

CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 13, 2026

Commissioner Holm called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39th Ave SE Suite #120, Puyallup, WA 98374, at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Co-Chair Barstow, Commissioners Buttz, Caverly, Dannat, Estes, Gorder, McAfee, Mitchell, Palombi, Samuelsen, and Stringfellow, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, and CoS McInnis, Recorder.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call was called by District Secretary Roberts.
- B. Excused Absences: Co-Chair Homan

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Caverly moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (For items not specifically listed on the Agenda)

None

5. CITIZEN LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTATION – DR. JOHANNES WOLFF

Chief Morrow presented Johannes Wolff with the Citizen Lifesaving Award in recognition of his successful and heroic actions in 2024, which resulted in saving the lives of four women.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026
- B. Board Meeting Minutes of Special Board Meeting of April 2, 2026
- C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 63573 to 63663 totaling:	\$ 13,014,837.30
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 108515 to 108523	\$ 68,770.21
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 13,083,607.51

Commissioner Caverly moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 26-06 Establishing Surplus Real Property and Authorizing the Sale
DC Berdan presented Resolution 26-06 establishing surplus real property and authorizing the sale of the former Station Zero parcel. He noted the property was previously declared surplus

by the Graham Fire & Rescue Board and remains on the open market without a pending sale. Ownership has since been transferred to Central Pierce Fire & Rescue as part of the merger, and staff recommend the Board formally surplus the property under the new governance.

This item was presented for first reading. A public hearing will be scheduled with the required 10-day notice in accordance with RCW 39.33.020 prior to second reading. Proceeds from the sale, if completed, would return to the District less associated commissions, taxes, and fees.

9. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

A. Pediatric Healthcare Professional Services Contract

Chief Morrow presented the University of Washington Pediatric Healthcare Professional Services Contract, explaining that the District's method of accessing one of its Physician Advisors has changed. Under the revised arrangement, the District will contract directly with the University of Washington to continue utilizing the same Physician Advisor. Chief Morrow noted that there are no changes to the terms, conditions, or associated costs; only the contracting mechanism is different.

Staff requested Board approval of the agreement and authorization for the Fire Chief to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to approve the University of Washington Pediatric Healthcare Professional Services Contract and authorize the Fire Chief to sign and execute the agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. SS911 Radio System Refund Request (Board Letter)

Chief Morrow presented information regarding the South Sound 911 Radio System Replacement Fund. It was noted that a single regional radio system is no longer anticipated. Staff recommended that the Board formally request distribution of the full fund balance back to user agencies, which would result in \$873,020.00 being returned to the District. A draft letter for Board consideration was provided.

Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Fire Chief to transmit the attached draft letter to South Sound 911, requesting the South Sound 911 Board act on distribution of the \$9M Radio System Replacement Fund, resulting in payment to the District of \$873,020.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. STAFF, FIRE CHIEF, and LOCAL REPORTS

A. Finance Directorate/Director Robacker:

Director Robacker reviewed the Finance Directorate Report.

B. Emergency Services Directorate/Chief Morrow:

Chief Morrow reviewed the Emergency Services Directorate Report.

C. Performance Directorate/Deputy Chief Jackson:

DC Jackson reviewed the Performance Directorate.

D. Human Resources Directorate/HR Director Washo:

Director Washo reviewed the Human Resources Directorate Report.

E. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow:
Chief Morrow presented the Fire Chief's Report.

F. Local 726 Report:
President James shared that the Executive Board recently attended a conference in Las Vegas focused on union leadership, safety and best practices, and mid- to high-rise fire operations. He also announced a retiree casual event scheduled for June 12 at 1:00 p.m. The event will include a food truck and is intended to celebrate individuals transitioning into retirement and recognize their next chapter.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Employee Recognition Letters
Commissioner Holm thanked leadership for the information provided and noted it was good to see strong communication and positive work from District staff.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Palombi – Commissioner Palombi appreciated the information and hearing about the Struggle Well program.

Commissioner Caverly – Commissioner Caverly noted it was great to see community members being recognized and thanked Chief Morrow for making that happen.

Commissioner Buttz – Commissioner Buttz expressed pride in the organization and the work being done. She shared gratitude for the opportunity to serve, noted her home is sold, and stated this was her last meeting. She encouraged staff to continue the great work and thanked everyone.

Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell echoed Commissioner Buttz's sentiments and noted she will be missed for her time and service. He shared his recent attendance at the grand opening of the Puyallup Police Department and complimented the police chief and city leadership.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen expressed appreciation for Commissioner Buttz and noted she will be missed. He thanked staff for the workshop and noted a lot of work was accomplished. He also highlighted the Dr. Wolff award presentation and described it as impactful.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee echoed Commissioner Samuelsen's comments on the workshop and noted it was very productive. She stated the Board is aligned on direction for the organization. She also expressed appreciation for Commissioner Buttz and her wisdom.

Commissioner Stringfellow – Commissioner Stringfellow congratulated Commissioner Buttz. He expressed concern about increasing violent shootings and emphasized the importance of responder safety.

Commissioner Holm – Commissioner Holm noted Commissioner Buttz has served on the Orting Board since 2008. He expressed appreciation for her service and stated she will be missed, also acknowledging her personality and contributions.

Chief Morrow – Chief Morrow thanked Commissioner Buttz for her service. He shared personal reflections on first meeting her and Commissioner Dannat, noting he was initially intimidated but came to appreciate her directness and candor. He stated her feedback has been valuable, particularly her focus on function and effectiveness, and thanked her for her contributions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Mitchell moved, and Commissioner McAfee seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Russ Barstow

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Russell T. Barstow
Board Co-Chair

Matthew Holm

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