



Pierce County  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No.17  
Headquarters – Station 170  
5403 – 340<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Eatonville, WA  
Phone: (253) 847-4333



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

**October 12, 2015**

The special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue 17 held at 210 Center St. E., Eatonville, WA 98328, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. This special meeting is held to conduct the 2016 budget workshop.

**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, AC Turner, as well as a few firefighters.

**2016 Budget Workshop**

Commissioner Guenther turned the floor over to FC Vellias who reviewed and discussed the following:

- 2016 revenue
- SAFER grant
- Tender grant
- Transport revenue
- Tax revenue
- Miscellaneous sources of revenue
- Revenue from the Town of Eatonville
- Revenue to begin rebuilding the Reserve Fund

FC Vellias reported that DC Grant has applied for grants through the Tribe for a new medic unit and bunker gear. Tribal land is not subject to property taxes or fire protection contracts.

He reviewed GEMT funds. This may begin at the end of 2016, but more likely in 2017. These funds will be reimbursed back to the date first approved by the legislature. GEMT is a federal program that allows public entities to obtain federal match up to its costs for providing services for medicare patients. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue will be the receiving agent for the state. They will distribute funds to all districts in return for a small administrative fee. He recommends splitting the funds from this program between the vehicle emergency fund and the reserve fund.

FC Vellias reviewed the proposed budget by BARS line and discussed areas of concern. Discussed at length the posting and filling of the District Secretary position and the actual merge vote with the Town of Eatonville.


The Board requested funds for the academy be increased to allow three (3) to attend, to increase funds to purchase an extractor for Station 171 to clean PPE, to increase non-contracted mechanic services, and to increase funding for blue card training.

FC Vellias will make the changes discussed tonight and bring to the Board for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the regular meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Christian, the special meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at **20:12 hrs.**

  
Chairman Mark Guenther      10/19/15  
Date

  
ATTEST: Brenda Murphy      10/19/15  
District Secretary      Date