



General Meeting Minutes October 1, 2020

1. Call to Order

President Burgess called the Pierce County Fire Chiefs Association meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. remotely via Zoom. According to the Zoom meeting attendees, there were a total of 29 people in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chief Bjurstrom and seconded by Chief Matt Medford to approve the September 3, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Treasurer's Report – Denise Menge

The Treasurer's Report was presented, see attached copy on the back side of the agenda. Chief Pat Dale stated under Training \$31,000 in account for the Change Conference. It was cancelled this year because of COVID. Every intention of doing that when social conditions allow. President Burgess stated that the E-Board was looking at Partnering with the Change Conference to do a Chiefs training day in conjunction with. It will continue to be funded. A proposed 2021 budget will be presented to the Executive Board at their next meeting and then presented at the November meeting for discussion and approval. It was moved by Chief King and seconded by Chief Medford to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Correspondence

An email was forwarded out from PCDEM regarding COVID training.

5. Guest Speaker – Mike Lonergan, PC Assessor Treasurer

President Burgess introduced Pierce County Assessor Treasurer Mike Lonergan. Everyone should have received their preliminary packets last week. He is in his 2nd 4-year term, almost 8 years now. Allowed 3 terms and has put his name in for a 3rd term. No one else has put their name in, so he will likely be here another 4 years. Thanked the Fire Service for all of their work with the recent wildfires. Looking at properties and valuing for property taxes. Figures are also used for FEMA reports as well. Utilities are done by Department of Revenue and we don't have those yet. New construction, new valuation cards to go out as well. June, July, August out inspecting those with building permits. Still added county-wide 2 billion 234 million dollars to tax rolls. Thought would be down this year but was 13 million higher than last year. Ran through breakdown of new construction for each district. MSRC has great resources. Information in packets. Revalue entire county end of June this year, PC is now worth 136.4 billion dollars. Residential properties still healthy increase over last year 8.8% increase. Still a seller's market. Discovered they had been undervaluing mobile homes for some time. 24.5% value increase in mobile homes. Some of those people are appealing. Rightly so. Market is still strong, new homes being built. Residential should continue steady for a while. Some things on horizon – PC Planning – furnish estimated tax revenue from

proposed housing developments. Since a fire district has asked for impact fees, etc. They do their best to give an approximate amount on what value would be based on current rates, etc. 1 other fire district may be looking at Fire Benefit Charge like Central Pierce. \$1.50 max drops to \$1.00 but then also receive the FBC that is charged against exempt properties as well as taxed properties. Offices still closed by order of the Governor. Have 20 staff of 75 people reporting to PC Annex, a few come in once a week. Quiet productions with 55 of 75 working from home. Waiting to see when Governor says more employees to return and to open doors to the public. October 31st due date still stands. April 30th due date extended to June. Not extending October 31st payment except it falls on a Saturday so extends due date to Monday, November 2nd.

Turned over to Levy Specialist Kim Fleshman – implicit price deflator – based on 1% legal limit 101% of previous highest. At .6%. Working remotely, tries to go in to the office once a week. Appreciates the opportunity to be able to continue working from home. Thanked Mike for running for another term. Thank all of the Fire Districts with all of the brush fires, Graham car fire and Bonney Lake fire. Appreciate all that you provide to the community. Used August 27th publication of IPD. Official notification just received Monday from Department of Revenue is rounded to 6.02. In middle of multi-year lid lift, pass resolution at 6% levy. No need for substantial need. Highest lawful levy protection. Went over information provided in packets that were sent out. Voicemail has county cell phone number on it to contact. Can send packets via email. Can also do for final levy calculations. Send an email and let know. Hoping in the future to have a Portal for taxing districts for assessor treasure office and taxing districts to obtain preliminary and submit copies back. No later than November 30th. Don't get until much later in December because of way they read into by County Council, etc. Mail to County Council, scan as pdf and email to her. Any questions on wording, percent increase, etc. feel free to contact. Mike thanked Kim for her information. On a spending freeze right now. Have been asked to submit a 5% budget reduction for 2020 and 2021. County Council last night talking about Impact Fees and heard Chief Olson from CPFR giving testimony. Pass Resolution 89S – study of impact fees and unique design standards in fire districts becoming more urban, stricter standards, etc. Did get added as an amendment to plan going forward that it will be studied and looked at. Kim has been called upon to do calculations and Kim has testified for new development estimates based on current tax rate, etc. 1 other fire district looking at Fire Benefit Charge – collect \$1.00 plus FBC. Do all the calculation of that. Can provide information to help clarify situations. Extended April 30th tax deadline to June 1st due to COVID. Did in coordination with King and Snohomish counties. Major bond payments due in November and can't delay, remains the same – October 31st, since it's a Saturday automatically extends to Monday, November 2nd. Penalties for late payment. Approximately 12,000 on senior exemption. Max household income went up from \$40,000 to varies by County – PC is higher \$45,708.00. Thanked for the opportunity to be here today. President Burgess asked about values increase – eviction restrictions, foreclosures – potential bubble building because of? Mike stated hasn't looked into much. Idea that people who are renters can't be evicted, hearing from landlords – many people paying what can and some are not because they can't. Bubble building for tenants when over, etc. Challenge for the landlords. Thanked Kim for all the great work she does for the Fire Districts – very timely in responding.

