Pierce County Fire District 23 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting May 13, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District met at 7 p.m., at the Ashford Fire Hall for their regular meeting. Those present include Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved as written. David Koehler, a volunteer, made a pitch to the board for the purchase of a new utility terrain vehicle for use in off-road rescue operations. He went over possible specifications and prices. He also discussed uses for the vehicle. FF Koehler said he was not looking for an immediate answer, but was presenting options for the board to consider. The board asked for information about insurance before proceeding.

The secretary gave her report. She reported that the issues with KeyBank were resolved, and the board should be able to do EFT's this month along with a few checks. The secretary also went over the financial picture discussing how much was in department accounts. She added that the district would probably have to tap into savings some time later, possibly by summer. The chief read his report.

Under old business, Comm. Frey asked about the exit conference with the State Auditor, and added that she would join in if possible. Moving on to new business, the chief said that with the new program for entering in EMS reports, the board would be unable to continue using chromebooks for the ambulances. He said he wanted to purchase some rugged laptops with one for each ambulance. He went over specifications and costs with the board. The board approved the chief's purchase of new laptops.

Under new business, the chief said the board would have to purchase a couple of radios for rigs that never had radios installed. He said another problem was that there are only a couple of vendors that sell the mobile radios. The cost would be around \$8000.00 each. The chief went over specifications and costs. He added that South Sound 911 should reimburse the district for part of the costs.

The board approved the vouchers for the month. Claims were \$113,435.74. Payroll was \$10,637.87. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Chief's Report **April 2024**

General:

- April was a nice break with a little below average call volume, the first in a while.
- Working with ESO Onboarding moving forward with a new Reporting program.
- Assisted Buckley and Browns Point Fire with IFSAC testing
- Eatonville Family Agency started up again using Ashford station as distribution point.

Facilities:

- Repair to Engine door at Elbe, bottom two panels replaced on both doors
- Service & maintenance for Elbe and Ashford overhead doors.
- Last engine back from Annual maintenance, Tender 87 in for servicing
- New ambulance was taken to Van Cleave for servicing.

Responses:

15

EMS:

14

Fire:

1 (all D23)

Other:

0

Year to Date:

95

Last Year Comparison:

27/91 (April 2023)

25/117 (April 2022)

Ambulance Runs:

6 D23 Transports (5 for Apr 2023) (7 for Apr 2022)

2 South Pierce

(3 for Apr 2023) (4 for Apr 2022)

8 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Fire Chiefs E board
- Pierce County fire Chiefs Meeting
- Pierce County DEM Meeting
- Pierce College advisory board
- South Pierce Meeting w/ chief Wernet
- SS911 Fire Ops Meeting
- DNR regarding trust lands

Respectfully, Chief Medford

