

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 9, 2018**

Chair Willis called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District No. 6 to order at 6:01 p.m. at Station 60 – 17520 – 22nd Ave E, Tacoma, Washington. Present were: Commissioners Willis, Coleman, Eckroth, and Stringfellow, Fire Chief Olson, Deputy Chief Pierce, Assistant Chiefs Beckman, Jackson, Juarez, Karns, Overby, and E. Stueve, Community & Government Relations Officer Shaw, Finance Director Robacker, Information Technology Director Travis, Local 726 Vice President James, representatives of OAC and TCA, several members of Local 726, Susan Schwabe, and Administrative Support Menge, Recorder. Commissioner Holm arrived at 6:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Willis led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)

A. Excused Absences:

B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2018

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 50982 to 51035 totaling	\$ 142,043.38
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 51036 to 51049 totaling	\$ 3,627,367.98
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 51050 to 51076 totaling	\$ 103,092.95
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107015 to 107023 totaling	\$ 34,682.12
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 3,907,186.43

Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$3,907,186.43. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (SECOND READING AND FINAL ACTION)

A. Resolution No. 18-06 Surplus Items

Commissioner Coleman moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-06. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Resolution No. 18-08 Lid Lift

If approved by the Board, this item will go to the voters in November. The County Assessor's Office should be providing information to finalize the resolution prior to the next meeting. VP James confirmed for Commissioner Stringfellow that the Union is 100% behind this.

CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS (Board Action Required)

A. Award Station 72 Construction Bid

Representatives from OAC and TCA walked through the vetting process for the bids. Dave Petersen of OAC presented a PowerPoint with information on the bids. The recommendation is to go forward with Option 3. Chair Willis commented on the budget overruns of 20 - 30%. Chief Olson asked the Board to absorb the information presented and provide Staff direction at the next meeting. Discussion followed. Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to approve Option 3 of the construction design and award the Station 72 construction contract to Pease and Sons for \$10,264,134.50. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Employment Agreement / Human Resources Director

Chief Olson introduced Susan (Suzie) Schwabe as the recommended HR Director, whom he worked with at Vancouver. He and Local 726 President Paul Stueve both came to the same conclusion that she is the right person for the organization. Chief Olson asked the Board to consider authorizing employment pending satisfactory results of one outstanding background check result. Suzie Schwabe shared her background with the Board. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to approve the employment agreement with Susan Schwabe for the position of Human Resources Director subject to one condition to be met prior to hiring. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Training Division – AC Juarez reviewed his AIS that was included in the Board packet. The academy kicked off today with 14 recruits.

Health & Safety – AC Jackson attended a First Responder conference in Seattle, where he received a lot of good information. A Mental Health professionals web seminar is available that is firefighter specific. Recent Firefighter Stress and Compassion classes were well received. Orting Valley Fire and Graham Fire appreciated being included.

Logistics – AC Karns reviewed his AIS that was included in the Board packet. Construction of the eight engines are moving along nicely and station passive altering system installation will begin shortly.

Community & Government Relations Officer – Capt. Shaw reported his summary is in the Board packet. It was very busy week last week with 4th of July. Chairman Willis stated he appreciates all of the work he is doing, great outreach.

DC Operations - DC Pierce stated his AIS is in the Board packet. He reported on South Sound 911 EMD committee progress and the two initiatives that will evolve South Sound and improve dispatch.

Station 60 Update – Chief Olson reported there is a roof leak and they are working with the builder and architect to resolve.

Local 726 – Vice President James informed the Board that he will be visiting every represented member to reauthorize opt-in to union dues in light of the recent Janus ruling. This Friday is Fill the Boot, they will be out on Meridian and Pacific. Many L726 members are volunteering at Camp Good Times on Vashon Island for kids with cancer.

Fire Chief – Chief Olson's report is in packet. The final meeting has taken place with the strategic planning internal group with some very constructive problem solving. He included the six-month Operational Plan update with his report. He has been meeting with Dr. Waffle on mental health patients/transport as these types of calls have increased tremendously. Chair Willis questioned the procedure in transporting a violent mental case. AC Beckman stated if a patient is violent, crews have options. It was his pleasure to present the 2017 Volunteer of the Year award to Al Baehmer. Adjustments are underway to the first draft of the Capital Facilities Plan previously presented to the Board. Staff is working with Gig Harbor, WPFR, EPFR and the PC Fire Chiefs Association to bring to the county for this planning cycle. The final plan will be presented at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Holm remarked that he was disappointed to read the updates with Dr. Waffle and hopes the situation can be resolved at the lowest level.

Commissioner Stringfellow welcomed Suzie aboard as the new HR Director. Asked Local 726 VP James to let President Stueve know that it is great that the union collaborated with administration on this. He asked the Chair and Board to think about having a future Executive Session to extend Chief Olson's contract. He is doing an outstanding job and is something this department needs.

Commissioner Coleman welcomed Susan. He would like to see Chief Olson consider extending his contract.

Commissioner Eckroth welcomed Suzie as well. He is very much in favor of Commissioner Stringfellow's comments to extend Chief Olson's contract. He recalls about 3 ½ to 4 years ago, there being a DOH reviewer and legislation regarding funds for mental health patient services. There needs to be statewide discussions on this issue.

Commissioner Willis commented on the mental health issue. Discussion followed. He welcomed Suzie to the organization.

At 7:35 p.m., Chair Willis called for a five-minute break followed by Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., Commissioner Eckroth moved and Commissioner Holm seconded to move into Executive Session for 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:55 p.m., Chair Willis extended the meeting for 40 minutes.

At 8:35 p.m., Chair Willis called the meeting back into Regular Session. The Board took no action during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



BOB WILLIS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DENISE MENGE
RECORDER