Kim's contact information: 253.798.7114 and email is kim.fleshman@piercecounitywa.gov

6. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

7. New Business

A. By Laws Revision

President Burgess reported revisions allows us to take some actions next month. Chief Bjurstrom reported E-Board has reviewed the need to update By-Laws in light of changes with technology and to streamline voting. Shared the following:

Objective:

Update by-laws to provide rules for electronic meetings and streamline voting.

Proposed Changes:

Article X: Meetings

President chooses the meeting platform (Telephone, in-person, virtual, telephone, etc.).

Members attending via approved electronic platforms are considered to be in attendance and present for purposes of conducting business.

Article XIV: Voting

Removed requirement for roll call votes on By-Laws changes and written ballots in contested officer elections.

Roll call votes can be requested at any time by any active member in good standing.

Appendix A is modified to include the current dues schedule.

Thanked Denise for sending out the revised Draft By-Laws. Went over summary of the changes. Would like to put before the membership to vote at next month's meeting prior to elections. No questions.

AFFILIATE AGENCY REPORTS

8. South Sound 911 – Debbie Grady

Reported new public safety building is on time and on budget. Mid-April first of May to move to new site. All 4 separate work sites under 1 roof. Some challenges from employee's perspective. Initiated an employee led transition team. A lot of excitement and some apprehension as well. Fortunate Board members are engaged and supportive. This week windows and doors are going in and next week, Friday first layer of asphalt going in. Open invitation to any that would like to tour the building reach out to either herself or Deputy Director Duggan. 35th Street location starting to remodel ahead of schedule next year after moving into new facility. Old equipment issues being dealt with. Work beginning this month to resolve power issues. Lastly let know if haven't heard, CAD upgrade coming in November. Deputy Director Duggan reported upcoming study session with the Board – October 21st

presented by CCN and City of Tacoma Radio and possibly City of Puyallup. Radio providers web-x. Technical Services Division set Tuesday November 10th as upgrade day 9.3 moving to 9.4. Significant thing on upgrade is nature of upgrade over 1200 machines, 203 on Fire side, have Bambi working on coordinating and reaching out to IT staff to provide services, screen shots and other things on logistics of upgrade for every machine to have current version uninstalled so new version can be installed, etc. Logistics and Operational impacts. Significant upgrade that can't be pushed out centrally.

Vice President Jim Sharp reported that he's been having technical difficulties, Debbie and Chief Fisher talk on Ops no longer governing board – more information sharing and relaying information to Debbie and staff. Open up to whoever wants to attend those meetings. Good opportunity to allow broader input from everyone across the county.

9. Department of Emergency Management – Jody Ferguson

Reported update – started 8-month of COVID response – longest EOC activation – first time had 3 activations at once. With COVID – major activities include PPE. DEM did establish own PPE warehousing distribution system. Also have a huge effort to support all of school districts. In addition, anticipate the worst, don't want to think our supply chain have been completely resolved. Dedicate some of CARES act money to purchase additional PPE in case issues with supply chain. Established mobile testing program that has really worked well. Started in June have tested more than 21,000 people. No barrier form of testing, don't have to have symptoms, just show up and get tested. Turn-around time is very fast. While dealing with COVID, experienced the fires. Now focus is supporting residents impacted, etc. USAR activation from FEMA – 2-week mission in Oregon. Greatly appreciated. Lahar siren upgrades done as well. New siren sites added. State wide change siren to chime and a voice message as well. President Burgess thanked her for her report and her leadership.

10. Pierce County EMS – Norma Pancake

Chief Waltrip reported didn't have a subgroup meeting last month. Had PC EMS Council meeting yesterday – fire reps, EMS office, etc. Lost connection.

11. Fire Marshal – Warner Webb

Reported burn ban is still on. Open to lift anytime ready to. Based on all fires had, etc. thought good to just leave on until we get more rain. Holding pattern for now. Feel free to email.

12. State Chiefs – Keith Wright

Not present.

13. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – Rick Hess

Not present.

