

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

March 11, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024 at Station 87 for their regular meeting. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes for February 2024 were approved as written. During the secretary's report, the secretary asked for the chairwoman's signature for a document for the Board for Volunteer Firefighters approving all the volunteers who met the yearly requirements. She explained why EFT's were not done for the month because of problems with Keybank. She said she thought it would be ready for next month.

The chief read his report. He also acknowledged that volunteers Beth McQueen and John Sanfilippo each had 40 years of service to the district. He had plaques made for their service.

The chief said that he felt that the district should be moving to a new reporting system which would probably cost more, but that would mesh with the reporting systems that neighboring districts use. The board approved the move to a new system with ESO.

After questions, the board approved the two voucher lists with \$49,780.89 for general expenses and \$10,264.47 for payroll. Lieutenant Andy Sabo made a proposition to the board to request that they purchase a side-by-side vehicle. He did some price searching, and thought that one could be purchased for about \$26,000. He also suggested putting together a grant-writing committee to look into finding a grant. The board asked the chief to put together some possibilities for purchase. The board then went into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss contract issues at about 7:40 p.m. The board emerged from executive session announcing that no decisions had been made. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Claudia Frey

Chairman

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Chief's Report March 2024

General:

- This month's call volume was closer to normal to slightly above average for incidents.
- Partnered again this year with Eatonville food bank, they are using our parking lot to serve the community throughout the summer.
- Participated in the Lahar Drill with Puyallup EOC, largest school evacuation of students in the nation. Approximately 45,000 students participated. At least 12,000 actually evacuated their school and went to their designated Lahar meeting point; others sheltered in place.
- Assisted with IFSAC FF2 Certification testing process at Buckley.

Facilities:

- Damage to the station apparatus door in Elbe, immediate temporary repair done and set up the permanent repairs to be done, Also going to repair damage from a previous incident Long, long ago to the other doors and service while they are there, overall some money saving doing all at once for less trips.
- Last Engine went to the shop for starting annual, and will also get a new light bar. The old equipment was not nearly as visible as the new one,
- One of the new light bars back from the shop and it's a dramatic difference and gets attention. This is a large safety improvement.

Responses:

	22	
EMS:	16	
Fire:	5 (2 mutual aid to SPFR)	
Other:	1	
Year to Date:	80	
Last Year Comparison:	22/64 (March 2023)	25/92 (March 2022)
Ambulance Runs:	2 D23 Transports (3 for Mar 2023) (11 for Mar 2022)	
	5 South Pierce (5 for Mar 2023) (4 for Mar 2022)	
	7 Total Transports	

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- EMS meeting - Pierce County EMS
- Several Meetings planning leading up to the Lahar Evacuation drill at Puyallup EOC
- Pierce County DEM meetings regarding CEMP and Rainier Plan

Respectfully, Chief Medford