

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

October 14, 2024

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, October 14, 2024 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes for the September meeting were unanimously approved as presented. The Secretary gave her report. She noted that her notary stamp was set to expire in April 2025. She asked if the board wanted her to renew it, and they all said she should renew the license. She went over the financial report, noting that the district had \$1,299,400 in investments even after all the vehicle purchases. The chief read his report. The board discussed some of the calls of the previous month.

Under old business, the chief said that since they purchased the new ambulance, it needed a power cot and power load system, because one had never been purchased for Aid 88. After going over various options, the board approved his request for approximately \$71,000 for a new Stryker Power Pro power cot.

Under new business, the board approved Resolution 24-002 for Lewis County Fire District 17 to merge with District 23. While the board had previously approved a similar resolution, it was determined that the dates would need to be changed, and a new paragraph was added that allowed taxation in District 17 in the interim period until the merger was complete.

Ad hoc payments for the month were approved with \$48,818.42 for claims and \$14,572.55 in payroll. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Chairman

11-11-24
Date


Commissioner



Commissioner

Chief's Report

October 2024

General:

- This was closer to “average” call numbers typically found in October. Thank you to everyone who is responding and contributing to carrying the load.
- Warm Fall day in early October weekend brought increased traffic to the valley. To the best of our knowledge the backup at one day was up to Paradise Village Restaurant. It also set a new “record” to most people’s memory of being backed up past the fire station in Ashford and just to the Gas station in Ashford.
- Columbia Crest elementary school, Participated in Campfires, smores and book reading outside. It was a well attended event for the school. A campfire by the Teepee. We had a static display at the Fire engine near the campfire and gave tours of the fire truck by the campfires. We then were treated with the Northern Lights making an appearance at the end of the night.
- Participated in a “Trunk or Treat” hosted at Whittaker's Bunkhouse, very popular event. The crew hosted approximately 40 kids and 17 Trunks set up. Pierce County Fire District 23 skeleton crew arrived with Brush 87 passed out candy and “mopped up some hot spots in the yard.”
- Hosted Eatonville food bank. Last trip out for the year.

Facilities:

- Stryker equipment shipped at the end of the month.

Responses:

	26	
• EMS:	17	
• Fire:	8 (2 mutual aid to SPFR)	
• Other:	1	
• Year to Date:	346	
• Last Year Comparison:	27/346 (October 2023)	45/302 (October 2022)
• Ambulance Runs:	8 D23 Transports (6 for Oct 2023) (4 for Oct 2022)	
	2 South Pierce (3 for Oct 2023) (9 for Oct 2022)	
	10 Total Transports	

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Lewis County 17 commissioners meeting
- Pierce County EMS

Respectfully, Chief Medford

