



## PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES April 28, 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.

### **ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

No roll call or self-introductions were done. There were 19 people in attendance.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS – Jody Ferguson, DEM Director**

Vice President Gorder introduced DEM Director Jody Ferguson. She thanked the Association for inviting to the meeting tonight and appreciate the time to be here today. Shared screen and went through a powerpoint presentation going over activations from 2020 to present. Had flooding and landslide issues. March 6, 2020 activated EOC due to COVID-19. Distributed more than 11.6 million pieces of PPE. Responsible for the administration of \$56 million in CARES Act funds. Blessed to have level of support from PC Executive. Unified Command was difficult and challenging at times. Important to be able to help with food distribution. Utilized school bus drivers for delivering food. COVID-19 testing became an issue. Such a demand for them. 230k+ tests conducted since July 2020. 30k individuals tested in January 2022 alone. Did own testing program. Isolation and quarantine – 696 individuals used the temporary care center March 2020 – July 2021. Partnership established with JBLM for traveling service members and families. Vaccines: 100,000 doses mass vaccination campaign. Partnered with cities, school districts, non-profits and businesses to provide sites. Had at least 5 different areas around the county since they were mobile. Up and coming businesses such as Dispatch Health and Birds Eye partnered with. 620 consecutive days operated the EOC with the Health Department and local agencies. Been invited to speak around the country on unique approaches. Being creative, taking care of people. Back in readiness mode and trying to get back to the basics. Open to questions. Commissioner Holm thanked Jody and the County for handling things so well and did a really good job. Vice President Gorder thanked Jody as he didn't realize just how much DEM did for the county. Commissioner McElligott stated he was interim FC at DuPont and DEM has always been there when needed. Wasn't able to attend SS911 meeting yesterday. One of issues on the list was Code Red – how can we do Code Red or PC Alert to streamline to get announcements out we need. DEM is looking to streamline so works for fire districts as well for such notices as evacuations for wildland fires, etc. Jody stated DEM supports local districts able to have access. Working to find a way to make it seamless. Finding a way to streamline and help each other to get message out quickly and to make sure not duplicating efforts. Working together to see how programs can compliment the other. Think can work together and money well invested. Problem encountering with Everbridge is putting guardrails on a jurisdiction area. Have technical team working on figuring out.

The Association thanked DEM Director Jody Ferguson for her presentation and information she shared this evening. We'll be sending a challenge coin as a thank you.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved by Commissioner Allison and seconded by Commissioner McElligott to approve the agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Passed unanimously. New business – letter to go out to Board regarding Debbie Grady's attendance at our meetings.

### **MINUTES OF March 24, 2022 MEETING**

Commissioner Allison moved and Commissioner McElligott seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? Hearing none, anyone opposed? Hearing none, the March 24, 2022 minutes as presented were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

### **SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES**

N/A

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

#### **a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett**

Apologized for not making last month's meeting, had a special meeting. Had first in person meeting with WFCA on Thursday. Quick reminders – spring seminar this weekend at Clearwater. One in Chelan June 4<sup>th</sup>. Every 4 years have to do the Commissioners recerts training. Healthcare committee filled position. Going to wait a little bit to fill the second position. Legislative, Brandon Faust not present, larger districts can do 1375 passed which clears up 1310. 1329 on public meetings wasn't clear on. Last on talked about was volunteer pension raise going back up for look in 2023. Past bill had something not in compliance with IRS. Lastly L&I no longer enforcing mask policies.

#### **b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn**

Eric reported he has nothing specific to report. Bill 1329 regarding OPMA or recent changes use of force laws. Commissioner Noll asked for highlights of bill 1329. Not obligated to record meetings. Advice not to do so for the records retention issues, etc. Public comment can be entertained in writing in lieu of during meeting. Position is should held public comments at meetings. Law pertains to regular meetings – not required during special meetings. Posting requirements for online posting of agendas 24 hours in advance on website.

President Moffett thanked Eric and Joe for their training they provided the other day. Eric thanked the Association for sponsoring it.

#### **c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady**

Not present. Mark Mears reported on her behalf. Debbie is on her way back home for a 4-day weekend. Couple items she asked him to mention – date of May 11<sup>th</sup> – multiple consultants in to look at operations. Stop transfer of calls. Implemented over the last year for universal call taking.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> will be implementing that for fire and medical calls. Also, strategic retreat on June 8<sup>th</sup> 9-1.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich**

Commissioner Sutich reported the Chiefs' meeting speaker was Steve Wright from the Washington Chiefs Association giving an update on restructuring their dues.

**b) Legislative - Brandon Faust**

Not present. Jerry Bickett covered earlier.

**c) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin**

Reported next meeting is in May.

**d) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan**

**e) Annual Picnic/Potluck – Arlene Dannat**

Reported she wanted to get everyone's feedback. We can do it at the Orting Park again if interested. Commissioner Holm stated fish and chip food truck out of Kapowsin called TugBoat Willie's will get information to Arlene.

**f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey**

Reported needs to talk to the Chiefs Association yet.

**g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett**

Commissioner Sutich reported echoed President Moffett's comments on the seminar that Joe and Eric put on. It was very information. Would like to throw out discussing doing that yearly with different topics to be covered. Eric Quinn stated they are open to the Commissioner's establishing items to be covered.

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

**i) Membership – Kevin Gorder / Arlene Dannat**

Vice President Gorder stated nothing to report.

**j) Programs – Kevin Gorder**

Reported next speaker will be Mike Lonergan from PC Assessor Treasurer's Office.

**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 he was not able to attend the meeting yesterday, Commissioners Rankin and Sutich attended. Commissioner Holm stated that the Board members did an evaluation for Deborah and she got an outstanding review. Extremely excited and happy to have her as the Director of SS911. She and her staff do a great job. Commissioner McElligott stated that Commissioner Sutich had suggested a letter be written to the SS911 Board of Directors thanking Debbie Grady for her exemplary attendance of our meetings either herself or her representative have been at every meeting. She has done an outstanding job. Commissioner Sutich moved to send a letter of appreciation/commendation to thank her Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Denise to draft letter and send to President Moffett to review. Commissioner Rankin letter to include stating she is doing an outstanding job as Director, PC Commissioner support you very well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Commissioner Noll asked about contact for IT. Commissioner Holm stated there is an IT consortium for CPFR, Gig Harbor, Graham and Key Peninsula.

President Moffett thanked Vice President Gorder for sitting in for him at the last meeting.

Commissioner Dannat asked about when back to meeting in person. President Moffett stated Key Peninsula have not yet. Commissioner Allison stated they meet in person. Commissioner Holm stated they do both. Governor proclamation is still in place. Need to provide a remote option. President Moffett stated that those rules wouldn't necessarily apply to this Association. Discussion followed. Commissioner Sutich stated that majority of the members are still in high risk. Thinks should remain via Zoom until pandemic is over. Concerns with travel time, etc. President Moffett stated for the foreseeable future will remain meetings via Zoom.

Commissioner Rankin stated Dave Ferguson, architect is retiring June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Commissioner Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McElligott seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Submitted by:

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