

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

March 8, 2021

The Board of Commissioners met at 7 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2021 by Zoom for their regular monthly meeting. Those present included Chairman Bill Tylor, Commissioners Claudia Frey and Joseph Koehler, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. The secretary gave the financial report, and also explained to the commissioners the issue from the late checks of the previous month. She said that the checks, through the fault of the post office, were 12 days late which made paying the bills late. She added that she would go into it more under new business.

The chief read his report. There was no old business, so the board moved on to new business. The secretary gave a long explanation of how the district could arrange to pay bills through an existing or new checking account which would bypass having to have 40 or so checks issued by the county each month. These could be sent directly for regular monthly bills or paid via bank transfer. The accounts could be set up at Keybank by resolution, and used to pay regular bills that the district knows need to be paid each month such as utilities, payroll, insurance, etc. The secretary said she would try to talk to a couple of other districts to see if they had an existing resolution that could work for the district's needs or the district could go directly to Quinn and have a new resolution worked up. The board agreed, and instructed the secretary to proceed with the resolution.

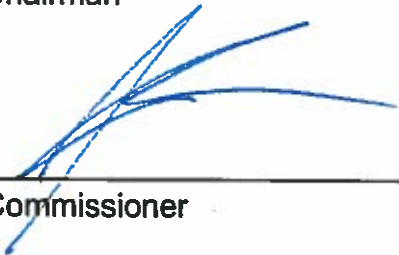
Chief Medford went over a proposed letter to a district resident that informed him his driveway is incapable of allowing fire trucks to pass through. The letter would tell him that in the event of a fire, the district's trucks would be unable to respond, and there would be a possibility of a complete loss of the house unless he enlarges his driveway. Chief Medford said that he and other district officers had discussion with the property owner about the problem, but it has remained unresolved, and it is now time to serve him with an official letter about the issue. The commissioners agreed, and said the letter would be signed, and sent. Chief Medford added that he had the district's attorney draft the letter to make sure it was appropriate, and that it would also be sent to the County Fire Marshal's office.

Comm. Tylor asked about a citizen in the district who has made numerous 911 calls for aid to the district that have not been true emergencies. The chief said he had talked to the district's attorney about the issue, and added that there is little that can be

done about responding. He said the county protocols have to be followed, and he did not see the Pierce County Medical Examiner changing the protocols as that could impact his medical license. He added that it has been affecting response times to other calls that the district receives, there is little that can be done, although he has been contacting various state and county health agencies for that person.

Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman



Commissioner

Claudia Frey

Commissioner

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Date

Chief's Report March 2021

General:

- Trend of above average call volume for the year continues. Above 90th percentile since 2004.
- Assisted Columbia Crest/Kirks' Pharmacy with Vaccine drive at the school.
- Radio Maintenance mostly done. Included firmware upgrades, new programming, and alignments had not been done before found several issues and have been scheduled for correction. Took about 2 days and about 20min average for each mobile and portable radio.
- Picked up a DNR Engine awarded to us by grant. Working on getting ready for service.
- Evaluated Fire Officer 1 Testing at Browns Point.
- This marks 1 year that our Zoll Monitors have been deployed.

Facilities:

- Water Leak at Ashford station on the distribution side of the meter. The water district was informed and has been repaired.

Responses:

	28	
EMS:	21	
Fire:	5 (4 mutual aid to SPFR)	
Other:	2	
Year to Date:	89	
Last Year Comparison:	24/66 (March 2020)	21/63 (March 2019)
Ambulance Runs:	9 D23 Transports (9 for Mar 2020) (6 for Mar 2019)	
	4 South Pierce (2 for Mar 2020) (0 for Mar 2019)	
	2 Graham	
	15 Total Transports	

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- EMS meeting
- Pierce College advisory board meeting

Respectfully,
Chief Medford