



Pierce County Fire District 13

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Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners January 12, 2021

Commissioner Noll called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll (by Zoom)** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioners Malone (by Zoom) and Commissioner Zuluaga (by Zoom); and Chief Wassall (by Zoom): Captain Les Sandstrom (by Zoom)**

Members of the Public and Staff: 4

Annual Commissioner Roles Election

A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to nominate **Commissioner Noll** to be **Commissioner Chair** for 2021. **Seconded by Commissioner Zuluaga.** Motion passed.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to nominate **Commissioner Malone** to be **Vice-Chair** for 2021. **Seconded by Commissioner Noll.** Motion passed

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Noll** to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Malone
Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Noll** to approve vouchers #16226-#16268 for \$12,445.84 for Vol FF Qtrly payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone.
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #16269-#16310 in the amount of \$40,908.15 for Monthly payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone.
Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence: None

SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chiefs Report:

Calls: 14 total calls, 0 Fire Calls, 10 EMS, 1 MVA, 1 Service Call and 1 call for Mutual Aid.
2020: We had 227 calls.

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30 Fire calls in District, 14 Fires out of District, 1 Wildland Deployment. EMS: 21 ROR, 10 AMA calls. We transported 12 times. AMR transported 59 times. We had 7 MVA's in District and 4 out of the District. 31 calls for service and cancelled 17 times. 11 Water Rescue calls and 6 Signal 2 calls. We also had 7 test dispatches with the new SS911 system.

Staffing and Recruiting: Staffing has been a challenge over the holiday season. We have had to operate with less than 3 on a shift on several shifts. Not ideal but we were fortunate and did not find ourselves in a position where we couldn't cover the District. We have been slow for receiving inquires for our next academy. It has started to pick up since the holidays. What we have not decided when to start the next Academy. After this month is over and the vaccinations have either slowed the spread of Covid will determine when we start.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	836,900.00
Less 01-12-2021 expenses	-53,353.99
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>0.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$783,546.01
Reserves:	\$247,739.00

Training: We have been unable to a hold drill at Station 77. We have continued to bring the group together by Zoom. Although not ideal, we have been trying to get our skills completed during shift. We have scheduled a written re-test for the Academy members who did not pass the first time. It's always how the questions are asked that throws 1 or 2 of them.

SS911: Nothing to report, although we did have a Zoom meeting scheduled for later today that has now been moved to tomorrow afternoon. We had some networking issues between SS911 and IT Source which seem to have been resolved.

Fleet Status: We had Aid76 looked over by Titus Will Ford 2 weeks ago. We wanted Ford to look over and to check for Service Recall Notices. We will be able to now go to Jiffy Lube for service. Now that both are officially in the Ford system locally. We will be sending in BR76 in shortly for service. We have noticed some things that we are not comfortable with and will have those addressed before fire season starts.

MSO Report: We have been doing the best we can to keep everyone apprised to what is available with the Covid-19 vaccine. The County has been sending out information and requests for information almost daily. I have been sharing it with everyone in the department. We have been continuing to get skills signed off. We have been on Zoom for almost a year for our required medical training. We would be in trouble if it weren't for Josh Wright, Sehar Bokhari and Ashley Johnson, and their commitment to medicine and this department. It is immeasurable.

Good of the Order: We have been consistently looking forward to the light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel. Too soon to know if the vaccine will shorten our current lock down or not. We have and will continue to use the available tools given to us to keep everyone safe here during their shifts. Captain Sandstrom is continuing to bring all our personnel up to the certifications needed to hold their rank. I will be re-taking the written test for Instructor II. We have been asked about CPR classes for the end of March. We will see how the District and Pierce County are faring, and hopefully we are to Phase 2. On Wednesday we are having the new carpet installed at Station 76. It's the left over material from last year's purchase. We will get the resident area and bathrooms painted when our painter has recovered from injuring his back. We will be looking at what it will take to repair the ramp at Station 76. We may need to

repair the flat portion of the roof at Station 76. There has been some new staining of the floor indicating we may have a leak.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

Concerned about the Norpoint Center becoming a warming center. The community voted on Bonds for Metro parks and the community can't access the site. Do we have enough support from the County to handle problems that may arise?

The 3 barges that are in the bay between Dash Point and Browns Point were said to be in a Coast Guard area. Not true they are in private tidelands. Department of Ecology was contacted because of the garbage that was being dumped in the bay. The barges have now moved off the private tideland.

Commissioner Noll:

Pierce County Fire Commissioners next meeting will be Jan 28, 2021.

Thank You to Chief Wassall on saving dollars for prepaying the insurance.

WFCA new legislative session starting. Topics include: Leoff and volunteer pension enhancements, opposing unfunded mandates and Increasing funding for Wildland fire fighting.

Pierce County is proposing to change acreage density definition to be based on gross land rather than net land which could allow more housing units to be built in the district.

Hourly rate increase for 2021 for our Attorneys Joe and Eric Quinn.

Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins

138 new people visits.

807-page views.

2020 Santa Run shared on website.

History of the Fire department has been added.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vaccination Status FD 13

PCFD13 vouchers have been given out to get the COVID vaccine.

We are hearing that scheduling is difficult. Vaccination sites are denying the voucher.

All Fire departments got an email for being regional centers for vaccinations. Waiting for direction from Pierce County.

2. BP Station Remodel

Chief Wassall has reached out to the County for a "playbook" on what is expected.

We have a meeting with Pierce County Jan 14, 2021 to discuss the Fire Departments responsibility.

Commissioner Noll- RCW 39.80.030 lists the requirements that need to be followed for a capital project (remodel) per the bid law matrix

Commissioner Malone-We need to look at developers' other facilities.

Who will be the project managers?

3. Town Center Project Status

Commissioner Zuluaga-Had a discussion with developer about the congestion in the overload area. Congestion near/by the projected coffee stand.

Developer reducing retail space from 40 to 25 units.

Developers has their financing to continue with Senior Center.

Developer is currently stating that they will break ground in August 2021.

Commissioner Noll-Is mitigation agreement still intact? **Commissioner Zuluaga** Yes. that has been settled. The last three discussions with developer said agreement is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Report for 2020**

Commissioner Noll-requesting 2020 Annual Report

2. **New - Operational Priorities for 2021**

(in areas of equipment, facilities and staff / volunteers)

Chief Wassall Priorities:

1. Continue to train.

2. Academy

3. Pay off Ford PU

4. Pay off Life Pak

5. Purchase Power Cot

6. Fixing ramp at Station 76

7. Remodel Station 77

8. Roof at Station 76

9. Fill open MSO position

3. **Covid-19 Vaccinations by District Staff**

Commissioner Noll-Additional costs to us if we vaccinate? No. We will be using Federal resources.

Commissioner Malone-How will we communicate with Community? Is there a liability issue?

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Wassall: Department personnel have been walking the District. This is a learning opportunity to get familiar with the PCFD#13 geographic area.

Commissioner Malone: Does the Fire department have a contingency plan for the January 20th Presidential inauguration. Regarding rioting or destruction?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., February 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary