



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES May 26, 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 21 people in attendance.

Nick Swinhart Key Peninsula new Fire Chief from Aberdeen. Thanked for the introduction and welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER – Mike Lonergan, PC Assessor Treasurer

President Moffett introduced PC Assessor Treasurer Mike Lonergan. Explained Orting Valley switched to Fire Benefit Charge this year. Not assessed value based. Joined CPFR who has done for several years and Graham who started last year. They messed up when heard that OVFR hadn't received any money yet. Software had put the money in CPFR's account instead of OVFR's. That has been corrected and straightened out. Interesting time with wrapping up physical inspection and appraisal – year #3 of 6-year cycle. 1/6 of commercial properties looked at each year. Hot off the press, not certified yet, 2021 figures used for this year's taxes totals 159 billion dollars. More than doubled in 9 years. Looking to start on new construction now. Things are still going up. Nationwide figure median home in US is \$375,000 as of March this year. Increase of 15% from March of last year. Went over some rough numbers for Districts percentage increases. Apartments are included in commercial. 101% rule and value of new construction. Question asked about finding demographic information for a District? Mike Lonergan stated the GIS department of the County as some information. Requested an email be sent to him and he'll see what he can find out.

The Association thanked PC Assessor Treasurer Mike Lonergan for his presentation and information he shared this evening. We'll be sending a challenge coin as a thank you.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT

President Moffett asked if there were any changes, additions to the agenda. Commissioner Sutich would like to insert a discussion on the mass shootings under New Business. It was moved by Commissioner Sutich and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the agenda as amended and Treasurer's Report (see copy included with the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES OF April 28, 2022 MEETING

Commissioner Sutich moved and Commissioner Garling seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? Hearing none, anyone opposed? Hearing none, the April 28, 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

Reported June 4th spring seminar at Campbell's. Reservations at Davenport are filling up quickly for October.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Joe reported the Governor rescinded the order for in person meetings. Sent out a model resolution and memo about that. Bottom line is that you can resume in person meetings. Several clients don't want to and want to continue with remote or hybrid meetings. Are allowed to do so. Did not declare an end to the emergency. Firehouse newsletter will be out soon. Municipal roundtable on the last Friday in June, the 24th, 0900-1100 via Zoom only on subject of model policies on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Hot topic right now throughout society.

c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady

Thanked the association for the letter sent to the Board of Directors recognizing her attendance at these meetings. She appreciated that. Yesterday Board met and approved 4 agreements related to transition of 911 program office to SS911. Excited about that. In 2023 transitions the 911 excise tax fully to SS911. It's been a long process and long time in coming. Without your support don't think we'd be where we're at. June 8th retreat – 1/10 of 1% sales tax funding stream, future of radio systems in PC and what best practices are, etc. 1/10 of 1% by end of 2023 will be paid off and perfect timing to talk about funding and what can do to support field users, etc. Motion to approve the Board to reimburse agencies in CODE Red – failed with a split vote. Asked to be put on retreat agenda. Open House in June will be giving tours.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich

Commissioner Rankin reported the Chiefs' meeting speaker was Kristin Hoffman on the Lahar evacuation drill.

b) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Not present.

c) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

Reported met May 19th, graduated class of 22. Has a class of 22 coming from Tacoma. Will be having another class towards the end of the year. EMT Class has 100 students right now.

d) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan

e) Annual Picnic/Potluck – Arlene Dannat

Reported has secured a food truck – RJ's BBQ Smokehouse, has good recommendations and reviews. Just open to public from 3-8. Picnic at 6 at Orting Park. Will send menu to Denise to share with the group.

f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

Left message with the Country Club to reserve, haven't heard back. Has asked Denise to check with the Chiefs to see if they're going to be involved.

g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Commissioner Sutich stated mentioned doing a yearly seminar with Attorney Quinn. Is there a subject we'd like addressed or leave up to Joe and Eric to determine topic(s). Just wanted people to be thinking about it.

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 he is working on getting a speaker for the next meeting.

k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Nothing to report.

l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Reported had quarterly meeting last Saturday. Planning conference in Vegas. Another meeting in June. Conference dates? Gerry will get information to Denise to send out.

m) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

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

o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Sutich stated what happened 2 days ago, not going to address. We are elected to ensure the safety of our community and the safety of our employees. Looking for from this body is that it has to start somewhere. Something has to be done. As Fire Commissioners don't have the authority to address the gun situation, the mass shootings, etc. Asking this group to send letters to County Council, County Executive demanding something be done. As elected officials we need to act and take a stand on this. Common sense measures need to happen. Moved that this body

will do best with E-Board and Denise to draft a letter to send to every municipality, County Council and County Executive. Commissioner Mitchell asked about also sending to the Governor? Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. President Moffett called for the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Cathey stated too bad there's not a national database for troubled individuals. There's been an increase in mass shootings. We have the highest mass shooting rates. Discussion followed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Vice President Gorder suggested a letter of appreciation to DEM Director Jody Ferguson following her presentation last month as it was an eye opener to what all has been done. Commissioner Gorder moved to craft a letter to Jody Ferguson in appreciation for all of her work in the last 2 years. Commissioner Garling seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Dannat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sutich seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 –
December 1, 2022 – No Meeting – Annual Awards –