

# **Pierce County Fire District 23**

## **Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

### **Nov 10th, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:06 p.m., Monday, Nov 10th, 2025 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey (Virtually), Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith (Virtually). Minutes of the Oct meeting were unanimously approved as written.

There were no items of public comment.

The secretary presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of October 2025. Pierce County Finance requested the following 2 items 1) Confirmation that the commissioners from Lewis County did approve the merger; it was confirmed by the prior Lewis County Commissioner 2) Pierce County wanted confirmation that there are no bonds, loans, leases or other holds out there; it was confirmed that there is no known debt outstanding by the Lewis County Commissioner. (Tom O'Haver is the only remaining Lewis County Commissioner as the others have retired.)

The secretary presented the proposed budget and amounts requested from the two counties. The amount requested is the highest legal amount possible this year and it is inclusive of the new construction. The secretary noted there are a few revenue streams that will not be present in 2025 with the PILT monies being in question, the interest income is lower, and also the money from Lewis County that will show up will be within our normal income. The secretary noted that increases this year for budgeted amounts were around people, people costs, station upgrades, and tires. Commissioner Koehler did note the large increase noted within the resolutions of which appears larger due to the merger of the two districts.

The Chief read his report. October was an above average month for PCFD #23; the month was made up of 32 calls; 26 EMS, 4 Fire and 2 Other. PCFD #23 did participate in a community Trunk or Treat Event and the Eatonville Food Bank continues to use our parking lot ; this was the final one for the year.

Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: Lewis County Chief's Meeting, Pierce County Chief's Meeting, Pierce County EMS, PILT Meeting with Pierce County Councilmembers and EMS Meeting with Arbor Health Hospital.

Old Business:

- The additional credit card was tabled for the time being
- Ambulance Rates were sent in with a 3% increase; Chief did note that in 2027 we may need to do a study to determine if the 3% increase is enough to keep up with inflation.


New Business:

- The Letter around Alder Cutt-off was discussed and will be sent to Pierce County. The Commissioners were pleased with the letter and were happy to sign it and send it to the WA Department of Transportation and the County.
- The following Resolutions were presented:
  - Resolution 25-04 was approved unanimously
  - Resolution 25-05 was approved unanimously
  - Resolution 25-06 was approved unanimously

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

Employee Contracts; and executive session was not requested. Firefighter/EMT David Koehler asked a question about being able to have a gym or gym membership as within the contract it is required to maintain fitness. Various solutions were discussed and will be reviewed in the future coupled with adding quarters for the volunteers that are pulling shifts. The Chief did note that "Yes" he will approve it, however will have to be researched and finding bids and such. Employee Joseph LeMoine and David Koehler did have questions and all questions were answered. These contracts will go from now till October 2026. (Intent to negotiate in Sept and sign contracts in Oct.)

The board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Chairman

12-15-25  
Date

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

## Chief's Report November 2025

### General:

- Once again November is an above average month, fortunately just barely. Our monthly average is 22 for the month of November. Thank you to those who are stepping up and helping the citizens in the valley.
- "King of Elbe", an ORV Extravaganza, that unofficially happened and thankfully was quiet for us.
- IFSAC Testing in Buckley

### Facilities:

- Ambulance into the shop for suspension work, rear air ride bags.
- Servicing of ambulances
- Utility Pickup delivered from radio upfitting.

### Responses:

24

EMS: 20

Fire: 4 (2 SPFR)

Other: 0

Year to Date: 397

Last Year Comparison: 28/374 (November 2024) 31/377 (November 2023)

Ambulance Runs: 6 D23 Transports (8 for Nov 2024) (7 for Nov 2023)

3 South Pierce (5 for Nov 2024) ((7 for Nov 2023)

1 ALNW

10 Total Transports

### Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (Fire Ops Meeting with Dispatch)
- Meeting with NPS just a touch base and see how they are doing.
- Several regarding PILT with the chiefs who are affected.
- GEMT Closeout meeting.

Respectfully,

Chief Medford