

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

March 10th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, March 10th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioners Joe Koehler and Caleb Young, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved as written. There were no items of public comment. The secretary gave her report. She also gave her financial report.

The chief read his report. Chief noted call volume was below average for the month of February. Facilities and Equipment updates were noted that the Red Horton would be going into the shop for repairs. Installation and replacement of headsets in various rigs occurred in Feb and continued in March. The Idaho truck was delivered and the White Braun Ambulance that had the window break was fixed. Call volume for the month of Feb was 17 calls; 11 were EMS, 4 for Fire and 2 for Other. Year to date calls were noted at 44 which is a little behind last year.

Chief reported that he attended the Lewis County Chiefs, Lewis County Commissioners, Pierce County E-Board, Pierce County Chiefs Meeting, Meeting with Acting AC Johnson SPFR, EMS Meeting, South Sound Operations Meeting, Meeting with Chief Murrow and Chief Gibson, and the Pierce County Wildfire coordination group.

David Koehler presented a booklet of inventory of the vehicles for Pierce County District 23. Chairmen, Claudia Frey noted she was pleased with this document and was what she has been asking for.

It was noted that the Commissioners will approve and sign documents ensuring Matt Medford and Katie Smith have access to all Key Bank Accounts including they will be noted as the guarantors for the credit card; furthermore removing Gary Olsen and Nancy Adams from all these accounts.

Eric Quinn sent the Merger Workpapers for the merger between Pierce County 23 and Lewis County 17. The documents were presented and signed stating that we have accepted the voting results for approval of the merger. There are two concurrent documents; one to be approved and signed by the commissioner by District 23 and an identical copy for Lewis County 17. Commissioners supported Chiefs suggestion to use

outside legal counsel for assistance with the merger. Meeting times were discussed about the future of the meetings, as with the merger this will be 6 members in the future; it was noted that meetings will remain on the second Mondays of the month at 7 pm. Chairman Frey asked questions about the resolution election future as the goal would be for the 6 members to go down to 3 members. The motion was present for the resolution (Resolution #25-001) of the merger to create Lewis Pierce Fire District 49. Resolution #25 – 001 was approved as presented. Chairman Frey inquired about acquiring Board Insurance for the Commissioners and would like to this to be reviewed for the future.

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The board went into executive session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss contract issues. The board emerged from executive session at 8:10 p.m., upcoming contracts were discussed. The board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Claudia Frey
Chairman

4-14-25
Date

Colleen Ziegler
Commissioner

[Signature]
Commissioner

Chief's Report

March 2025

General:

- This month's call volume was closer to normal to slightly above average for incidents.
- Partnered again this year with Eatonville food bank, they are using our parking lot to serve the community throughout the summer.
- Northwest Trek Evacuation Drill attendance.

Facilities:

- Engine 85 back from annual service
- Aid 87 sent to shop for door issues
- White Horton Ambulance Graphics work done
- Headset install on Tenders replace nonfunctioning units.
- Delivery of Pickup & plow.

Responses:

25

EMS: 16 (3 mutual aid to SPFR) (4 MORA)

Fire: 8 (3 mutual aid to SPFR)

Other: 1

Year to Date: 69

Last Year Comparison: 22/80 (March 2024) 22/64 (March 2023)

Ambulance Runs: 5 D23 Transports (2 for Mar 2024) (3 for Mar 2023)

3 South Pierce (5 for Mar 2024) (5 for Mar 2023)

8 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Executive Board Meeting
- EMS meeting - Pierce County EMS
- EVAC Genasys Project meetings
- Country Chief's Meeting
- USGS Debris flow meeting.
- Pierce Co DEM Wildfire community planning meeting

Respectfully, Chief Medford

