



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES April 25, 2019

FPD # 13 – Browns Point – 4815 Wa-Tau-Ga Ave NE

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President O Harra Buttz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President O Harra Buttz thanked Browns Point for hosting tonight's meeting. Assistant Chief Wassall welcomed everyone to Browns Point. Chief McCollum is teaching at TCC tonight. He will be retiring in June and starting to plan for his retirement party on June 14th to start at 3:30 or 4:00 and program around 6 at the Browns Point Improvement Club. All are welcome to attend.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken with self-introductions, according to the sign-in sheet, 9 Districts were represented by 24 attendees made up of Commissioners, Chiefs, Secretaries and/or visitors.

PROGRAM – DEM Director Jody Ferguson

Vice President Sutich introduced new Director of PC Department of Emergency Management Jody Ferguson. She gave a little background on herself, she grew up and lives in Yelm. Started as an intern when Jim Stortini was in office back in 1990. Helped out in DEM with press releases, etc. In 2001 she was recruited into DEM by Steve Bailey. In 2008 had an opportunity for the Homeland Security Master's degree program. Graduated in 2009 with masters in security studies and promoted. In 2013 she accepted a fellowship opportunity in Washington DC. Got to work with Federal FEMA USAR team. Opening for Deputy Director in King County. Feels like she has come home being back in Pierce County. Repairing relationships with partners, regional service delivery – getting rid of contracts, etc. Wants one radio system and fee structure that makes sense. Having a good relationship with SS911. Another thing very important is PC All Hazards Team utilizing USAR model, PCDEM is the sponsoring agency and support administratively. School safety. Something in King County that affects Tri-County - grant for fire, law enforcement, dispatch – scenes of violence protocol. Mass care getting started to work on this. Regional service delivery. Improved response structure in the county – primary EOC and secondary EOC, etc. streamlined and clearly organized. Such a pleasure to be back. Commissioner Eckroth asked about cross base highway. Joe Quinn – payments in lieu of taxes – PILT – under predecessor were not receiving money – the money given to State to County, goes to DEM and Fire Departments were not getting any. Medford – surrounding areas of Mt. Rainier RCW 38.52 argument, providing service but not getting taxes at a Federal level. Jody not aware of this at all. About 7-800,000. She asked that someone send her an email and she will look into it more. Kathy Kadow asked about lahar system on the Nisqually. Where is that in process and how involved is JBLM? Jody stated looking at 8 new sites on the Nisqually. Getting signatures from land owners right now. Properties don't touch JBLM. Haven't encountered any obstacles with land owners. USGS money allocated and everything is moving right along, construction to start in June. Also upgrading everything in our valley. Have sent out letters and emails. The Association thanked Jody.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Eckroth seconded to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Add update under Old Business website.

MINUTES OF March 28, 2019 MEETING and Treasurer's Report – See attached

It was moved by Commissioner Rankin and seconded by Commissioner Eckroth to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes and the Treasurer's Report (see attached copy on backside of Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

Commissioner Allison not present. President O'Harra Buttz collected from those who forgot their badges.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Gene Dobry

Reported letter went out requesting 2019 benefit and wage program. Cut off is May 17th to get that in. This Saturday regular meeting of Washington Fire Commissioners Board of Directors meeting. Recommendations for 2022 and 2024 annual conferences held at Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane. Also recommending approve for 2019/2020 liability insurance Fournier Insurance for annual premium of \$250.00 for county associations.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Eric reported issued Firehouse Lawyer yesterday. Medical records request by attorney wanting records right away. Statute that you can't release without 14 day letter to patient, etc. Can't just get medical records because they ask for them.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Commissioner Sutich reported Mark Rapozo from State Auditor's office is looking into the 911 money that has been a bone of contention for some time now.

b) Legislative - Dale Mitchell

Reported meeting last Wednesday. Went through active bills. Checked with Roger today, session coming to an end this Sunday. SB1170 – mob bill. FireLine with legislative report will be out tomorrow. Other one of concern is HB1912 volunteer pensions. Feels like they'll have to go to special session because of the schools. One other item addressed and looked at is warning of dangerous fire season upon us. DNR needs money. Discussion followed.

c) Bates Technical College - Dan Rankin

No report.

d) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

Commissioner Egan had Eric Quinn draw the winning ticket. Commissioner Dobry had the winning ticket and won \$ 35.00.

e) Annual Picnic/Potluck –Bill Eckroth and Arlene Dannat

Commissioner Dannat will have a sign up sheet for the Potluck next month.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Stan stated if there are any ideas, suggestions, please let know. \$1,000.00 in the budget.

