



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES June 25, 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 16 people in attendance.

PROGRAM – Derek Young, District 7 County Council

Vice President Moffett introduced second term County Council District 7 Representative Derek Young. He appreciates the invitation to be here tonight. Land use concerns and impacts to fire discussions and any other subject would like to talk about. Started back in January came across first paper on infectiousness of Wuhan virus as it was referred to at that time. Half of employees for Health Department at one point were activated to respond to crisis. Seeing an additional bounce back. Concerning as we are aware in Phase 2 and don't want to go backwards, but don't want to run the risk. Choosing measures to try and get ahead of it. Other thing in effect recently is Governor instituting a state-wide mask order – mainly in doors when can't maintain social distancing. Studies show reduces transmission rate. CARES act passed 158 million dollars for Pierce County – 4 buckets appropriated so far. Contingency fund, not sure what would become necessary. Public Health core strategy standing up systems testing and disease investigation and contact tracing. Want to find out those who test positive who may have infected or exposed, etc. If so, quarantine and isolate in home. Number of different options. Facilities stood up if needed. National Guard has been made available as well. What's happening in Yakima right no, want to avoid. Standing up a number of programs for business community on economic side. Zero interest loans to small business, turned into grants. \$1,000.00 per employee up to 20 employees. Gave away free PPE, cloth and paper masks. All had to do was register. Also gave out no contact thermometers. On human services side has been eye opening. Focused on housing security, emergency food network systems, etc. Also recently set up a childcare program. Behavioral Health funding as well. General government side, local government that needs to make some budget adjustment to be able to get equipment needed, etc. Courts are going to have a tremendous backlog. Some of the main things spending funds on. Where at generally, non COVID routine business to be done per Governor's order. Conducting regular business remotely. Idea is to try to make as replicable as possible. Budget-wise facing some struggles for those reliant on sales tax, etc. CARES act doesn't allow for revenue loss prevention, not able to replace those funds. Next step from Federal government like the HEROES Act. Backfilling revenue to state and local governments. Seeing now projecting losses of 20% of revenue. State is facing similar situations. Plan is to look at revenue replacement for all jurisdictions. Junior taxing districts are off the table. Need to come up with a fair system so that all are taken care of. Opened to questions. Commissioner Mitchell asked with regard to Sheriff and direction going with that. He has come back for a period of time. Derek stated initially he had planned on retiring earlier in year. Then COVID impact hit and he decided to stick around. He has a lot on his plate at the moment with all of the civil unrest going on. Grateful he's going to continue until we have a new Sheriff. Have 4 candidates – Ed Troyer, Council Chair Doug

Richardson, Cindy Fajardo and Department Defense Investigator can't recall his name at the moment. The Association thanked Council Member Young for his presentation. VP Moffett stated he will get him a Challenge Coin next time he sees him.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Holm moved and Commissioner Cathey seconded to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF May 28, 2020 MEETING and Treasurer's Report – See attached

It was moved by Commissioner O'Harra Buttz and seconded by Commissioner Rankin to approve the May 28, 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 he doesn't really have anything. Next Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 11th. Is there anything the body would like for him to bring up. Commissioner Rankin stated some issues were brought up at the Board meeting earlier. Over the phone or there or on Zoom, waiting on Governor to see what he's going to do if we can meet in person or not. Also discussed the conference in Spokane. Have to be in Phase 4. Will be discussing more in August. Spokane is hurting. President Sutich stated State Chiefs are meeting in September in Wenatchee, know anything about that? No. Curious to see what happens with that. Unsure how many attended the webinars. Looking at doing more webinar education. Commissioner Cathey asked for email to be sent to him if there's any issues would like addressed.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Not present.

c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady

Not present.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Reported they met remotely via Zoom on June 4th.

b) Legislative - Dale Mitchell

Reported not had a chance to talk to Roger. Hearing some discussion about possibility of early special legislative session.

c) Bates Technical College - Dan Rankin

Reported no report, still looking for a Director. Haven't heard anything from Jody.

d) Fund Raising Activities - Ed Egan

N/A

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

It was decided at last months' meeting to cancel the Annual Picnic/Potluck.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

No report at this time. Will go back to the Country Club if we can have it. Also, would like everyone to be thinking about the Bill Jarmon Award. President Sutich stated you can email Denise if you have a candidate. Denise will update the Nomination forms and email them out as well as post them on the website.

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Commissioner Moffett stated no report at this time.

h) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Sheila Niven

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder

Not present.

j) Programs – Stan Moffett

Reported he has no speaker lined up for July which has been cancelled. August speaker will be John Johnson from Gig Harbor Fire regarding Cancer and then Mike Lonergan in September.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Nothing to report.

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. Commissioner Holm reported building is coming along and is on track to be completed March or April of next year. Financially still on track. Like everyone else due to loss of tax revenue the budget is taking a big hit this year, down like 20%. Considering using excess fund balance, 3.3 million to off-set this year. Will go to Board for final decision.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Sutich stated, if we can meet in person, next 2 meeting locations are relatively small. Of the mind to stay with Zoom at least until West Pierce in November. Commissioner Holm stated he likes that suggestion. No one is sure what is going to happen. Predictions that there will be a second wave in the Fall. A lot of uncertainty right now and consensus seems to be waiting until November at the earliest and continue with Zoom meetings for August and

September. Browns Pont Commissioner – if no annual conference in October, will we have a regular meeting in October then? Commissioner Rankin stated we are in limbo until July 1st. President Sutich stated we can discuss it at the August meeting. August and September meetings will be held via Zoom.

Commissioner Cathey stated webinar that Brian put on was pretty successful. If we don't have the State Conference, perhaps have a webinar that week. Commissioner Rankin stated they have discussed several things one was webinars and zoom – can have up to 500 people on at what time. Have some back up measures.

No meeting next month.

Commissioner Egan stated meeting tomorrow for Education Committee. Commissioner Egan will send information to Denise to send out to the group.

Commissioner Linboe asked about how to go about getting involved with the Legislative Committee. Commissioner Mitchell told him to contact Farris at WFCA. Committee members are usually added at the end of the conference, but contact and let know so they can add him to the list of interested individuals.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 – REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

September 24, 2020 – REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

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