

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 26, 2018**

Chair Willis called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District No. 6 to order at 6:00 p.m. at Station 60 – 17520 – 22nd Ave E, Tacoma, Washington. Present were: Commissioners Willis, Coleman, Eckroth, Stringfellow and Holm, Fire Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Pierce and Donovan, Assistant Chiefs Juarez, Beckman, Gacioch and Jackson, Finance Director Robacker, Information Technology Director Travis, Local 726 Vice President James and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Willis led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

Zach Moore introduced himself as a firefighter applicant.

CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)

- A. Excused Absences: Ex-Officio Door
- B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2018
- C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 50398 to 50442 totaling	\$	257,048.85
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 50443 to 50472 totaling	\$	125,513.33
GRAND TOTAL	\$	382,562.18

Commissioner Eckroth clarified for the record that the pistol safes referenced would be used as key safes, which are less costly than Knox boxes. Commissioner Coleman moved and Commissioner Holm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$382,562.18. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (SECOND READING AND FINAL ACTION)

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS (FIRST READING – FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ONLY)

No new business.

CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS (Board Action Required)

- A. Fire Benefit Charge Appeal

Citizen Carlene Easterwood submitted a request to reduce the Fire Benefit Charge on her mobile home park (Parcel no. 0420226009) from a commercial rate to residential rate. Structures under the parcel are carports only, are of minimal value, and any fire response would be considered a residential response rather than commercial. Individual mobile

homes on the property each pay a benefit charge. Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Holm seconded to approve the request of Carlene Easterwood and reduce her Fire Benefit Charge to the residential rate of \$279.90. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Commissioner Contingency Request for Ballistic Plates

AC Jackson communicated the need to replace expiring ballistic plates and the proposed replacement plan moving forward. The plate model chosen has a higher level of protection and twice the lifespan of current plates. Commissioner Holm moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to move \$31,000.00 from the Commissioner Contingency Fund to the Health & Safety Division for the purchase of ballistic plates. **MOTION CARRIED.**

STAFF, LOCAL, FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION AND FIRE CHIEF REPORTS (For Information Only)

Finance – FD Robacker provided an answer to Commissioners Coleman's levy question from the last meeting. The February Investment Report and a copy of the 2016 Audit report were included in her report.

Field Operations – AC Gacioch referred to his report in the packet, which included the Operations/EMS Report for January.

EMS – AC Beckman highlighted topics in his written report. He recognized Captain Lookabaugh for his presentation on the District during a facility tour of Physio Control.

Information Technology – ITD Travis provided an update on each of his division report topics.

DC Administration – DC Donovan reviewed items in his report, which also covered Prevention and Education Division projects. He provided an update by PowerPoint on the status of Station 72. He displayed the Station 60 dedication plaque soon to be installed.

Local 726 – L726 VP James reiterated his invitation to the Board for Local 726's annual banquet. He conveyed his appreciation to Commissioners Holm and Coleman for their work on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Fire Chief Olson reported that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee would be bringing their proposal recommendation to the Board for review. He expressed his appreciation to Staff for their participation in the Open House event. Videos from the Tactical Athlete drill were shared with the Board. AC Jackson shared highlights of the drill and thanked the Training Division for their assistance in both preparation and on the day of the drill. Close to 40 medical professionals acted as firefighters for a day to get a better idea of what firefighters do. Chief Olson commented on the great job by AC Jackson and the collaboration with East Pierce Fire and Graham Fire. He highlighted topics included in this written report and offered to answer any questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of appreciation
- Washington Fire Commissioners Association 2017 Annual Report

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission Holm looks forward to the progression of the Tactical Athlete program. Great job to AC Jackson on his research to find ballistic plates with a 10-year life cycle. He thanked AC Beckman for addressing the 9-1-1 high utilizers. He expressed appreciation to ITD Travis on the Comcast savings. DC Donovan has done a lot of great work on the 72 project and he appreciates it. He thanked Chief Olson on the direction he is taking the department. Commissioner Holm is excited to see the wonderful things happening for the citizens and our employees.

Commissioner Stringfellow is glad to see discussions with Tacoma Fire. Chief Olson recognized the Local for their contributions. The recent Open House at 60 was great and the turnout was impressive. He would like to see a sign on the building to indicate either district headquarters or administration.

Commissioner Coleman complimented AC Jackson on the Tactical Athlete program.

Commissioner Eckroth thanked Local 726 for their collaboration with Tacoma Fire. He thanked everyone on their good work.

Commissioner Willis was glad to see Staff pursuing the set back issues. He expressed appreciation for the work put forth by AC Jackson and others on the ballistics vests. The Tactical Athlete program is a great program that will help firefighter's health and get them back to work. He thanked DC Donovan for his work on the Station 72 project – it is a big job.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



BOB WILLIS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER
RECORDER