

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF
EAST PIERCE FIRE AND RESCUE**

April 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of East Pierce Fire and Rescue was held on April 20, 2021 via conference/video call through Ring Central. Notice and link to join meeting was posted for public access. Chairman Jon Napier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present by roll call were Commissioners Mike Cathey, Kevin Garling, Pat McElligott, Randy Kroum, Ed Egan, Ex-Officio Kathy Hayden, Fire Chief Backer, Deputy Chief Parkinson and District Secretary Michelle Hollon.

Chairman Napier welcomed those participating in the meeting via conference/video call.

Audience: Cynthia Wernet, James Walker, Victor Proulx, Jim Haley, Noel Fitzgerald

Honors and Recognitions: 2020 Employee Recognition Awards were announced by Chief Backer:

- EMS Provider: Jeff Berry
- Career Officer: Shawn Wagner
- Career Firefighter: Bryan Mueller
- Fitness: Andrew Craig
- Mike Roberts: Rex Orcutt
- Volunteer Responder: Tim Balding
- Ken Thawsh: Tim Balding
- Support Staff: Byron Chin
- Chiefs Company: Dan Curtis, Corey Snope, Jeff Lachowitz, Tim Balding

Guest Speakers: Brian Murphy and Julia Tesch with Berk Consulting presented a slideshow giving an overview of the process of the Strategic Plan.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kroum moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cathey and carried.

Consent Agenda. Motion: Commissioner Egan moved to approve the Consent Agenda (minutes of the March 16th Regular meeting; Treasurer's Report; post-meeting voucher 210204001 in amount of \$2,500.00; post-meeting voucher 210305001 in the amount of \$51,380.02; current expense vouchers 210401001-210401086 in the amount of \$633,431.63; payroll vouchers 210403001-210403015 in the amount of \$638,877.18; electronic payroll in the amount of \$1,987,043.06; Capital expense vouchers 210402001-210402008 in the amount of \$990,855.77). Motion seconded by Commissioner McElligott and carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 940 – Regular Lid Lift: Chief Backer presented to the Board a request to place a ballot measure on the August 3rd election that would ask the voters for a lid lift of the Regular Levy. The lid lift would allow the district to collect the maximum allowable rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value and the ability to collect up to six percent (6%) increase for the three succeeding years after the initial year. Upon discussion the following motion was made: Commissioner Kroum moved to adopt Resolution 940, placing a measure on the August 3, 2021 ballot, reauthorizing the Regular Levy collection rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value, with the ability to collect up to a six percent (6%) increase per year for the succeeding three years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garling and carried.

Resolution 941 – EMS Levy Renewal: Chief Backer presented to the Board a request to place a ballot measure on the August 3rd election, asking voters to renew the EMS Levy for 10 years. Currently the EMS Levy will expire at the end of 2021. To continue collecting an EMS Levy, the district must seek authorization from the voters. If the EMS Levy is not renewed, the district will lose 25% of its tax revenue. The levy is a vital part of the district's daily operations which funds the provision of Advanced Life Support, paramedic level emergency medical care and provides no out of pocket expenses for citizen of the district when transported by a district medic unit. Commissioner McElligott moved to adopt Resolution 941 placing the renewal of the EMS levy on the August 3, 2021 ballot for collection at the statutory limit of 50 cents per 1,000 dollars of assessed value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cathey and carried.

Resolution 942 – Cancel of Warrant: District Secretary Hollon presented to the Board a request to cancel warrant 1584650 in the amount of \$1,223.00 due to duplication of payment. Per RCW 39.56.040 which calls for the cancellation of warrants by passage of a resolution by the governing body. Commissioner Kroum moved to adopt Resolution 942 cancelling warrant 1584650 in the total amount of \$1,223.00 payable to Six Robblees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McElligott and carried.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Sumner Interlocal Agreement: Chief Backer presented a new Interlocal Agreement with City of Sumner. Discussions with the City of Sumner over the last two years have occurred regarding the provision of fire preventions activities related to new construction. The city determined they will provide the service along with the City of Bonney Lake. Both cities intend to begin the provision of this service July 1, 2021. The ILA was updated to reflect this change along with the removal of other activities that have been determined to no longer be valid (apparatus ownership, support local events, promoting specific construction projects). The ILA has been approved by the district attorney and approved by the Sumner City Council. Commissioner Cathey moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Sumner, replacing the previous agreement from 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egan and carried.

BOND-2018:

Project Manager: Phil Herrera gave an update on the Capital Facilities Plan.

Station 118: Station has been vacated, engine crew will respond from Station 124 and the medic crew will respond out of the Community Center. Some equipment will be saved for the new station and some will be surplus. Site review has been reviewed and resubmitted, building permit is waiting for review. Once building permit is approved, will go out for bid.

Station 111: Permits are in process, site permit will be reviewed this month and building permit is currently be reviewed.

Station 112: Field survey is complete. Discussion on price.

Station 114: Apartment complex is vacant, currently working on HazMat study on demolition. Demo schedule needs to be discussed. Training has expressed interest in doing some training on the building. Architects are working on design.

Station 124: no updates

COMMISSIONER TRAINING/EVENT REQUESTS:

COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chelan Conference-Cancelled

Fall Conference – Hotel reservations have been made.

HR Committee – Commissioner Egan reported the committee met to review Commissioner applications and discussed the volunteer program. It is the recommendation of the HR Committee to continue the program as with another review in April of 2022. The Board agreed with the HR Committee recommendation and no action taken at this time.

WFCA – Virtual Seminar are available for May 12, 19 and June 2. Registration is on their website.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Monthly Chiefs Report: Reviewed the Chief’s monthly report with the Board. Included in agenda packet.

Monthly Stats: Call volume and fire incidents that occurred in the month were reviewed.

Divisional Reports: None

COMMISSIONER ACTION/DISCUSSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Napier called for an executive session at 8:25 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.

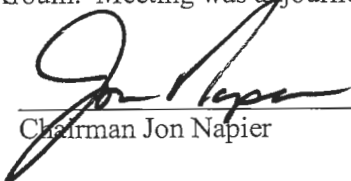
Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Upon meeting reconvening, Commissioner Egan moved to appoint Cynthia Wernet as Commissioner for Position 7 until the certification of the 2021 General election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroum and carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Cathey moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kroum. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.


District Secretary Michelle Hollon


Chairman Jon Napier