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

August 17, 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, DS Brenda Murphy, as well as a several firefighters and citizens. Eatonville Town Council member James Schrimpsheer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Minutes** –Regular Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2015.
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers** – Numbered 914 – 956 for the amount of **\$96,146.85**
- **Payroll Vouchers** – Numbered 965 – 1011 for the amount of **\$239,296.84**
- **Total Amount for Payroll and Vouchers - \$335,443.69**

On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Christian, “the Consent Agenda” for the August 17, 2015 regular Fire Commissioners Meeting was unanimously approved.

LOCAL 726 – IAFF 726 President Russ Karns spoke of his concerns over the proposed Eatonville staffing plan. The Board thanked President Karns for his comments.

Cadets: Firefighter John Walsh reported that on Friday the cadets would be will be doing a fund raising car wash at the Grease Monkey in Yelm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *None*

SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE – *Enclosed*

CHIEFS' REPORT

Monthly Call Report -----	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Calls This Month:	261	285
Year-To-Date Calls:	1416	1340

Interlocal Agreement for Chief Officer Coverage

- **FC Vellias** – SPFR, Orting Fire and Graham have been discussing this topic to see if the need is there. This is information for now and no need to discuss tonight.

New Construction - AV

- The District should receive the AV for new construction by the end of August. After those numbers are received the 2016 Budget Workshop could be scheduled. The Board discussed and set October 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for this workshop. This meeting will be held at Mill Village Motel.

Contract Negotiations with Local 726

- The union contract will need to be negotiated this year and FC Vellias asked for one (1) Board member to assist with this process. Commissioner Dan Morris volunteered for this process.

Resignation (Cindy Warter)

- Firefighter/Paramedic Cindy Warter resigned her position for personal reasons effective July 31, 2015.

PILT Interlocal Agreement

- Pierce County Council approved PILT money for Ashford/Elbe, Eatonville, SPFR, and Greenwater for 2015. At the suggestion of Councilman McCune FC Vellias submitted an interlocal agreement to the Pierce County Council that would perpetuate this request each year with a built in increase. The Pierce County Council refused to sign this agreement; so the districts will have to request these funds each year. It was FC Vellias' recommendation that at any time the PC Council denies funding that the districts involved do not provide service to Mount Rainier National Park, but only if funding is denied.

Community First Responder Award (Kathy Kadow)

- Kathy Kadow was recognized for her 26 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and her community involvement by the Yelm Chamber of Commerce.

Board for Volunteer Firefighter Recap

- The BVFF met and approved the minutes from the May 18th BVFF meeting
- Approved retirement/lump sum paperwork for Amaliee Dell

Community Events

- OHOP Mutual Picnic – Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- Roy Rodeo the first weekend in September

DC Report

- DC Grant was on a fire and not available

AC Reports – AC Yount

- AMAs/RORs are up. \$80,000 behind last year in transport revenue. The districts around us are facing the same issue. SPFR AMAs/RORs is at 30%.
- Joint Base Station Meeting with Graham, Eatonville, and SPFR are going well.
- Looking at other RFPs for medical supplies to try to decrease costs more. FF/PM Etherton orders all the districts EMS supplies and does a very good job.

AC Reports – AC Turner

- AC Turner is on a fire and not available

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Update on Eatonville**

Currently transitioning four (4) medics from Eatonville to SPFR. Alan Rivas began is transitioning period on August 11, Eric Hadley and Chris Johnson are scheduled to begin their transitioning period on September 1st, and Cory Kneeshaw, who was on the District's hiring list, will begin on September 1st. Commissioner Guenther asked if the district had considered a "Rent a Medic" program or using Central Pierce's hiring list. FC Vellias explained that our union contract has temporary hire language.

- **Eatonville Contract**

Reviewed the contract and information provided to the Board. The final contract is being presented tonight for approval. The start date in the contract is for September 1, 2015. There is one (1) more council meeting in Eatonville for them to sign prior to this date. This agreement allows South Pierce Fire to provide fire and EMS service to the town and the Town of Eatonville will pay SPFR \$400,000 per year in addition to the transport revenue. Councilman Schrimpsheer spoke and said he believes the council and the citizens are ready for this. The information on this agreement has been in the Eatonville Dispatch and on the town's web page.

Commissioner Werner made a motion seconded by Commissioner Christian to approve the contract between South Pierce Fire and Rescue and the Town of Eatonville. The motion passed 4 – 1 with Commission Sebastian voting "no".

- **Mountain Highway Property**

DC Grant was not present to present. FC Vellias advised that the property has been listed with the local realtor. No executive session to discuss this issue was needed tonight.

- **Executive Session – In accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1) (a)**

At 7:44 p.m. Commissioner Guenther announced a 15 minute Executive Session to – Review the performance of a public employee, to reconvene at 7:59 p.m. At 7:59 p.m. the executive session was extended 15 minutes to reconvene at 8:14 p.m. At 8:14 the meeting reconvened into regular session.

Commissioner Guenther advised that FC Vellias was given direction on filling the District Secretary position that will be vacated in March 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 15-013 – Surplus** – was read into the record by DS Brenda Murphy – *On a motion made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Werner, "Resolution 15-013 to approve the surplus of miscellaneous radios and gym equipment was unanimously approved.*

Good of the Order

Commissioner Christian- Keep on keeping on

Commissioner Sebastian – No comment

Commissioner Werner – No Comment

Commissioner Morris - Positive information on the cadets


Commissioner Guentner - No comment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Commissioner Christian and seconded by Commissioner Sebastian, the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 20:10 p.m.



Chairman Mark Guentner 09/21/2015
Date



ATTEST: Brenda Murphy 09/21/2015
District Secretary Date