

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 24, 2021**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order by Zoom meeting at 5:01 p.m. Present were Commissioners Holm, Stringfellow, Coleman, Willis and Eckroth, Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Karns and Stueve, Assistant Chiefs Kent and Bouchard, Finance Director Robacker, HRD Washo, ITD Kay, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder. Ex-Officio Door joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Holm noted that Attorney Quinn had a scheduling conflict and will join the meeting closer to 5:30 p.m. Attorney Quinn will be moved down the agenda. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve the agenda with amendment as noted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)

A. Excused Absences:

B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2021

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56091 to 56134 totaling	\$	430,294.92
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56135 to 56162 totaling	\$	214,476.99
GRAND TOTAL	\$	644,771.91

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the consent Agenda including warrants totaling \$644,771.91. **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

A. Fire Chief Selection

HRD Washo provided an update on the process.

B. Freeman Road Annexation – Chief Olson

The Freeman Road Annexation into the City of Puyallup is complete. Pierce County has confirmed that the parcels will become part of Central Pierce's service area.

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

The following divisions provided a written report in the packet:

- A. Field Operations – AC Kent shared that Graham Fire will be training with us on hazard zone control and communications prior to participating in our fireground ops drills. He included the April Operations/EMS Report.
- B. EMS – AC Bouchard stated that Shelley Rhone and the CARES program are showing tremendous success. Chief Olson is working with a group to identify metrics to show program accomplishments.
- C. Prevention and Education – AC Overby. DC Karns reported that the community communication plan will be provided to Chief Olson shortly. He directed an update on the coin and flag project to Commissioner Stringfellow.
- D. Information Technology – ITD Kay included April IT KPIs in his report.
- E. DC Administration – DC Karns provided an update on Station 72 issues.
- F. Fire Chief – Chief Olson compiled a list of administrative accomplishments for the Novak Group. The Board should be very proud of Staff. There are changes to L&I's COVID-19 safety requirements and Staff is keeping attuned to what will work best for Central Pierce. In anticipation of resuming in-person Board meetings, a resolution will be brought to the Board allowing for virtual meeting participation in the event any Board member is not comfortable attending a physical meeting.

DC Stueve noted that the District has an annual service level contract with the Washington State Fair. Circumstances for the Spring and Fall fairs are different than in past years. He will be bringing a proposal for 2021 services in June.

BENEFIT CHARGE PROGRAM – Attorney Eric Quinn reviewed the proposed resolution reestablishing benefit charge policy and procedures. He presented ballot measure options for the next benefit charge renewal. Commissioner Willis noted that it is setting good policy and a plan set forth for the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Pierce County Sheriff Deputy's recognition. Chair Holm was pleased and proud that the EMS LT/PM took the time to recognize all involved in the call.
- Employee Recognition

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ex-Officio Door updated the Board on Puyallup City Council activities.

Commissioner Eckroth shared that he did not file to run for his expiring term. One candidate has years of experience supporting the fire service; he was unfamiliar with the other candidate.

Commissioner Stringfellow commented that it looks to be a warm, dry summer and asked for the status of equipment or resources.

AC Kent noted that we are as well prepared as any of our neighbors and are in a good place. Chief Olson commented that the daily Duty Chief is available for any special incident that may come up. That resource is a good enhancement as they keep current on daily risks. Also, Operations has the authority to up-staff and call for additional resources when needed. Hopefully, the Puyallup Police Department drone program will provide recon assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:24 p.m., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to move into Executive Session for 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee until 6:34 p.m.

At 6:34 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for five minutes until 6:39 p.m.

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At 6:44 p.m., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to return to Regular Session. **MOTION CARRIED.** No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



MATT HOLM
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER
RECORDER