

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

April 8, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2024 at Station 87 for their regular meeting. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting and also of the special meeting were approved as written. The secretary gave her report. She explained the various problems with Keybank for EFT's. She added that she hoped things would be straightened out soon. She also gave the financial report.


The chief gave his report. Moving on to new business, the chief updated the board about the latest bill from Pierce County for the radios. As it had gone up substantially, the Pierce County Fire Chiefs meetings had talked about the issue, and recommended that the districts pay the previous year's rates but not the new rates. After some discussion, the board agreed to pay the previous year's rates. Comm. Koehler also requested that the chief run a FOIA to see who Pierce County Radios is billing, and who is paying or not paying.

The board also discussed the possibility of hiring another employee. Housing for another individual also came up. The chief said that he thought one of the buildings at Alder might be able to be remodeled. Funding was also discussed.

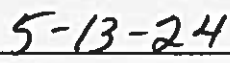
Fire benefit charges were also discussed. The chief suggested that he schedule a presentation as to how that could be accomplished. He also talked about commercial growth through Air BnB's in the valley which also impacts having volunteers in the valley. The board agreed that they would like to hear such a presentation.

With transport rates, the chief wanted to raise rates for transports. The chief wants to do a one-time increase, and then go back to the 3% increase each year. He said that inflation had hit us in several areas that were not being covered by just a 3% yearly increase. The chief said he would have a proposal by June.

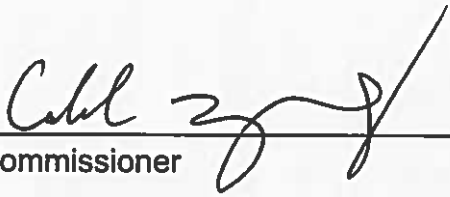
The vouchers were approved as presented. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

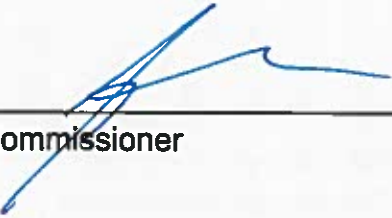


Chairman



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Chief's Report April 2024

General:

- April was a nice break with a little below average call volume, the first in a while.
- Working with ESO Onboarding moving forward with a new Reporting program.
- Assisted Buckley and Browns Point Fire with IFSAC testing
- Eatonville Family Agency started up again using Ashford station as distribution point.

Facilities:

- Repair to Engine door at Elbe, bottom two panels replaced on both doors
- Service & maintenance for Elbe and Ashford overhead doors.
- Last engine back from Annual maintenance, Tender 87 in for servicing
- New ambulance was taken to Van Cleave for servicing.

Responses:	15	
EMS:	14	
Fire:	1 (all D23)	
Other:	0	
Year to Date:	95	
Last Year Comparison:	27/91 (April 2023)	25/117 (April 2022)
Ambulance Runs:	6 D23 Transports	(5 for Apr 2023) (7 for Apr 2022)
	2 South Pierce	(3 for Apr 2023) (4 for Apr 2022)
	8 Total Transports	

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Fire Chiefs E board
- Pierce County fire Chiefs Meeting
- Pierce County DEM Meeting
- Pierce College advisory board
- South Pierce Meeting w/ chief Wernet
- SS911 Fire Ops Meeting
- DNR regarding trust lands

Respectfully, Chief Medford

