

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 27, 2021**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order by Zoom webinar at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chair Holm, Commissioners Stringfellow, Coleman, and Eckroth, Ex-Officio/Mayor Door, Chief Olson, Deputy Chiefs Karns and Stueve, FD Robacker, HRD Washo, Assistant Chiefs Overby, McKenzie, Stueve and Nielson, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder. Commissioner Willis's absence was excused.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**VIZTOOL PRESENTATION** – Grant Granger and Ryan Dickerson, of McKinstry, shared results of the Facility Condition Assessment report previously authorized by the Board. Copies of their presentation materials were included in the packet. This report will assist the District with planning for future facility needs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)**

No public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA (SINGLE MOTION)**

- A. Excused Absences: Commissioner Willis
- B. Minutes: Special Board Meeting of September 8, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2021
- C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56519 to 56519 totaling	\$	6,349.20
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56520 to 56535 totaling	\$	80,815.39
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 56536 to 56572 totaling	\$	184,756.81
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>271,921.40</b>

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$271,921.40. **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

The process is in the background and suitability assessment phase.

B. Retiree Medical Benefit Request

L726 President James brought forward a request from FF Ed Hrivnak to address the Board. FF Hrivnak confirmed that he was not requesting an exemption. He asked the Board to consider making changes to the retiree medical benefit program. The current program does not take into consideration years of service for lateral hires and military veterans. He suggested the Board look at other fire department's programs to see if they may fit with Central Pierce.

**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 shared that there has been an unprecedented amount of overtime. An additional budget adjustment may be needed at year-end. The 2019 state audit is complete.
- B. Information Technology - Interim AC Nielson reported on division projects. The team came together well to work through a recent situation with remote connections across the districts.
- C. Logistics – AC Stueve explained that the new apparatus has been returned to the dealer to resolve some issues.
- D. Prevention & Education – AC Overby reported that he and DC Karns are addressing information for the public records requests on the Cold Storage fire. He thanked HRD Washo and HRA Glass for their preparation of the Public Educator position.
- E. Health & Safety – AC McKenzie commented that the FIIRE program began today with their first consortium meeting. There were approximately 97 attendees representing multiple organizations.
- F. DC Administration – DC Karns reported that the Station 72 dirt issue is coming to a resolution. He and AC Stueve have identified a potential property for a new fire station on South Hill. An inquiry came through Councilmember Morell's office concerning a recently surplused fire engine. The District has addressed our part and the surplus vendor has taken over responsibility to resolve the issue.
- G. Fire Chief – Chief Olson provided an update on employee exemptions status and possible new legislation that may affect our employees. He addressed the large amount of unscheduled leave. Staff will be looking at metrics to forecast future sick leave and FTEs in the 2022 budget. He is researching the South Sound 911 funding that is currently being directed to Pierce County to understand how it correlates to the ILA. Finance Committee work is being done but, because of the Governor's Proclamation and implementation, information won't be available until October 18<sup>th</sup>.



## CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Employee Recognition. Chair Holm appreciates those that take the time to recognize others.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ex-Officio Door voiced great appreciation for all we do and referred to two recent incidents. She observed a fantastic job done by paramedics on a medical call. By receiving real-time updates on a fire in progress, she was able to calm an individual who wished to extend her heartfelt gratitude. Congratulations to DC Karns on getting to an end on the dirt issue.

Commissioner Eckroth thanked DC Karns for getting to the bottom of the dirt issue.

Commissioner Holm also thanked DC Karns. He is looking forward to hearing more about the property for a much needed station.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to move into Executive Session for 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 – collective bargaining until 6:27 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

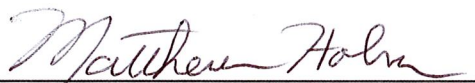
At 6:27 p.m., Chair Holm extended the meeting for two minutes.

At 6:29 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 Eckroth seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



MATTHEW HOLM  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER  
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER  
RECORDER