio for the truck.

The secretary reported that she had printed out the district's checks that month, and was waiting for approval from the board to send info to the County Budget and Finance for the money to be placed in the joint account. She explained that she had tried to set up EFT's with other companies, but that EMS Connect had already pulled their payment out of the bank account. She said that there was a balance of \$1,500 in the account, so the payment was made without incident, but added that there were two check registers to sign - one for warrants and one for EFT's.

Comm. Koehler asked about the \$22,000 fee to Pierce County for radios. Chief Medford said that part of that might be reimbursed by South Sound. He added that there were issues that not everyone is paying like the sheriff's office.

Comm. Dennis Day from Lewis County Fire District 17 went over the issues that the district has gone through over the past four years concerning a merger. He talked about the process of whether or not to conduct lid lifts for the levies or whether to merge, and then do lid lifts. He also asked for the commissioners to be sure that they wanted to complete the merger. Comm. Koehler said that he wanted some more information about where the merger would cost in money. He added that he was still supportive of the merger. Chief Medford said that the district would take a bit of a hit in funds, but that we had money in savings to keep going. Comm. Day said he wanted to start the process this year. He said that if the districts merge, only the citizens of District

17 would vote. District 23 would probably meet with their lawyer to go over some questions. Comm. Day said he would like an answer by March.

The board approved the check register for checks 10011 through 10017 and checks 10045 and 10046 for payroll for \$14,625.55 and checks 10018 through 10044 for \$47,260.32 for general expenses. EFT's were for a total of \$4,078.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Chairman

2-12-24
Date



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Chief's Report January 2024

General:

- Starting the new year with an overall well above average call volume.
- Dealing with Snow and above average of that.

Facilities:

- Sewer issue at station 86 temp patch until summer when ground is dry.
- Vehicle warranty work on pickup, striping design finalized printing in process
- Engines and tenders are still going through servicing 3 of 7.
- SCBA and compressor servicing.

Responses:	35
EMS:	22
Fire:	10 (4 mutual aid to SPFR)
Other:	3
Year to Date:	35
Last Year Comparison:	22/22 (January 2023) 40*/40 (January 2022)
Ambulance Runs:	10 D23 Transports (10 for Jan 2023) (10 for Jan 2022)
	4 South Pierce (4 for Jan 2023) (4 for Jan 2022)
	14 Total Transports
	40 calls record for January

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Lewis County 17 commissioners meeting
- Pierce Co EMS meeting
- Lahar Planning Meetings PCDEM & EPIC
- Wa State Auditor meetings
- APS meetings and Co-responders

Respectfully,

Chief Medford