Joe Quinn stated he will be doing a class for King County, could do a joint class with King and Pierce Counties for Commissioner training.

h) Awards Committee – DORMANT – Sheila Niven

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder

No report.

j) Programs – Tom Sutich

Reported May speaker will be Jim Jacques on Tri County Consortium on Active Shooter training.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Reported trying to get a card sent out to B/C Wayne Garden, issue getting an address for him.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

No report.

m) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Sheila Niven

n) Audit – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Margaret O’Harra Buttz

o) SS911 Committee – Dan Rankin

Reported it was a short meeting. 6 ILA agencies briefed this month on the governance. Still waiting for Tacoma to be brought up to date. Executive Board meeting to discuss Andrew’s performance last year. Draft financing timeline copy distributed (copy attached).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. SS911 Representative Election Committee

Vice President Sutich stated the following process was approved at February’s meeting:

1. Two (2) year term
2. Elect Director and alternate
3. No one from Central Pierce or West Pierce (at this time)
4. Approve process at February meeting
5. Nominations held at March and April meetings
6. Election during April meeting
 - a. Top vote getter = Director
 - b. 2nd highest vote getter = Alternate
7. Term begins in July 2019

Nominations at last meeting:

Kathy Kadow
Pat McElligott
Tom Sutich

Nominations are open to the floor. There being none, turned the floor over to President O’Harra Buttz. Asked the candidates to share, speak to the membership. Ballots distributed to membership.

Director = Pat McElligott
Alternate = Tom Sutich

Commissioner Egan suggested the ballots be destroyed.

B. Speakers Appreciation Gift

Commissioner Egan reported on some ideas he has come up for a speakers appreciation gift.

C. Website

Secretary/Treasurer Menge reported we now have a website. She will be working on getting it updated, etc. Please let her know if there is anything you would like to see added, posted, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Gene Dobry reported Commissioner Slater, Thurston County President, asked about co-hosting the hospitality room at the Conference. Would the Association be interested in contributing money towards? Commissioner Cathey moved to match Thurston County's contribution not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Sutich seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Sutich reported there is a concern with 2 in/2 out with L&I. Just FYI at this point regarding wanting to remove the 3rd paragraph to allow.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge,
Secretary/Treasurer

Website: <http://www.pcfirecommissioners.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

2019 Meeting Dates and Locations:

January 24, 2019 - FPD # 5 – Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW
February 28, 2019 – FPD # 6 – Central Pierce – 17520 22nd Ave E, Tacoma
March 28, 2019 – FPD # 22 – East Pierce – 18421 Veterans Memorial Dr, Bonney Lake
April 25, 2019 – FPD # 13 – Browns/Dash Point – 4815 Wa-Tau-Ga Ave NE
May 23, 2019 – FPD # 18 – Orting Valley – 401 Washington Ave SE
June 27, 2019 – FPD # 16 – Key Peninsula – 8911 Key Peninsual Hwy KPN
July 25, 2019 – Potluck – CPFR Station 60 17520 22nd Ave E
August 22, 2019 – FPD # 21 – Graham – 23014 70th Ave E
Sept. 26, 2019 – FPD # 17 South Pierce – Sta. 171 302 McNaught St, Roy
October 24, 2019 - NO MEETING – STATE CONFERENCE
November 21, 2019 – FPD #3 – West Pierce – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW
(3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)

December 5, 2019 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET

Financing Timeline – Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC)

DATE	EVENT	PARTICIPANTS
April 2019	Begin working on Preliminary Official Statement (POS) and marketing documents	Pierce County Finance; D.A. Davidson
By May 23, 2019	Adoption of Financing Agreement and Adoption of Resolution of Intent to sell bonds by Pierce County Council	Pierce County Council; Pierce County Finance; SS911
May 24, 2019	Bid documents for PSCC published	South Sound 911; Pierce County Finance
June 3, 2019	Distribute Distribution List, Schedule of Events and Data Requirements	D.A. Davidson
June 14, 2019	County provides data for POS	Pierce County Finance; South Sound 911
June 18, 2019	Distribute 1 st draft of Bond Delegation Ordinance and legal opinion	Pierce County Finance and Bond Counsel
By June 21, 2019	Adoption of ILA by all South Sound 911 member agencies and Adoption of Charter by Tacoma (must be complete prior to distribution of POS if change in governance is to be included)	South Sound 911 member agencies; City of Tacoma
June 24, 2019	Distribute 1 st draft of POS	D.A. Davidson
July 1, 2019	Comments due on first draft of POS	South Sound 911; Pierce County Finance; Bond Counsel
July 9, 2019	Council Consent Calendar – Bond Delegation Ordinance	Pierce County Council; Pierce County Finance
July 11, 2019	Send information to rating agencies	D.A. Davidson
July 12, 2019	Project Bid Opening	South Sound 911; Pierce County
July 15, 2019	Rules & Operations Committee – Ordinance review	Pierce County Council; Pierce County Finance
July 23, 2019	Bond Delegation Ordinance at regular Council meeting	Pierce County Council; D.A. Davidson; Bond Counsel
Week of July 29, 2019	Rating agency conference calls	Pierce County Finance; D.A. Davidson
August 13, 2019	Final comments due on all documents	Pierce County Finance; Bond Counsel; D.A. Davidson; South Sound 911;
August 14, 2019	Receive ratings	Pierce County Finance; D.A. Davidson
August 21, 2019	Distribute POS/Notice of Sale	D.A. Davidson
September 2, 2019	Begin Construction	Contractor
September 11, 2019	Competitive Sale/Notice of Sale	Pierce County Finance; D.A. Davidson
September 25, 2019	Bond Closing	Pierce County Finance; D.A. Davidson; Bond Counsel; Underwriter