

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 23, 2021**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order by Zoom webinar at 5:01 p.m. Present were Chair Holm, Commissioners Stringfellow, Coleman, Willis and Eckroth, Ex-Officio/Mayor Door, Chief Olson, DC Karns, FD Robacker, HRD Washo, AC McKenzie, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:03 p.m., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to move into Executive Session for 20-minutes under RCW 42.30.140 – collective bargaining until 5:23 p.m.

At 5:23 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for 10 minutes until 5:33 p.m.

At 5:33 p.m., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to return to Regular Session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded that in the event a non-compliant employee will be 53 years of age and have 20 years of service with the District no later than June 30, 2022, the Parties agree that the notice provisions and second quarter retirement requirement set out in Resolution 13-01 will be waived, and a non-compliant employee may access the Retiree Medical Benefit, regardless of their status of retirement eligibility/withdrawal with DRS. **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 August 9, 2021

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56431 to 56449 totaling	\$	362,764.63
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56450 to 56465 totaling	\$	125,641.03
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56466 to 56473 totaling	\$	18,805.86
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>507,211.52</b>

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve warrants totaling \$507,211.52. **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. Board Meeting Options

At the July 12, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board voted to continue virtual meetings and re-evaluate at the end of August. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to extend virtual meetings to the first meeting of November and reevaluate at that time. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. IT Consortium Interlocal Agreement

This document creates an information technology consortium with those districts currently utilizing CPFR's IT services. The consortium will provide benefits to all parties such as policy input, cost allocation and work specialization. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve and authorize Chief Olson to sign the IT Consortium Interlocal Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. FIIRE Program Participation

The goal of this two-year pilot program with the Department of Labor & Industries is to reduce workplace injuries and illness. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the letter of intent to participate in the Firefighter Injury and Illness Reduction Program. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Public Educator Job Description and Salary Schedule

The mid-year budget amendment funded this position that was originally paused in 2020. HRD Washo requested the Board vote to approve the job description and salary schedule. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Public Educator Job Description and Salary Schedule as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

The following divisions provided a written report in the packet:

- A. Finance – FD Robacker provided an update on the 2019 audit.
- B. Information Technology – ITD Kay.
- C. Prevention & Education – AC Overby.



- D. Health & Safety – AC McKenzie updated the Board on current COVID conditions.
- E. DC Administration – DC Karns provided an update on the Washington Cold Storage fire over the weekend. Our members responded well with mandatory overtime and extra shifts. He expressed his appreciation to area agencies for their assistance both at the fire and in staffing our fire stations.
- F. Fire Chief – Chief Olson shared administration's work in regards to the Governor's vaccine mandate proclamation. He is appreciative of Mayor Door's courage throughout the E911 funding transition issue. Chair Holm thanked Chief Olson and the rest of the staff for their extremely hard work.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Ex-Officio Door referred to the next Puyallup City Council agenda and SS911 dealings. DC Karns and everyone did a fantastic job at the fire and it was amazing there were no injuries. When there is a major situation like this, she appreciates the factual information provided by the district early on.

Commissioner Willis visited the Washington Cold Storage fire. The situation was very well handled and the chiefs did a super job. He was proud of way the fire was managed, which saved an important part of their business.

Commissioner Stringfellow salutes the line personnel and administration. He is hearing nothing but positive comments from our citizens. He appreciates the assistance from our responding partners. Great job to all!

Commissioner Coleman echoed Commissioner Stringfellow's comments. It has been a bumpy year and he hopes it gets better.

Commissioner Eckroth said that everything he has heard and read about the fire has been overwhelmingly positive. He hopes there will be an opportunity to reach out to those that didn't receive reverse 911 calls. Kudos to the fire departments, City of Puyallup and law enforcement.

Commissioner Holm questioned the 911 notifications. DC Karns is working with Puyallup and Pierce County Emergency Management Divisions to update the message that citizens need to sign up for the notification program and keep their information current. Commissioner Holm noted that it was wonderful that we were able to communicate as well as we did. He appreciates Mayor Door's tenacity and dedication. Chief Olson shared that the Board's past approval of the Blue Card program of incident management is what lead to accomplish what we did. We are seeing the rewards of that investment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



MATTHEW HOLM  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER  
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER  
RECORDER