

**CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 13, 2023**

Chair Holm called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39th Ave SE Suite #120 Puyallup, WA 98374 at 5:00 p.m. A remote attendance option was available to the public. Present were Chair Holm, Commissioners Stringfellow, Coleman, Willis and Mitchell, Ex Officio Door, Chief Morrow, DC VanKeulen, FD Robacker, HRD Washo, EMC Gibson, AC's Kent, Benning and Berdan, BC Rosenlund, L726 President James, L726 VP Mike Auvil, GFR Commissioner Bob Homan, Matt Chambers, and SS McInnis, Recorder. Commissioner Wills arrived at 5:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Stringfellow 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: None
- B. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of October 23, 2023
- C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 59609 to 59728 totaling:	\$	8,174,799.91
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107772 to 107774 totaling:	\$	8,711.45
GRAND TOTAL	\$	8,183,511.36

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with warrants totaling \$8,183,511.36. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (SECOND READING AND FINAL ACTION)

None

2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Morrow reviewed the 2024 Management Strategies. FD Robacker presented the 2024 Proposed Budget and financial forecast.

Public Hearing on 2024 Annual Budget

Chair Holm announced the public hearing on the 2024 Annual Budget and opened the floor for public comment. The proposed 2023 Annual Budget is \$139,147,427.00, a 12.5%

increase over 2023. The tax rates were set, with the Regular and EMS Levies set at the highest lawful. Having received no comments, Chair Holm closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing on 2024 Fire Benefit Charge

Chair Holm announced the public hearing on the 2024 Fire Benefit Charge and opened the floor for public comment. The proposed amount of revenue for collection in 2024 is \$36,240,648.00. This reflects a 20.5% increase over 2023. The cost factor will be adjusted accordingly. Having received no comments, Chair Holm closed the public hearing.

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

A. 2024 Budget

- i. Resolution No. 23-10 – Regular Levy
- ii. Resolution No. 23-11 – EMS Levy
- iii. Resolution No. 23-12 – Fire Benefit Charge
- iv. Resolution No. 23-13 – Budget Adoption & Levy Certification

FD Robacker discussed the resolutions required annually by Pierce County.

CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUESTS

A. East Pierce Fire & Rescue ILA: Analytics & GIS Services

Chief Morrow reviewed the East Pierce Fire & Rescue ILA for Analytics & GIS Services. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Stringfellow seconded to approve the Fire Chief to execute and sign the Interlocal Agreement East Pierce Fire & Rescue for Analytics and GIS Services, as presented by Staff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. City of Buckley ILA for PCFTC EMT School

Chief Morrow reviewed the City of Buckley ILA for PCFTC EMT School. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Fire Chief to execute and sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Buckley for EMT School Services, as presented by Staff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Firefighter Hiring Notification

HRD Washo reviewed the Firefighter Hiring Notification.

D. Promotional Eligibility Lists

HRD Washo reviewed the Promotional Eligibility Lists.

E. Surplus Item- 2023 KME Pumper

DC VanKeulen reviewed the summary of a Surplus KME Pumper. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Coleman seconded to approve the surplus of a 2023 KME Pumper, as presented by Staff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

The following divisions provided a written report in the packet:

- A. Human Resources/HRD Washo: HRD Washo reviewed the Human Resources Division Report.
- B. Training/AC Benning: AC Benning reviewed the Training Division Report.
- C. Field Operations/AC Kent: AC Kent reviewed the Field Operations Division Report.
- D. Deputy Chief's Report/DC VanKeulen: Chief Morrow reviewed the Deputy Chief's Report.
- E. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief's Report.

L726 President James: This upcoming Saturday is the Holiday Party at the Union Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Employee Recognition

Chair Holm appreciated the letter written about HRD Washo.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Holm: The development in fleet management is very exciting. Thank you for coordinating the upcoming tour of Station 62.

Commissioner Willis: Nothing to add.

Vice Chair Stringfellow: The District has a healthy culture. It feels like folks are having fun.

Commissioner Coleman: Nothing to add.

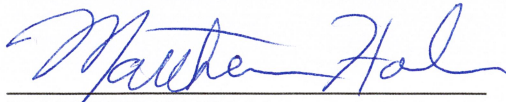
Commissioner Mitchell: Thank you to Chief Morrow and FD Robacker for your time and efforts in presenting the Budget. It is helpful to see the numbers, and it is appreciated.

Ex-Officio Door: Planning to attend the National League of Cities Conference this week. Thank you again to the District for your support. It's said that you have a family in the Fire Service and that's what it feels like. Please extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organization.

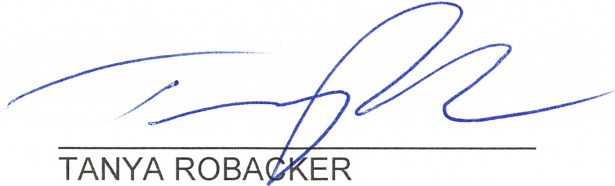
ADJOURNMENT

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

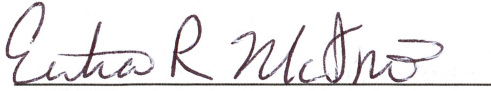
The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



MATTHEW HOLM
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TANYA ROBACKER
DISTRICT SECRETARY



ERIKA MCINNIS
RECORDER