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

**April 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District No. 17 held at 302 McNaught Street South, Roy WA 98580, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Commissioner John Christian, Commissioner Kathy Kadow, Chairman Dan Morris, Commissioner John Sebastian, Commissioner Olivia Werner were present.

FC Bob Vellias, DC Chris Grant, DS Summer Miller, a few citizens as well as several firefighters.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Minutes** –Regular Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2016.
- **Accounts Payable Vouchers for April: #551 - # 617 for the amount - \$49,943.19**
- **Twenty-three (23) total Payroll vouchers for April in the amount - \$294,009.44**
- **Total Payroll and Vouchers - \$343,952.73**
- **Budget vs. Actual**

*On a motion made by Commissioner Sebastian and seconded by Commissioner Kadow the April 18, 2016 the “Consent Agenda” was unanimously approved.*

**LOCAL 726:** None

**CADETS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE - Enclosed**

**CHIEFS’ REPORT -**

Monthly Call Report - - - - -	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Total Calls This Month:</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Calls:</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>566</b>

- **District #23 Commissioners Meeting:** Commissioner Kadow and Chief Vellias attended District 23’s Commissioner’s meeting on 04/11/2016 to discuss mutual aid inequalities. A deadline of June 1, 2016 for the end of SPFR’s mutual aid was issued.

- **Safety & Maintenance and Operation Levy in November:** Chief Vellias distributed a schedule of EMS levy & M&O dates. Recent polls show citizen support in the Districts favor. Passing a \$0.38 per \$1000 M&O could translate into a 20 year bond after the initial two year levy.
- **DC/AC Reports – DC Grant:**
  - A verbal report was provided by DC Grant on the status of the Mountain Hwy property. The county has assessed the value at \$89k, the current asking price is \$145k. A formal written report will be delivered at the August Board of Commissioners meeting.
  - DC Grant informed that a trip to inspect the new apparatus will be scheduled for June in order to catch any potential service issues prior to taking possession of the vehicle.
- **Community Events:**
  - Easter Egg Hunt at Pfeiffer Field on Saturday, March 26 was a huge success thanks to DC Grant, the Cadets, Support Services, as well as the multitude of donations from the community.
  - The new recruits are scheduled to graduate from the Fire Academy on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief Vellias extended an invitation to the Board.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Resolution 16-006 – Authorizing EMS Levy**  
*On a motion made by Commissioner Kadow and seconded by Commissioner Christian, Resolution 16-006 Authorizing an EMS Levy was unanimously approved.*
- 2) **Resolution 16-007 – Authorizing an Amendment to the 2016 Budget.**  
*On a motion made by Commissioner Werner and seconded by Commissioner Kadow, Resolution 16-007 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2016 Budget was unanimously approved.*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Commissioner Werner: Preliminary Research for Chief Hiring**  
*Commissioner Werner presented options for a nationwide and localized Chief search. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to schedule a presentation on Monday, May 2, 2016 to have Candice Martinson and Guy Overby present their qualifications and expertise on a successful Chief search and hiring process.*
- 2) **Commissioner Kadow: Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting**
  - *Commissioner Kadow presented information on the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Washington State Fire Chiefs Association. Commissioner Kadow would like SPFR to move forward with open communication with tribal authorities in order to build relationships that are mutually beneficial.*
  - *It was suggested that in cases of tax exempt statuses, oftentimes agreements can be made at a cost per square foot versus assessed valuations.*
  - *Commissioner Kadow discussed scholarship opportunities through the WSFCA in the amount of \$500 which can be awarded by the District to graduating students who wish to enter the Fire, EMS or healthcare fields.*

*Commissioner Dan Morris called for a 5 minutes recess at 7:55 to resume into Executive Session at 8:00.*

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Morris announced an Executive Session covered by RCW 42.30.140 to begin at 8:00 and end at 8:15. The Executive Session was extended 10 minutes to resume to regular session at 8:25. At 8:25, the meeting resumed into Regular Session.

**Commissioner Morris announced that the Board unanimously agreed to negotiate a 2 year contract extension for DC Grant. Commission Christian will work with Chief Vellias on the contract specifics.**

#### Good of the Order:

