

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 29, 2018**

Vice Chair Coleman 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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Tacoma, Washington. Present were: Commissioners Coleman, Eckroth, Stringfellow and Holm, Ex-Officio Door, Fire Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Pierce and Donovan, Assistant Chiefs Juarez, Beckman, Karns, Overby, Jackson, and Gacioch, Finance Director Robacker, Information Technology Director Travis, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder. Ex-Officio Door arrived at 6:17 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Coleman 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)**

Citizen Cheryl Thomas shared her experience with crews responding to her husband, retired Assistant Chief Bill Thomas.

**CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)**

- A. Excused Absences: Commissioner Bob Willis
- B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2018
- C. Approval of:

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| Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 50762 to 50812 totaling | \$        | 359,210.18        |
| Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 50813 to 50813 totaling | \$        | 365,831.10        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>725,041.28</b> |

Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Holm seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, revised to reflect the excused absence of Commissioner Willis, with warrants totaling \$725,041.28. **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. Low Acuity/BLS Response Asset

Chief Olson provided examples of low acuity calls and explained their impact on response times. He proposed a two-pilot program to address low acuity calls. Discussion followed.



Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve a low acuity response pilot and amend the current budget by \$680,000.00, to be appropriated \$380,000.00 from the General Fund and \$300,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Finance** – FD Robacker included the April Investment Report in the packet. She provided by PowerPoint presentation the 2017 year-end overview and 2018-2021 revised forecast.

**Operations** – AC Gacioch submitted the April Operations/EMS report. He received positive feedback on a regional Haz Mat drill held at the Washington State Fairgrounds.

**EMS** – AC Beckman, in addition to reporting on his division, acknowledged the quality work of our paramedics and EMTs. He recognized the EMS lieutenants and EMS Captain Lookabaugh for their hard work on annual re-certifications. The District received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's 2018 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Achievement Award. This is the first time the department has received the Gold Plus award. He thanked the Board for supporting the low acuity pilot program.

**Prevention & Education** – AC Overby provided an update on division activities and background checks on firefighter candidates. He shared that Puyallup Police Department Captain Portmann expressed his appreciation of DFM Chris Lorenz's work on arson arrests.

**Information Technology** – ITD Travis highlighted topics in his written report. He thanked the Board for approving the Operations Analyst position and Chief Olson/OPEIU for approving the job description.

**DC Administration** – DC Donovan updated the Board on bond projects. A report on Station 72 bidding will be presented at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting with a contractor recommendation at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Work on the Capital Facilities Plan is underway.

**Local 726** – no report.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Olson reviewed several topics in his Chief's report. Once Station 72 costs are determined, a conversation will take place on Station 61. He welcomed Board members to attend either of the Strategic Planning citizen meetings on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Captain Eric Stueve accepted a promotion to Assistant Chief of Operations effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Olson thanked AC Gacioch for his service as assistant chief.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letters of appreciation

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Ex-Officio Door** reported on South Sound 9-1-1 activities.

**Commission Holm** commented that it was great to see recognition by the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society for the team's effort in raising \$100,000.00 through the stair climb event. Citizen letters in the packet show our people going above and beyond and he is certain that at least twice as many positive interactions are not reported.

**Commissioner Stringfellow** thanked Staff for installing the new headquarters sign. He is glad to see the low acuity pilot program moving forward.

**Commissioner Eckroth** shared that a representative from emergency management attended the recent county fire commissioners meeting and provided a great presentation on lahars. He conveyed his congratulations to Eric Stueve on his promotion.

**Commissioner Coleman** reiterated that it was a good lahar presentation. He thanked AC Gacioch for his service and AC Beckman for the low acuity program.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

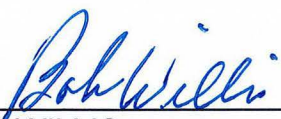
At 7:20 p.m., Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to move into Executive Session for 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:40 p.m., Vice Chair Coleman called the meeting back into Regular Session. The Board took no action during Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



BOB WILLIS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER  
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER  
RECORDER