

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

July 8, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2024 for their regular meeting. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young and Chief Matt Medford. The minutes were approved as corrected. The chief read his report.

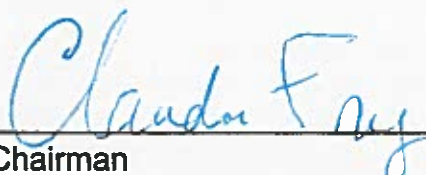
Under old business, the chief asked that since the board had formerly approved the purchase of an ambulance for \$400,000, and the chief was able to find one for a significantly lower amount, if the board would approve the purchase of another one if a similar deal came up. Comm. Koehler added that the district should also replace Utility 86 and Brush 85. After some discussion about the previous deal, the board approved the purchase of a new ambulance or a new utility vehicle with the remaining money of the original ambulance purchase.


Comm. Young asked about a replacement schedule for the other district vehicles. Chief Medford said that he had been discussing the situation with another district chief, and was considering the possibility of taking an engine back to the manufacturer for a complete refurbishment. He explained some of the benefits of that scenario. The board asked him for hard numbers on those costs along with a replacement schedule.

Comm. Young asked how many completely dead vehicles the district had. Chief Medford said that Utility 03 did not run, and the board had already surplused it, but notification had not gone up on the district's website. Lieutenant Beason said the secretary needed to check if it needed to be sealed bids. Other possibilities to dispose of the vehicle were discussed.

The all-terrain vehicle purchase was discussed. The chief said the proposal had expired and he still had some questions about whether its usage was necessary. Comm. Koehler said that the board should talk about the possibility of paying a per diem stipend to the volunteers that drive a long distance to pull shifts. The board instructed the chief to look into a stipend for shift work.

The board approved the payment list for the month. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Chairman


Date

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Commissioner

[Signature]

Commissioner

Chief's Report July 2024

General:

- Just set our second busiest month on record of 59 calls one away from tying our record month which was this time last year.
- Marathon in the valley seemed to go smoothly from the Fire district side, substantial traffic problems observed for the 5K run on Friday night. Heavily attended.
- Progress moving forward with moving to ESO for August 2024 start date still on track
- SPFR Fire Academy completed and our personnel that were enrolled graduated from the Academy, Congratulations on your work.

Facilities:

- Ambulance project moved forward parts added moving closer to completion
- Chief vehicle decals reworked

Responses:

60* (all time record for any single Month)

- EMS: 41 (2 SPFR, 3 MORA)
- Fire: 12 (6 mutual aid to SPFR)
- Other: 6
- Year to Date: 218
- Last Year Comparison: 60*/224 (July 2023) 39/194 (July 2022)
- Ambulance Runs: 12 D23 Transports (9 for July 2022)(4 for July 2022)
6 South Pierce (7 for July 2022) (7 for July 2022)
4 ALNW
3 Other
25 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County FD17 Commissioners
- Pierce county fire chief
- Pierce County EMS Meeting
- Meeting with Country Chiefs

Respectfully, Chief Medford

