

PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 07, 2025

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30. A quorum was present with all Commissioners in attendance. Also, in attendance were, D/C McCurdy, D/C Boltz, A/C McGrady, A/C Dobbs, Director Wick and A/C Adams.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton called for a motion for approval of agenda. Commissioner Casebolt motioned. Commissioner Durr seconded. All approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

- Retirement – Scott Kelly – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on Scott's career and how he is excited for his retirement and Arizona living. Briefed the Board on the career and Assistant Chief promotion. Chair Dalton read his proclamation. Chief Sharp presented his plaque and thanked him for his over 27 years of service.
Commissioners and staff thanked him for his years of service and wished him well.
Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 5:36 for five minutes for pictures and congratulations.
Chair Dalton called the meeting back to order at 5:41.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes of December 17, 2024.

Warrants #73435 through #73498 totaling \$137,373.20. Warrants #73500 through #73543 totaling \$97,918.09. Warrants #73553 through #73566 totaling \$61,011.73. Warrants #73567 through #73603 totaling \$100,079.07. Warrant #73499 totaling \$29,922.56.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Citizen regarding an incident – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the letter.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORT

- Recent Incidents – A/C McGrady briefed the Board:
 - Two story house fire. Fire was strong and leadership switched to a defensive strategy. Christmas tree sparked this fire.
 - Fire next day at a home in UP. Cooking accident. Crews knocked down quickly.
- Audit report on Financial Statement – Director Wick briefed the Board on the final report for the audit report. Audit went well and was clean. Very happy with the outcome.
- Briefed the Board on the FBC with the petition of the Board. Hopeful there is not many who will petition. Pamphlets will drop next week. Actual benefit charge comes out in February. Customer service period they can ask questions. Would like to have two Board members on the panel. Decision does not need to be today. By next meeting would like to have the names of who would like to be a part of the panel.
- Chiefs Report – Chief Sharp
 - Introduced Emily Tencer as the Communications Coordinator. Took over work of Jenny Weekes. Will work with the media. Welcomed her to our department

- Contract negotiations completed with 1488. Moving forward with education on the contract. January 13, 2025 will be ratification in the evening. This time next week we will know if it passes. A lot of changes.
 - Switch to a four-platoon system using debit days. No more Kelly days.
 - January 1, 2026 will improve out EMS division. Add two more captains.
 - January 1, 2026 will be adding a large apparatus. Possibly a truck company. Takes 203 years to get a ladder so will start out the apparatus as an engine. Significant deficit in our ladder community and the community is starting to build up. Need to address the mid-rise residential growth. Will look at response zones and see what best placement of ladder will be. Deployment will be determined in 2025.

Commissioner Casebolt commented on the placement of certain vehicles. Chief Sharp briefed him on the changes.

 - Program placement for wildfire, boat operations, and water rescue and dive rescue capabilities. Lots of improvements to training and deployment of resources.
 - Opened a bid for new station security/locks. Full network of computerized security lock system. This project is from the Bonds we approved in 2024. Closes February 21st.
 - Submitted the AFG grant for EMS cardiac monitors. Total grant \$717,000. Fingers crossed we are successful.
 - Hazard mitigation grant has moved into round three. Different grant arena. Fingers crossed.

Community activities

- Blood drive between police and fire. The fire department won with the most donors. Great event and look into setting again next year.
- Pierce County fire Chiefs and Commissioners annual banquet is January 18, 2026 at the Tacoma Golf and Country Club.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Commissioners Position 5 selection. Chair Dalton requested a three-minute presentation on the history of both candidates.
- Dan Rankin gave his three-minute presentation and introduction. **Chair Dalton asked the question if he would continue on after the first year. Dan Rankin commented that he would run for the Commissioner position after this year.**
- Marshal Dellinger gave his three -minute presentation and introduction. Briefed the Board and Staff on his accomplishments and experience. Plans to make it a long-term commitment.

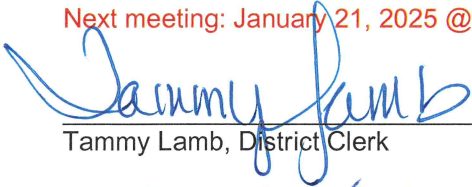
BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Casebolt** – Congratulations to Scott Kelly. Welcome to “R” shift. Thanked staff for the work on the audit. Nice to see the contract will be signed. Fingers crossed. Thanked both candidates for their presentations.
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Dittoed all the comments
- **Commissioner Durr** – Dittoed all the comments
- **Chair Dalton** – Thanked the candidates. Thanked Koree for her hard work on the audit. Great crew. Thanked Tammy for her work on the grants.

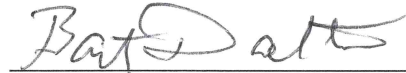
ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to bring to the Board, Chair Dalton adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Next meeting: January 21, 2025 @ 5:30 Station 31.



Tammy Lamb, District Clerk



Bart Dalton, Board Chair



Koree Wick, District Secretary