



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES May 28, 2020

Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President Tom Sutich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. no flag salute was held due to meeting virtually. He requested everyone mute their microphone so there's not a lot of background sound.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Sutich thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were not done. There were 22 people in attendance.

PROGRAM – Debbie Grady, Executive Director SouthSound 911

Vice President Moffett introduced Debbie Grady, SouthSound 911's new Executive Director. Thanks for the warm welcome. Shared background of who she is and where she came from and SS911 updates. 25 plus years in 911 workspace where have been in law enforcement and fire service work environments. Most recently come from Sacramento Police Department. Married to a former fire prevention individual. SS911 most recently with COVID impact – interesting times to start a new job during a pandemic. Sales tax runs two months behind. 1st Quarter report still looked good, 2nd quarter is where we'll really see what the numbers look like. Budget work is being done. Planning to propose budget to board in July and have a work session ahead of time. Allocation interest – working on a no growth budget, intent is to keep allocations flat as everyone is going through the same economic concerns as they are. Started first of April and first Board meeting was cancelled, second done via webX, next month will also be done via webx. Any questions? President Sutich stated as alternate to Pat McElligott representing PC Fire Commissioners, have never been reached out to before. Debbie called and reached out and thought it was really nice. She has graciously accepted to be on our agenda each month that she can make it under regular reports. Publicly thanked her for reaching out. Vice President Moffett stated the next time can meet in person, would like to present her with a challenge coin from the PC Fire Commissioners which is presented to our guest speakers. Commissioner Kadow stated keeping rates flat does that mean that the rates will stay the same for 2021. Debbie stated that is correct. Hoping to have zero increase to agencies. 1.5 million gap in 2021 budget right now and trying to work through the numbers right now. SS contributes to radio user fee, subsidy for 2021 continue will rates remain the same. Discussions are taking place on that now.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Margaret O'Harra Buttz moved and Commissioner Stan Moffett seconded to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF February 27, 2020 MEETING and Treasurer's Report – See attached

It was moved by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the February 27, 2020 minutes and the Treasurer's Report (see attached copy on backside of Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Mike Cathey

Reported Thurston County having same issues we are, property tax coming in later. Concerned for second half of property tax collections. Wasn't able to attend their last meeting due to technical difficulties.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Attorney Joe Quinn reported Eric wanted to attend tonight, but on story and bath time tonight. Governor's rule expires end of May, but thinks will be extended. Feel still can't have in person meetings due to order after general order. General order still wouldn't allow number of people for a general meeting. Wait and see to see if extends. Expires May 31st. Limitations on action – on Board meeting not supposed to do anything that would be new – only necessary and routine matters at Board Meetings. So new idea or initiation would be in violation of Governor's order. Determining if something is new and different versus necessary and routine – hard to. Going to be interesting and complicated if he lets it expire. WFCOA will most likely be advising. Attorney Quinn can as well, once we know whether or not Governor extends or not. Firehouse Lawyer technical glitches so there wasn't an April issue. President Sutich asked about having a roundtable again? Attorney Quinn stated unsure.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Reported they met remotely via Zoom on May 7th. Their June meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, June 4th. July and August will be no meetings for them. Bates Fire Service Director has a new job as the Fire Chief of South Pierce Fire & Rescue.

b) Legislative - Dale Mitchell

Reported very limited. Talked to Roger yesterday about this. Because of circumstances, putting together a meeting in the next month or two for upcoming session.

c) Bates Technical College - Dan Rankin

Reported does not have a fire service director and not sure what they're doing for classes right now.

d) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

N/A

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

She and Eckroth talked the other day and at this time feels it best to cancel the Picnic at this time. Consensus was in agreement.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

Most likely look at keeping it at the same place if we're able to have it.

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Commissioner Moffett reported had a seminar lined up in March with Quinn's that was cancelled. Everything is pretty much on hold for now until we see what happens.

h) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Sheila Niven

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder

Not present.

j) Programs – Stan Moffett

Reported speaker next month will be June 25th, Derek Young, District 7 County Council person. No speaker lined up for July. August do have a speaker lined up.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Reported send a get well card to Bob Skaggs recovering from surgery. Talked to his daughter and he seems to be doing ok.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Not present.

m) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Sheila Niven

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

o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Past President Pins – President Sutich

Reported in January he was asked to put this on the agenda. Is there any interest in past president pins? He personally is not interested. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the same thought. There was no interest from the membership. Commissioner O’Harra Buttz let everyone know that she found the years of service pins.

B. New Badges – President Sutich

Denise reported that she has received the new badges for those that were at the February meeting. She will be mailing them out. For those still in need of a badge, please contact Graham Fire & Rescue to make arrangements to get one made.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Electronic Signing of Documents – President Sutich

Reported concern with not having electronic signatures in place during this time. Commissioner Mitchell suggested if there’s not much business, to just mail the check to President Sutich to sign and send back.

President Sutich stated regarding June meeting regardless of what the Governor does, still hold the meeting via Zoom. June 25th. Consensus was to hold the meeting via zoom.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Cathey encouraged reaching out to Bob Skaggs.

Commissioner O’Harra Buttz stated regarding the awards committee, Sheila is not interested in remaining in that position. President Sutich asked if there were any volunteers. Commissioner Egan stated he did it a couple years, determine budget and who gets an award, etc. President Sutich stated a couple years ago decided we were giving out too many awards. Last year we had the Achievement Award and Award for Margaret as past president. Commissioner Kadow suggested Denise arrange for an email blast to go out to see if someone who isn’t at the meeting would be interested.

Commissioner Egan stated he has the challenge coins, call and let know and happy to deliver if needed. They are \$10.00 each.

Commissioner Smith stated several of the badges are probably for Greenwater. He’ll contact tomorrow to arrange picking them up.

President Sutich thanked Administrative Taunja VanderVaate for hosting tonight’s meeting and that he appreciates her assistance.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge,
Secretary/Treasurer

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

2020 Meeting Dates and Locations:

January 23, 2020 - Gig Harbor – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

February 27, 2020 – Graham – 23014 70th Ave E

March 26, 2020 – CANCELLED COVID-19

April 23, 2020 – CANCELLED COVID-19

May 28, 2020 – REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

June 25, 2020 – REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

July 23, 2020 – BBQ/Potluck – CANCELLED

August 27, 2020 – South Pierce – Roy Community Center 122 3rd St E

September 24, 2020 – Browns/Dash Point Sta 4815 Wa-Tau-Ga Ave NE

October 22, 2020 - NO MEETING – STATE CONFERENCE

November 19, 2020 – West Pierce – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood

(3rd Thursday due to 4th Thursday being Thanksgiving)

December 3, 2020 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET