



PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES February 23, 2023
Remotely via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

President Stan Moffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST

President Moffett thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Believes this is the first meeting we've had in person in 3 years.

ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were done for those in attendance. There were 8 people in attendance and 14 people attending via Zoom for a total of 16 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 Kadow 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 January 26, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner McElligott seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? There being no changes, the minutes were passed unanimously as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES

President Moffett stated there are likely many individuals that don't have badges. We will need to make arrangements to have pictures and badges made.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

REGULAR REPORTS:

a) Regional Representative Report – Jerry Bickett

Reported WFCA has upcoming classes you can check them out online. Upset Commissioners on Thurston County side regarding WFCA not stepping up on certain issues. Something we should be doing.

b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn

Eric reported legislative issues not discussed. Couple of senate bills related to increasing LID from 1% to 3%. Only becomes law if another bill 5465 pertaining to potential wealth transfer law comes into effect. It would affect the first 250,000 of assessed value of residential homes. Been in many discussions about this. Proceed as though 1% LID sticking around. Don't see the \$250,000 tax credit bill passing in which case the 3% LID wouldn't go into effect. Any questions can send copies of applicable bills.

Non legislative news a lot of supply chain issues with regards to purchasing staff vehicles. Clients have declared market conditions. Can't claim that simply because not on state bid any longer. Needs to be a market wide impact on a particular supply change to declare that. Check your resolutions to ensure they are detailed enough.

King County FD question regarding action the Board took being invalid since a second of the motion wasn't taken. Still a valid action, however, always best to have a second of the motion.

McElligott asked Faust if any further information on either of the legislation bills that Eric mentioned. Brandon stated he is working on getting more information. Legislative Day frustration with a specific legislator and Roger and lack of transparency. Not told what or when hearings are, etc. He will be following up with Roger. Discussion followed. Brandon to follow up and have an update at next month's meeting.

c) SouthSound 911 – Deborah Grady

Not present. Scott Hamel went over housekeeping issues. Communications Center is further in the building and more secure. Board of Directors meeting this week included Chair and Vice Chair elections. Chair Julie Door and Vice Chair McElligott. Congratulated Pat. Working on issues of radio systems in PC and work towards achieving a single system. Waiting for information from vendor, Motorola. Role of 911 Program Office transitioned from DEM to SS911. Excise Tax all comes to SS911 and manages program for Pierce County. Program Manager is being hired. Exceed 50,000 911 calls every month. Last year cleared 1 million incoming calls for the first time. Recently completed a recruiting video professionally done with a virtual tour. Available on their website. 35th Street facility being remodeled and updated. Goes out to bid in May and anticipate it being done by the end of the year. Dispatch Center known as PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). Program for alarm notifications to be delivered electronically. Saves time and increased accuracy. Implemented in December. Technology improvements – initial phases spear headed by Chiefs Morrow and Doan for a connection with Kitsap County. Kitsap 911 has same CAD platform – Hexagon. Visibility into each other's system. Proactive on sharing resources for Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula and Kitsap, etc. Volunteers of America providing staff for 988 system – in process of hiring 3 employees for that. Anticipate working 7 days a week on swing shift.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

a) Legislative - Brandon Faust

Asked if anyone had any follow-up or input on how Legislative Day went. Commissioner Kadow commented there were 5 that went in to see JT Wilcox and was receptive. Also had a letter with talking points and he was appreciative of that. Positive reports from others. Great strategy to have a written document with talking points. Next legislative meeting will see where the dust settles on what made it through and what didn't, etc. Commissioner Homan stated the conference was good and a lot of good feedback. Several departments met jointly with legislators and able to have a little longer meeting with them. Suggestion might be meeting the day before and have a really good briefing on what the major issues are could go in better prepared to deliver a single message.

b) Bates Technical College – Dan Rankin

Reported met this morning. Couple things happening – in process of building new fire service facility on the grounds they have. 3 different buildings with props, station and a couple of other things. Having problems with getting Recruit Academies going. Issues with people backing out. Have to have 12 people to do a class. 23 students for EMT class currently. Next meeting is June 1st.

c) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan

d) Annual Picnic/Potluck – DORMANT - Arlene Dannat

e) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey

f) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett

Tom reported budget will be going towards Eric's presentation.

g) Awards Committee – DORMANT - Margaret O'Harra-Buttz, Arlene Dannat, Tom Sutich

h) Membership – Kevin Gorder / Arlene Dannat

Need to do something to increase attendance at meetings. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please let him know. Commissioner Mitchell stated might be helpful now that we are having meetings in person and at a central location for everyone, nice facility.

i) Programs – Kevin Gorder

Reported hard to get people to speak. Commissioner Sutich suggested having Russ McCallion from East Pierce on Community Medicine. Denise stated he is retiring the end of March.

Commissioner McElligott suggested reaching out to their agency CARES program. President Moffett stated another suggestion would be to invite representatives or legislators as a speaker. Commissioner Kadow suggested County Council members as well.

j) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat

Not present.

k) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson

Reported September 18th and 19th meeting in Las Vegas.

l) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin

m) Audit – Dan Rankin / Margaret O'Harra Buttz

Reported the audit was completed and sent to Denise to file.

n) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott

Reported Scott did a great job sharing what is going on. Moving forward with single owner situation with radios and moving along well. It's a slow process. Marathon not a sprint. Thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to sit on the Board. Have the ability to do a lot of good things for police and fire. Commissioner Rankin stated new members on the Board will have an

orientation on March 8th. Any Commissioner that wants to attend are welcome to sign up for. Cut-off date to sign up is March 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Eric Quin DEI Presentation in March – President Stan Moffett

President Moffett reported he talked to Eric and he thinks they were looking at having it April 7th. Commissioner Sutich stated that coincides with Snures Seminar. Eric Quinn will look at his calendar and get back to President Moffett with another date. Looking at holding it hybrid held at SS911.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Committee Assignments

President Moffett reported we need some people to make commitments and fill some of the spots on standing committees. Don't have to make a decision tonight. Will have Denise send a reminder out.

Fund Raising – not really done in the last 3 years. Had sold tickets and had a drawing for half the pot. As well as selling coins, etc.

Annual Picnic

Annual Banquet

Awards

Nominating

Audit

Commissioner Homan suggested when sending out if could give what committee is responsible for and an estimated time commitment. Would be helpful. Commissioner Sutich suggested Scholarship and Education Committee would like to do away with completely and have a yearly seminar on whatever we decide to do. There was agreement on that suggestion. Commissioner Kadow suggested also consider opening up training to neighboring County Commissioners at a nominal fee to offset costs. Discussion followed.

Eric stated the date for his presentation is April 28th. Will confirm with Debbie Grady that the room is available.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Commissioner Kadow moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Werner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by:

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Secretary/Treasurer

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

2023 Meeting Schedule:

January 26, 2023 – Remotely via Zoom

February 23, 2023 – hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

March 23, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

April 27, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

May 25, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

June 22, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

July 27, 2023 – BBQ/Potluck

August 24, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

September 28, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

October 26, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Conference

November 16, 2023 - hybrid – SS911, 3580 Pacific Ave, Tacoma and/or Zoom

December 7, 2023 – No Meeting – Annual Awards