



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES June 23, 2022

Remotely via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President Stan Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. no flag salute was held due to meeting virtually.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Moffett thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He also thanked Denise for getting letters out to the County Council and legislators. Also for getting the letter of appreciation out to DEM Director Jody Ferguson.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

No roll call or self-introductions were done. There were 18 people in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER – N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Cathey and seconded by Commissioner McElligott to approve the agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF May 26, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Rankin moved and Commissioner Sutich seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? One correction to minutes regarding Nick Swinhart – originally from Aberdeen. The May 26, 2022 minutes with noted correction were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett

Reported nothing to report. Next quarterly meeting is next month.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Joe reported reminder of municipal roundtable tomorrow morning at noon via zoom regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Will put the link in the chat box. It was also emailed out earlier today as well as being in the Firehouse Lawyer.

Senate Bill 1735 designed to remedy some of the issues from previous law enforcement laws. A change made is that Police have right to use reasonable force to detain for involuntary commitment.

Case out of supreme court wrote about in firehouse lawyer newsletter. Houston Community College vs Wilson. 9 member board sued college board, private investigator hired, \$270,000 in legal fees, censuring him for his conduct. He lost 9 to nothing. Court ruled unanimously that Board has power to pass resolution to censor. Another case New York state law struck down open carry. Might embolden others to carry guns, etc. Too soon to say.

c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady

Scott Hamel is here in place of Debbie Grady. A lot going on recently, Joint Board retreat occurred. A lot of talk about radio systems, goal of moving to single radio system. Replacement strategies for subscriber radios. Code Red was also discussed and reimbursement requests – carried over to be talked about at Board meeting that occurred yesterday. Public Safety Operations Committee meeting also held. Radio System discussed again. Seems to be interest in working collaboratively. Positive movement. Approval for reimbursement to City of Puyallup for radio infrastructure improvements made. 2nd retreat scheduled for the fall.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Commissioner Rankin reported the Chiefs' met on June 2nd and had 2 guest speakers BC Booth on Peer Support and on Diversity work. Don't meet in June or July and working on restructuring the Association.

b) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Not present.

c) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

No report.

d) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan

e) Annual Picnic/Potluck – Arlene Dannat

Reported everything is set. Call out to food truck vendor to confirm. July 28th at Orting Park at 6:00 pm.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

Reported confirmation back from Teresa at Country Club for first Thursday in December.

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Commissioner Sutich stated looking for agreement from the group regarding setting up another training session with Attorneys Joe and Eric Quinn. Consensus to do so.

h) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Margaret O'Harra-Buttz

i) Membership – Kevin Gorder / Arlene Dannat

Nothing to report.

j) Programs – Kevin Gorder

Not present.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Nothing to report.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Nothing to report.

m) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

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

o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Reported Scott reported earlier in the meeting. Radio systems discussed. 3 owners – Puyallup, Pierce County and Tacoma. Keeps hearing there is a tremendous cost if go to a single owner. Scott stated there is maintenance costs, design and engineering costs to reconfigure 2 systems into 1. Probably a 2-year process. Consultant referring to a quote from Motorola that is several years old. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Reminder of roundtable tomorrow morning. Hope to see everyone next month at the BBQ.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Commissioner McElligott moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rankin seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Ross,
Secretary/Treasurer

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

2022 Meeting Schedule:

January 27, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
February 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
March 24, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
April 28, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
May 26, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
June 23, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
July 28, 2022 – BBQ/Potluck – Orting Park
August 25, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom

September 22, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
October 27, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Conference
November 17, 2022 – Remotely via Zoom
December 1, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Awards –