

Pierce County Fire District 23

Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Jan 12th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:01 p.m., Monday, Jan 12th, 2026 at Station 87. Those present included Chairman Claudia Frey, Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, Chief Matt Medford and District Secretary Kate Smith. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

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 December 2025. She also presented a file showing overall revenues and expenses for 2024 and 2025 comparison year to year. She noted that 2024 we had a negative net income and in 2025 we had a positive net income. The Levy increases that were sent into Pierce County and Lewis County were approved and received back in the mail. The Secretary did note that the (COLA) Cost of Living Adjustments will be occurring in Jan payroll. She also noted that the petty cash was counted by two firefighters and confirmed in amount. Commissioner Koehler did ask about the City of Tacoma and Alder Lake and Chairman Frey did ask additional questions about it. The concern around this parcel of land is that it doesn't generate tax income for us, however Pierce County #23 has been responding aka having expenses to serve them.

The Chief read his report. The month of December for PCFD #23 was made up of 34 calls; 23 EMS, 4 Fire and 7 Other. Chief went to Bates College with Buckley, Riverside and SPFR to discuss volunteering with the students and to answer any questions about fire service. The Department served the community with a Santa Sit and assisted with parking for Columbia Crest. Chief did provide some overall yearly statistics including noting that two members responded to 100 calls for 2025 and other stats for the department. (1,267 hours were members responding to calls, 131 were transports to the hospital, etc.) Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: Lewis Co Chief's meeting, Pierce Co Chief's Meeting and Flood meetings with Pierce and Lewis counties.

Old Business:

- Nothing was noted or discussed.

New Business:

- Nothing was noted or discussed.

Questions around vouchers were addressed. Vouchers for the month were approved as presented. The Financial Secretary did note that the check register is larger due to the quarter end with points stipends and all quarterly payments. It was also noted that PCFD #23 paid over \$50K in taxes for the year; therefore we are required to pay our taxes biweekly (ie. If payroll goes out on Tuesday we need to pay our taxes as of Friday that week) ; She did note the retainer in the checking still is providing continuity of business and now this further assists in our new tax payments requirements.

The board adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Claudio Frey

Chairman

2-9-26

Date



Commissioner



Commissioner

Chief's Report

January 2026

General:

- Starting the new year with average call volume, a nice breather from December.
- Busier month with apparatus shuffling.
- Assisted SPFR with Promotional Testing board.
- NERIS Migration, working with SPFR and various agencies for GIS work, thanks to Lt. Beason and FF LeMoine.

Facilities:

- On going Engines annual services
- Ambulances repairs numerous to different units: New tires, new batteries, Rear Axle alignment and suspension.

Responses:	22
EMS:	15
Fire:	5 (2 mutual aid to SPFR, 1 USFS)
Other:	2
Year to Date:	22
Last Year Comparison:	27/27 (January 2025) 35/35 (January 2024)
Ambulance Runs:	6 D23 Transports (6 for Jan 2025) (12 for Jan 2024) 4 South Pierce (3 for Jan 2025) (3 for Jan 2024) 1 ALNW 11 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting
- Pierce County E board
- Pierce Co EMS meeting
- Small district chief's collaboration.
- South Sound 911 Board meeting

Respectfully, Chief Medford

