



**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**

**February 20, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioner for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District No. 17 was held Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Kadow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Commissioner Westing, Commissioner Kadow, Commissioner Christian, and Commissioner Kneeshaw were present. Commissioner Werner was previously excused. Also present were FC Galey, DS Miller, Eatonville Police Chief Witt, several firefighters, and a few citizens.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes: Regular Meeting on January 16, 2018  
Special Meeting on January 23, 2018
2. Payroll Vouchers #5330 – 5267, #5359 - 5273 for February in the amount of \$281,028.12
3. Accounts Payable Vouchers #5360 – 5430 for January in the amount of \$84,518.68
4. Total Payroll & Accounts Payable Vouchers - \$365,546.80
5. Budget vs. Actual

***On a motion made by Commissioner Kneeshaw and seconded by Commissioner Christian, the consent agenda was unanimously approved. Commissioner Kadow announced that the volunteer pinning was held during the BVFF meeting prior to the regular board meeting.***

**Local 726:** Lieutenant Brown mentioned that the board would have an MOU brought before them addressing staffing and to consider budgeting to hire another medic.

**Public Comments:** none

**Correspondence:**

1. WFCOA operating statement (Dec 31, 2017)
2. WFCOA legislative report (Feb 9, 2018)

**Financial Report:**

1. January investment schedule
2. January final financial report
3. February to-date financial report
4. Budget projections update

**Chief's Report:** enclosed

***Commissioner Kneeshaw advised AC Turner that there are vocational technical scholarships available to the district to cover some of the expenses incurred with sending personnel to fire academies. Discussion was held that AC Turner should seek those options.***

***Commissioner Kadow requested that AC Yount submit a revised chief's report with updated educational topics. It was further instructed that AC Yount should seek out grants to replace the current life paks and report at the next meeting a more in depth accounting of the life expectancy of the life pak 12's as well as their technical support.***

*AC Yount requested that the board accept the addition to his report that the auto load portion of the power lift cots has been installed and all in service training completed; also our physician will begin riding with our medics in the month of March.*

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Mountain Hwy property listing

*Commissioner Kadow announced that a special meeting was held on January 23, 2018 in order to review an offer made on the Mountain Hwy property. The offer was \$76,000; the district countered with \$87,000 which was accepted and buyers are moving forward with feasibility studies.*

2. GEMT update

*Secretary Miller reported that the district has applied for each year available for the GEMT program. There have been no cost reporting submissions yet. The deadline is March 31, 2018 for the first period, which is June 2-June 31, 2016.*

3. O. I. 115 (Expenditure of Funds)

*After some discussion, it was decided this O.I. will be tabled for now. Chief Galey and Secretary Miller were instructed to continue to find time to work on the O.I. changes.*

4. ESO contract

*After some discussion, on a motion from Commissioner Christian and seconded by Commissioner Kneeshaw, it was decided that the board would approve a one year contract with no changes with ESO.*

**New Business:**

1. Resolution 18-001 authorizing a signing authority to certain person(s)

*On a motion made by Commissioner Westing and seconded by Commissioner Christian, Resolution 18-001 authorizing signing authority to certain person(s) was unanimously passed.*

2. Hwy 702/40<sup>th</sup> Avenue property

*After some discussion, it was decided that the board would hold off on listing the property for sale until after further information mining and planning.*

3. Review of District 23 interlocal agreement

*After some discussion, it was decided that Chief Galey would present the changes to the interlocal agreement to Chief Olsen for presentation to the District 23 board.*

4. Legislative Day update

*Commissioner Kadow provided an update on the Legislative Day events and impressed the importance of composing and delivering a letter each year because of the limited amount of face time scheduled with each representative. The letter should include information that is pertinent to the Districts goals and needs.*

**Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.**

**Executive Session RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation 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.**

*Commissioner Kadow called for a 30 minute executive session at 7:48 pm. At 8:18 pm, it was announced that the executive session would be extended for 30 minutes. At 8:48, it was announced that the executive session would be extended 15 minutes. At 9:03 pm the regular meeting reconvened. It was announced by Commissioner Kadow that Executive Session held under RCW 42.30.110(1)(d), that Chief Galey was given instructions to move forward with communication with Chief Olsen on the District 23 interlocal agreement.*

*It was further reported that there was nothing to report at this time under Executive Session 42.30.140(4)(a) as no decisions were made.*

**Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting Update:** Commissioner Westing attended the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Meeting and reported that the main topic was South Sound 911 and the new building. She presented Commissioner Christian with his 15 year pin.

**Good of the Order:**

*Commissioner Christian congratulated all of the new volunteers pinned earlier during the BVFF meeting.*

*Commissioner Westing also congratulated the new volunteers.*

*Commissioner Kneeshaw congratulated the new volunteers and stated that it is nice to grow the volunteer firefighter ranks.*

*Commissioner Kadow also congratulated the growth of the volunteer program. She expressed appreciation towards the union members for their work on integrating volunteers at station 84.*

**Adjournment:** *On a motion made by Commissioner Christian and seconded by Commissioner Westing, the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners for South Pierce Fire and Rescue District 17 adjourned at 9:09 pm.*

*Kathy Kadow*      *3-19-18*  
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Commissioner Kathy Kadow      Date

*Summer Miller*  
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ATTEST: Summer Miller      Date  
District Secretary

