

# **Pierce County Fire District 23**

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

### **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners for Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7:04 p.m., Monday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Station 87. Those present included Commissioner Joe Koehler, Commissioner Tom O'Haver, and Chief Matt Medford. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

There were no items of public comment.

The Chief presented investments and cash on hand overall for Pierce Co. Fire 23 as of the end of February 2026. Chief also prepared the commissioners for the following expenses for April: Volunteer Quarterly Stipends will be in April, the Nitro supplies were backordered, Electrical Updates, and also the timing of the meeting is greater than the normal 30 days.

The Chief read his report. The February PCFD #23 Month was made up of 23 calls; 17 EMS, 4 Fire and 2 Other. The overall month of Feb was above average call volume with surges of calls and then a few days of rest. Chief reported that he attended the following meetings: Lewis Co Chief's meeting, Pierce Co Chief's Meeting, Pierce County E Board, Pierce County Chief's Meeting, South Sound 911 operations meetings, South Sound 911 Board Meeting, and South Sound 911 PSCOC Meeting.

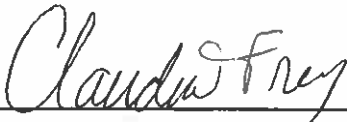
#### **Old Business:**

A letter from the Chief in Roswell was received noting that we will be transferring an old ambulance to them. This was approved in the past.

**New Business:** District 23 informed the Commissioners that Ashford and Elbe both need new electrical panels. Chief presented the bids that were inclusive of new meters and also a transfer switch for the generator to ensure all rigs are charged even in a power outage and other updates needed. Commissioners asked questions and approved the electrical needs and enhancements for approximately \$60,000.

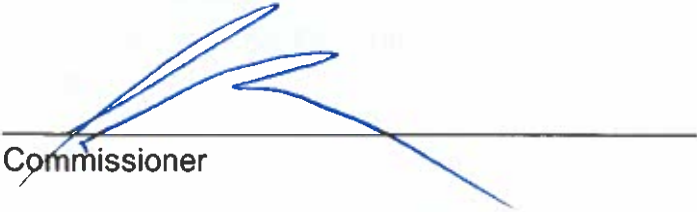
Vouchers for the month were approved as presented.

The board adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

  
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# Chief's Report

## March 2026

### General:

- This month's call volume set a new monthly record that was held in 2016. The March monthly average is 20.
- We took the engine and visited Columbia Crest in the "TK" Transitional Kindergarten class. They had a great time.
- 13 March the valley experienced a heavy rain and around 10:30 that night there was a landslide that occurred just North of the Ashford County Park and the mud and water from that came into the park and across the lawn and into the highway and then to the Ashford Gas station across the street. Several inches of mud was deposited across the parking lot. Pierce County DEM notified. This is the second landslide in the district since being Chief.
- Partnered again this year with Eatonville food bank, they are using our parking lot to serve the community throughout the summer.
- Nitronox Equipment arrived and will be in service Mid April, Some delay with getting bottles with initial filling.
- EMS:
  - Protocol APP review, Pierce County EMS is in the process evaluating possibly different apps and features in those mobile apps.
  - Ambulance Min/Max review with Pierce county for the state.

### Facilities:

- Engine back from Annual and another sent in, the process is ongoing.
- Walk through with an electrician to correct the electrical panel.

### Responses:

	32* New monthly record	
EMS:	22 (1 mutual aid to SPFR)	
Fire:	6 (3 mutual aid to SPFR) (1 PCF)	
Other:	4	
Year to Date:	77	
Last Year Comparison:	25/69 (March 2025)	22/80 (March 2024)
Ambulance Runs:	4 D23 Transports (5 for Mar 2025) (2 for Mar 2024)	
	2 South Pierce (3 for Mar 2025) (5 for Mar 2024)	
	8 Total Transports	

### Meetings Attended:

- South Sound 911 Board of Directors meeting.

- 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
- EPIC LAHAR drill meeting coming up in April.
- Pierce Co DEM Wildfire community planning meeting

Respectfully, Chief Medford