



**Pierce County Fire District 13**

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**Minutes  
Board of Fire Commissioners September 07, 2021**

**Commissioner Noll** called the meeting to order at 9:03 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: **Commissioner Malone by Zoom, Chief Wassall by Zoom, Captain Sandstrom by Zoom.**

Members of the Public and Staff: 5

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes: Motion-** A motion was made by **Commissioner Noll** to approve the meeting minutes September 07, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Seconded Commissioner Malone**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Vouchers:**

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Noll** to approve vouchers #16719-#16757 for \$75,520.21 for monthly payables.

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Correspondence:**

None

**SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Chiefs Report:**

**Calls:** 29 Total calls, 2 Fire Calls, 15 EMS, 2 MVA's, 2 Service Calls and 5 Mutual Aid Fires, 1 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Mutual Aid call.

**Staffing and Recruiting:** We have for the most part remained consistent with our staffing. We have had 3 Vol FF's that have moved on to career departments. They would also like to remain on the department as their schedules allow. We are getting several inquiries for when we might be having our next academy. I would really like to hold our next in 2022.

**Financial Report:**

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$280,934.28
Less 09-07-2021 expenses	-75,520.21
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>0.00</u>

Remaining cash on hand: \$205,414.07

Reserves: \$257,167.42

**Training:** We will continue to hold our drills in-person for the time being. We had almost no in-person training last year, and we are not as sharp as we need to be. We have been going to trainings outside the district and we have invited some training to come to us here in District. We will continue to mask and social distance.

**SS911:** I was unable to make the meeting held last month. What I found out, however, from the Chief's Meeting last week is that they have obtained an occupancy permit for the entire building and those who have not been allowed to move in are doing that now. The fire side of the building had a Covid outbreak earlier and now the police side of the building is going through the same.

**Fleet Status:** E77 has returned from her annual service. We have received some of the billing from West Pierce, but we did not get billed for everything. We are below what we projected these costs to be.

**Good to the Order:** The Rex gurney is in service. BR76 has had a lighting upgrade. BC77 has had a light bar upgrade. C77 is being upgraded with a new Ford Explorer from Columbia Ford. ETA TPD. Six sets of bunker gear have been purchased to replace existing stock.

#### **MSO Report:**

We are setting up for IGEI training with Buckley. They have Kaylee Garrett, who is certified to train us in that certification.

Chief Wassall, Lisa and I have been working on another possible Grant related to Covid. Which has potential to get us some money back on things like the Lifepak, Autopulse, and possibly the Aid Unit.

I have been in contact with Chaplain Pat Ellis, who is a facilitator for peer support groups in the King and Pierce County area. We are trying to arrange for a training for those have expressed interest in being a part of that team. He would give us a class that would make us compliant with the RCWs as a peer support team. From there, there are additional trainings that we will try to attend.

At Commissioner Zuluaga's suggestion, I contacted Teresa Green, of TFD. She let me know that there would be additional possibility of claiming money through other insurance carriers for transport, and specifically, Medicare.

Lastly, we received approval from Medicaid. We are now Medicaid billing provider. With a billing provider number, which was the piece we needed to continue the application for the GEMT. Actual billing will be done by Systems Design.

**Commissioner(s) Report:**

**Commissioner Malone:**

BPIC fishing derby has been cancelled.

**Commissioner Noll:**

Chiefs annual review due in October.

Evaluation form will be sent to each Commissioner.

October 12, 2021 Commissioner meeting will have Executive Session for Chiefs review.

**Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins**

1061 visits to the Facebook

30 new people visits to Website

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Town Center Project:

Margaret Archer had minor changes to agreement. We have not seen a complete copy of the revised agreement.

Several details resolved related to Fire Department hydrant and hook up/access.

We need recourse for non-payment of monthly amounts.

The concept of Urban Level of Service is not identified in the WAC.

2. Property Acquisition Opportunity:

Commercial real estate agent, Bruce Valentine, to give opinion on real value for property.

We need to arrange a meeting with Dr. Min, Tad Papineau and the fire district staff.

3. Architect Status/Station 77 remodel:

**Commissioner Zuluaga** and **Chief Wassall** met with Lawhead on September 4, 2021.

Three options on table. Another meeting will be scheduled later in September.

Zero expansion opportunities available at Station 76.

Look into finding grants for infrastructure costs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Covid-19 Requirements/Impacts:

Vaccinations for Covid due by October 18, 2021.

**Chief Wassall**-The state has not given benchmarks for exemptions on medical (must have Dr's note) or religious. Currently it is being left up to interpretation.

Could we use Covid testing on a timely matter the end around?

**Commissioner Noll**-We have a responsibility to our neighbors to keep them safe.

**LT Rodgers**-Spoke on Covid mandates regarding Vol Firefighters & EMS

8 Vol's are seeking exemptions. Seeking guidance on accommodations or exemptions.

**Commissioner Noll**-Can we investigate what other departments are doing?

**Commissioner Malone**-suggested that get a copy of Madigan's guidelines on Covid and employment. Also do we have any SOPS regarding this issue. Not currently.

**LT Dawson**- spoke on Covid mandates regarding Vol Firefighters & EMS.

We would not send our crews to a dangerous position. We look after ourselves. We care for the health and wellbeing of ourselves and family.

**Jamie Fenton**- spoke on Covid mandates regarding Vol Firefighters & EMS. Concerned about the mandatory requirements and discrimination on the requirements. Personnel opinion is mitigating the risk.

2. New Firefighter Association:  
PCFD#13 Association **President LT Rodgers** spoke at the meeting about the new association. Open to all Firefighters, EMT's and administration. By laws were handed out. 5013C has been submitted. Association has hired a CPA. Incorporated as a non-profit.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular meeting will be Tues., October 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Approved By:

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Chairman Noll

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Commissioner Malone

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Commissioner Zuluaga

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Fire Chief/District Secretary