

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

August 14, 2023

The board of Commissioners met at 7 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2023 at the Ashford Fire Hall for their regular meeting. Those present were Commissioners Joseph Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams. Commissioner Claudia Frey attended by Zoom.

Regular minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Minutes of the special meeting were approved as written. The secretary gave her report, talking about the large number of expenditures for the month. She had the board members sign the signature card for the new bank account the county is setting up to use for issuing warrants. The chief gave his report.

Under old business, the secretary said that they have been slowly progressing toward issuing warrants. Under new business, the chief said the district is due for an ambulance replacement. He said that he thought a replacement was probably more cost effective than a remount. He said there were always problems with it, and a used ambulance without major problems was a rarity. Problems with both Aid 85 and Aid 86 were discussed. The chief talked about the possibility of piggy-backing on another district's order. Chief Medford said that one should be replaced soon, and a second one within two to three years. Possible costs were discussed. After further discussion, the board told the chief to commence a search.

Concerning the issue of increasing the credit card amount, the secretary said that it has become apparent that increasing the amount from \$7,500.00 to a possible \$10,000 limit is in order. After discussing the issue, the commissioners agreed to the amount, and the secretary said she would contact the bank to see what needed to be done to secure a higher amount.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing blinds for the house in Alder. The chief discussed the kind of blinds, and decided to do some pricing. The roof at the Alder house was discussed, and the chief said as far as he knew, it was in good shape.

Vouchers for the month were approved as presented, and the chief said he was grateful to commissioners for the progressive purchases they had made for the district such as the Lucas devices. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Claudio Frey

Chairman

9-11-23

Date

Cell 3

Commissioner



Commissioner

Chief's Report August 2023

General:

- August was an above average call volume month. Thank you to all the staff who are responding to all those calls. This was the sixth overall busiest month recorded on the heels of the busiest month ever. 58 is the current August record.
- Conducted 4 airlifts this month, for a total of 8 this summer.
- Assisted with IFSAC evaluations.
- Graduation of recruit academy and those who attended, your support was noted and glad to see members showing support.
- Supported Central Pierce with a Move up of an engine to cover station 60's area for approximately 1 hour while they were on a WUI type call in their Jurisdiction.
- Dispatched to West Pierce for a 25 Acre Fire near Pierce College. Initially going to assist with setting up a Type three overhead team and was about contained by the time I got there.

Facilities:

- HVAC repair at station 87.
- Replacement of my vehicle is still in Vancouver, Dealer is done with their end, has to go to day wireless for install October 27 is the current timeline to start their part.

Responses:

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| ● EMS: | 30 | |
| ● Fire: | 16 | (2 mutual aid to SPFR, 1 DNR, 2 Graham, 4 USFS,
1 Central Pierce move up, 1 West Pierce) |
| ● Other: | 4 | |
| ● Year to Date: | 274 | |
| ● Last Year Comparison: | 36/230 (Aug 2022) | 58/310 (Aug 2021) |
| ● Ambulance Runs: | 6 D23 Transports | (4 for Aug 2022) (10 for Aug 2021) |
| | 7 South Pierce | (6 for August 2022) (9 for August 2021) |
| | 4 ALNW | |
| | 17 Total Transports | |

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County 17 Commissioners Meeting
- MCIRT meeting.

Respectfully, Chief Medford

