

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 11, 2022**

Chair Holm called the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order at District Headquarters – 17520 22nd Ave E., Tacoma at 5:00 p.m. A remote attendance option was available to the public. Present were Chair Holm, Commissioners Stringfellow, Willis, Coleman, and Mitchell, Ex-Officio Door, Chief Morrow, Deputy Chiefs Karns and Stueve, FD Robacker, HRD Washo, Assistant Chiefs Juarez and Kent, and Executive Assistant Porter, recorder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the agenda. **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 March 28, 2022

C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 57256 to 57283 totaling	\$	150,736.67
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 57255 to 57255 totaling	\$	28,565.99
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 57284 to 57292 totaling	\$	4,424,513.96
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 57293 to 57293 totaling	\$	141.70
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107617 to 107622 totaling	\$	19,292.48
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107623 to 107623 totaling	\$	157.16
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107624 to 107624 totaling	\$	666.41
GRAND TOTAL	\$	4,624,074.37

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$4,624,074.37. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (SECOND READING AND FINAL ACTION)

No unfinished business.

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

A. Reauthorization of Funding Sources to Voters August 2, 2022

Chief Morrow introduced two resolutions drafted with legal counsel – EMS Levy and Fire Benefit Charge reauthorizations. There is a critical need to pass these measures as they account for just over 50% of our annual funding.

CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS

A. Staff Vehicle Procurement

DC Karns explained the need for three new vehicles. Two were not budgeted through the hiring process for two new positions, and the runner van is reaching its end of life. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to authorize the purchase of three staff vehicles and appropriate an additional \$173,100, to be transferred from the General Fund and expended from the Equipment Replacement Fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Interlocal Agreement Fuel Purchase

DC Karns noted this agreement is similar to what is in place with three other district partners. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Fuel Facility Use Agreement with Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. **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 – Overtime is an on-going issue and will be addressed later in the year. FEMA report will be provided in a revised format. On track to receive FEMA COVID reimbursement.
- B. Human Resources/HRD Washo – Division work is heavy on recruitment. Implementing firefighter contract. Other bargaining unit negotiations taking place. Training new division staff.
- C. Training/AC Juarez – Members of Recruit Class 22-1 are doing well.
- D. Field Operations/AC Kent – Excited to work with Logistics to begin new battalion chief rig design. Looking at more of a command vehicle concept.
- E. EMS/AC Bouchard. Chief Morrow reported on recent in-house paramedic student recruitment. Great turnout. Discussion has been on putting right people in right position and this process did exactly that.
- F. DC Operations/DC Stueve – Cultural initiative workshops have been scheduled for front line supervisors. Individual workshops will follow for all members. Thanked the Board for their commitment to organizational health. Chief Morrow noted a tremendous amount of time was put into this. It is a long term commitment with energy and focus required from Board to be successful.
- G. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow – Reminded Board of the Masonic Lodge ceremony at Station 72 on May 7th.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Employee Recognition - Several pages of employee appreciation. Chair Holm always appreciates employees who take the time to make well noted comments.
- B. Representative Marilyn Strickland – Donated flag flown over Capitol Building.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Willis – Extremely disappointed that CPFR didn't have a presence at the Daffodil Parade. We need to be visible, engaged, and fire and medic rigs must be present at these significant events. People need to know who we are, where we are, and what we do. When we are engaged, we pass levies. The district will lose 51% of our funding if we don't pass the upcoming levies. It was a missed opportunity. Tough economic times for all and people need to understand importance of supporting our services.

Commissioner Stringfellow – Met with National Guard to discuss historical requirements. They received \$10,000 funding towards a sign. District has five years to have a historical marker in place. Situations happen; the parade was a missed opportunity.

Commissioner Holm – Parade participation used to be about the Great Escape program, but not always. Very embarrassed and hurt that the district did not represent. He apologized to Ex-Officio Door as representative to City of Puyallup. Our absence surely did not go unnoticed. We need constant community involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



MATTHEW HOLM
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



DIANNE PORTER
RECORDER