



Pierce County
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No.17
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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
 FOR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17**

May 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue 17 held at 302 McNaught Street South, Roy WA 98580, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Guenther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner John Christian, Chairman Mark Guenther, Commissioner Dan Morris, Commissioner John Sebastian and Commissioner Olivia Werner.

FC Vellias, DC Chris Grant, DS Brenda Murphy, AA Janell Wilson, as well as a few firefighters and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Minutes** – Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2015.
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers** – Numbered 495 – 546 for the amount of **\$59,100.11**
- **Payroll Vouchers** – Numbered 557 – 621 for the amount of **\$247,013.55**
- **County Ledger Transaction** – *None*
- **Total Amount for Payroll and Vouchers** - **\$306,113.66**

On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Christian, “the Consent Agenda for the May 18, 2015 regular Fire Commissioners Meeting was unanimously approved.

LOCAL 726 – *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT – *None*

*Note: A brief recess was called at **7:02 pm** for the purpose of recognizing Administrative Assistant Janell Wilson who is resigning after nine years with South Pierce Fire and Rescue; to recognize and award FF’s Joel White, Jason Schreiber, Beau Corey, Kyle Barnes and Lt. Chris Mjolsnes for their exemplary action when responding to an emergency call which resulted in a “Field Save”. Chairman of the Awards Committee, Lt. Jeremy Willett, conducted the firefighters’ recognition ceremony and award presentation. Refreshments followed. The meeting reconvened at **7:30 pm**.*

SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE – *Enclosed*

CHIEFS’ REPORT

Monthly Call Report - - - - -	2015	2014
Total Calls This Month:	155	174
Year-To-Date Calls:	721	734

CHIEF'S REPORT (Continued)

ARL Zoning Update

- **FC Vellias** attended the recent public hearing to oppose the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan amendment to add 55,000 acres to ARL (agricultural resource lands) zoning. (four schools and two Fire Districts) - 32% of South Pierce Fire and Rescue and 35% of Graham Fire land mass will be affected.
- Over 50 speakers, which included four school superintendents, fire chiefs, legal partners, farmers, and concerned landowners representing the opinion of various organizations and agencies. Although it is still being pushed by individuals, the Planning Committee unanimously voted against.
- **Councilman Jim McCune** stated that the amendment was "all but a dead issue". FC Vellias said that the vote essentially bought the opposing side two (2) more years.

The All-District Meeting Update

- **FC Vellias** described the event as a "Q & A" meeting to discuss the financial health of the District and to bring the members current on the goals and projects of each chief.
- The meeting minutes were presented to the Board for reading. *(See attached minutes)*

South Sound 911

- **FC Vellias** – Have received new radios. Currently looking for new site for SS911. New site will house both emergency dispatch centers (police and fire). If one goes down, the other one is still working. Scheduled to be completed in 2017. New 700 MHZ platform will give us better communication. Scheduled for 3rd quarter 2015.

Pilt Money - Discussion

- **FC Vellias** - Jim McCune and his aid attended a meeting regarding PILT money for Mt. Rainier National Park. He agrees that fire departments should receive these funds. He will sponsor this move. Will know by the fall. Could mean a contract for approximately \$37,000 for Eatonville Fire.

Resignation – Janell Wilson

- **FC Vellias** – Announced that he has accepted the resignation from Janell Wilson. Janell has been with this department for almost nine (9) years. Janell was hired by District 17 in 2006 and saw the merger of Districts #17 and #15. Janell always did a professional and prompt job. She never stopped learning. Every assignment, every phone call, every citizen that Janell dealt with was always met with a cheerful and helpful voice. FC Vellias presented her with service award and said that he would really miss not seeing Janell in the chair at the top of the stairs.

Resignation – Wendy Moffatt

- **FC Vellias** – Announced that FF/PM Wendy Moffatt has tendered and he has accepted her letter of resignation. Wendy has accepted a position of Assistant Chief (MSO) at South Whidbey. FC Vellias expressed how proud he was of Wendy's accomplishments. This is a perfect organization for her to excel. Wendy is very dedicated to fire and EMS training. She is a great teacher and is unbelievable with kids. Wendy spent 11 years combined with District #15 and #17. She will be missed.

AC Reports – None

BVFF Recap

- **Minutes** – The minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Volunteer Firefighters on Monday, April 20, 2015 were unanimously approved.
- Remittance Form to add three (3) new volunteer firefighters

Community Events

- **Cadet Advisor George Gendron** reported that the cadets had participated in a Muster during the month and had brought home two (2) awards. They received first place in the Combat Challenge and second place over all.
- Advisor Gendron asked to have a spot on the agenda each month for a cadet to advise the Board of their recent activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 15-009 – Cancellation of an unused Warrant** was read into the record by DS Brenda Murphy – On a motion made by Commissioner Christian and seconded by Commissioner Morris, “Resolution 15-009 cancelling warrant #1203183 issued to Bill Horn in the amount of \$80” was unanimously approved.
- **Set Date for Mid-Year Budget Workshop** – After a discussion June 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. was set for this workshop. The budget workshop will be held prior to the regular meeting and will be held at Station 171.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.140 – *(Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretations of application of a labor agreement; or...that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.)*

RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) -

- Under the above posted RCWs, Chairman Guenther called for a **45 minute** Executive Session to begin at **19:55 and resume at 20:40**.
- At **20:40** the Executive Session was extended for **5 minutes**.
- At **20:45** the Executive Session was extended for **5 minutes**.
- The Executive Session was ended at **20:50** – no action was taken.

GOOD OF THE ORDER


- **Commissioner Morris:** Good Meeting, great to have three (3) more volunteers, and wished Janell best wishes with her move to Utah.
- **Commissioner Sebastian:** None
- **Chairman Guenther:** None
- **Commissioner Werner:** Stated that Janell will be missed
- **Commissioner Christian:** Good wishes to Janell.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Morris, the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 20:54 hrs.



Chairman Mark Guenther Date 05/18/2015



ATTEST: Brenda Murphy Date
 District Secretary 05/18/2015