



## Pierce County Fire District 13

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### Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners March 9, 2021

**Commissioner Noll** called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll (by Zoom)** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioners Malone (by Zoom) and Commissioner Zuluaga (by Zoom); and Chief Wassall (by Zoom): Captain Les Sandstrom (by Zoom)**

Members of the Public and Staff: 3

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Minutes: Motion-** A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes of Feb 9, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Seconded Commissioner Malone**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Vouchers:

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #16347-16382 for \$33,551.02 for monthly payables.

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone.**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve voucher #16383-16383 in the amount of (\$12,954.00) for Deposits:

WA St Patrol for CVA20-02 (\$12,354.00)

Reversal of charges from PCPALS in the First Citizen Checking Account for (\$600.00).

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone.**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Correspondence:

Thank you from Bill and Arlene Drew for helping with a medical emergency.

Thank you from Jolene Baker and Tiffany for your hard work and you are much respected in the community.

Thank you from **Commissioner Malone** for all the help and appreciates what you do.

Thank you from **Commissioner Zuluaga** for all the support to the community.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

##### **Chiefs Report:**

**Calls:** 21 total calls, 2 Fire Calls, 12 EMS, and 7 Service Calls.

**Staffing and Recruiting:** We continue to be relatively stable with our staffing. We have been able to have at least 3 on most shifts. We have had some Officer shifts not covered because of

injuries outside the department. Chief Rapozo or I have been covering these shifts from home. CVA21-01 began this month it was scheduled to have 22 in the class. One didn't start, and one began medical school. So, we have a strong group at 20.

**Financial Report:**

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$157,000.30
Less 03-09-2021 expenses	-33,551.02
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>12,354.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$135,803.28

Reserves: \$257,164.42

**Training:** We are continuing to hold drill on-line but will be starting in-person training next month. We have not had an in-person drill in 12 months. We have been training during shift. But we need to drill and train as a department. We need to begin to work together. The last 2 academies have not done that yet.

**SS911:** Nothing formal to report, but next month the different agencies will begin to move in. The plan is to wait until possibly June or so to have an official grand opening.

**Fleet Status:** We had a few accessibility issues during last month's snow flurries event. We ran several different calls and some of them required different vehicles. A chimney fire on View Street, the highest point in our District, C77 was the only vehicle that made it to the call. We had a medical call on Soundview, just below East Side Drive. Again, C77 was the only vehicle that could respond to the call. Therefore, we purchased for B77 and R77 an "all season" tire to replace the highway tires they both had. I thought it was important that these vehicles be able to respond. In case C77 and I had not been available to respond. C77 also had an oil change. E77 had to go to West Pierce for replacement of the power, On-Off switch, it was starting to short out.

**MSO Report:** We have been slowly bringing Keri up to speed and giving her bits and pieces of what we will be asking her to do as MSO. I have sat in on a couple of meetings with the DOH as well as Pierce County DEM. They seem to believe that they have a handle on how and where they want to get vaccine into people's arms. Pierce County is saying that they have vaccinated all the County's assisted living facilities. There have been 2 or 3 fire departments that have disputed that claim. On Friday, when there is the next meeting, I will see if that claim is confirmed or not. The Departments and DEM are comparing notes.

**Good of the Order:** We made it through the "snow flurry" event. Trees and chimney fires, we were able to handle it all. I would like to have it on the record that our fire department was up for the challenge and they performed. Not a single complaint among them. CVA21-01 will give several of our people an opportunity to use the skills learned and tested when they received their Fire Instructor 1 certifications. It will give them the opportunity to share what they have learned both during academy, training and when running calls. I am very excited to see them grow and have that chance to become better in their career here at Pierce County Fire District 13.

**Commissioner(s) Report:**

**Commissioner Zuluaga:**

Snure class was appreciated. We need Professionals to guide us with the remodel of

the Station 77. Approach Snure to see if available.

We need to all get together for a planning meeting. Can we schedule it outside?

**Commissioner Malone:**

Snure Seminar was detailed and put together very well.

BPIC event for Easter. Evite only. Social distancing and a photo op.

Boat ramp cleaning schedule: some basic cleaning through out the winter.

Life at the Points want us to have a column in the magazine.

**Commissioner Noll:**

Speaker Erin McMichael, Suicide Prevention Coordinator from Wash Natl Guard

- FF's 4x more likely, can supply brochures for station.
- Teach younger generation to reach out for help, watch for signs (behavior change).
- J Quinn, increase in post-traumatic stress claims last 1-2 years.

Chelan seminars (June) and state conference in Tulalip (October) still?

Fire Commissioners were determined to be "employees" so will continue to pay FMLA.

Jim Duggan of SS911 will retire this summer.

Bates College / Fire Training Center, trying to fix issues with vehicles, getting new instructors, wants to improve their program.

Pierce County Fire commissioner picnic and year end banquet are up in the air.

Station 118 being renamed for Dale Mitchell (East Pierce).

**Legislative Update as of March 5<sup>th</sup>**

SHB 1056: OK to hold meetings remotely but requires that public can listen in live (but perhaps not required if district population is less than 3,000).

SHB 1168: Most comprehensive funding ever to fight state wildfires.

SHB 1059: Would ban fireworks immediately in cities or counties which adopted ban.

SSB 5384: Allows Vol FF to have a leave of absence if the FF is deployed under a state MOB act and protects their job status.

HB1329: Would require public remote access to meetings and encourages meeting recordings to be posted online. But amendment says to include Public Comment time on your agenda to suffice.

SHB 1410: Removes penalties for delinquent property taxes (3% for taxes due by June 1 and 8% for taxes due by Dec 1)

**Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins**

236 visits on the Website

150 new people visits.

33 new views on Facebook.

**Commissioner Malone** reached out to Parker at Life of the Points. Currently waiting for a call back.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Town Center Project:

Permits are filed.

We have not received updated plans.

2. BP Station Remodel:

Explore the option of direct lending for remodel.

There is a need for project manager for professional guidance.

Snure's availability.

3. Webinar on Purchasing / Bid Law:  
Expertise for public works project.  
RFQ for architects, not planners, lawyers or accountants.  
Hire planner for a linear plan to be able to discuss with Community.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Brush Truck (Cost vs Benefit)  
Benefit:  
low cost maintenance  
use brush truck if E77 or E76 not available  
Accessibility for Dash Point State Park  
State mob deployment
2. Service for Parcels Not Paying Taxes:  
Does Metro Parks pay property taxes on Pier, Curley Slide park, triangle by town center?  
Do we receive revenues on Dash Point State Park?
3. 2020 Annual Report:  
Well done, nice work from Commissioner Noll.  
Track 5 years number of calls by type.  
Add beginning and ending PCFD13 personnel totals for the year.  
Type of call for Service: give break down where the call was dispatched  
i.e. Pier, State Park
4. Long range planning on maintaining tax level.  
Consider during the next planning meeting.
5. Contact with Holman Capital
  - Interest in scheduling a virtual session with Jane Taubman?
  - Good information on debt financing options (municipal bonds versus direct lending)
  - Other options available in state of Washington or through the state?

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular meeting will be Tues., April 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Approved By:

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Chairman Noll

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Commissioner Malone

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Commissioner Zuluaga

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Fire Chief/District Secretary