14. PC Fire Commissioners Association – Dan Rankin

Reported meeting on September 24th via Zoom and guest speaker was Mike Lonergan. Made some By-Law changes. Their next meeting will be November 19th as October is State Conference remotely on-line.

15. Department of Natural Resources – Nancy Barker

Not present.

16. Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy – Ben Harris

Nothing to report.

17. Bates Technical College – Tiffany Williams

Not present.

NON SCHEDULED DIVISION REPORTS - Overview:

18. EMS – Matt Waltrip

Apologized for technical difficulties. EMS Council meeting yesterday – protocols adopted, soon able to transport mental health patients to new hospital by Allenmore. 120 beds, 5,000 patients a year. Mental Health is a big issue and really good news to have more available beds. Operational Committee – Response Recovery Center – Parkland off of 112th in CPFR opening new facility with 16 beds and can transport there as well. Expanding from Fife facility. Great alternative. Hospital wait times increase – community access sub-committee started up to address. Chief McGrady will be sitting on that committee. Status tracking hospital website – Chief McGrady and Medford teamed up and developed program to get data. Administrative function like. On PC EMS web page, all PC transporting agencies are encouraged to use. PC EMS Office working on PM's as expanded scope to give flu vaccines and eventually COVID vaccines. CQI committee – all transport agencies report cases to PC EMS – low frequency high risk procedures. Dr. Waffle will send out a memo regarding.

19.

A. Metro Training – Woody Juarez

Not present.

B. Training – TEW Training/Exercise – Tom Mason/Gary McVay

Not present.

C. Training – TEW Equipment – Todd Magliocca

Not present.

20. Fire and Life Safety – Eric Waters

Not present. PCFM Warner Webb reported nothing of substance at the moment. Chief Olson with CPFR working on corridors work. Code adoption pushed off to February of 2021.

21. Logistics – Steve Richards

Not present.

22. Operations –

Chief Meyers – looking for a Chair for the Operations Committee. Updates – Ops Chiefs had a zoom meeting earlier this week to go over lessons learned on some large incidents in the County. Also had a SS911 Fire Com Ops meeting on Tuesday. Work group established to work through issues in summer on interruption to service.

23. Volunteer Services – Eric Skogen

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Overview:

24. UASI Committee – Todd Magliocca

Nothing to report.

25. Emergency Management Committee – Eric Watson

Reported August and September busy. EMAC responses in Oregon, brush 116 still in EMAC in California. In County fires – pushed up annual update due to COVID. Quite a few people retired and resource changes, etc. Trying to figure out limitations in computer with simultaneous fires and overloading the system. Mutual Aid fires, cross staffed or second tier response, etc. Not sure how to address but looking into. Fire Resource Plan being updated.

26. Radios User Group Committee – Zane Gibson

President Burgess reported name of Committee changed. See value in recommendation to add 800 users to this group as well as someone from Tacoma Fire to co-chair. Reached out to Alex Wilsie to see if he or someone to appoint to. Chief Wilsie happy to serve on with Zane. Have not met yet.

27. Banquet/Awards Committee – Steve Richards

President Burgess stated with COVID, not likely to meet in person. Discussed alternatives and have decided in lieu of having a Banquet to have an Awards Celebration on platform like this to recognize some of our members along with the Fire Commissioners. Reminder of Dan Packer Chief of the Year Award nominations. Will get a save the date notice out soon for December 10th around 6:00 pm. Attorney Joe or Eric Quinn will swear in new Officers, etc. Any thoughts, ideas? Ask participate in nominating for the Dan Packer Award – deadline is November 6th. Please send completed nominations to Denise.

28. Nominations Committee – Backer / Gibson / Sharp

President Burgess asked Secretary/Treasurer Denise to share the report provided from Chief Backer who was unable to attend today's meeting. An Election Committee report was sent out with the meeting reminder notice. Denise read the following list of candidates for the Executive Board positions:

President:	Jim Sharp, WPFR
Vice President:	Zane Gibson, OVFR
Trustee 1:	Dan Bjurstrom, Gig Harbor
Trustee 2:	Norm Fiacchi, WPFR
Trustee 3:	Dustin Morrow, Key Peninsula

President Burgess stated we will vote on the slate of Officer's at next month's meeting.

29. Audit Committee – P. Stueve - DORMANT

30. CISM COMMITTEE – - DORMANT

31. Technology Committee – Dustin Morrow

Reported working on Interra Group presentation. Will have it ready for next meeting. One component working on is ESO and Julota using across the county. Funding model or expense distribution model. Appreciate continued patience on this.

32. Administrative Committee – Dan Bjurstrom

Nothing to report.

33. Good of the Order

Nothing at this time.

President Burgess thanked everyone for their time.

34. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge, Recording Secretary

2020 Meeting Schedule:

Jan 2, 2020 – General – CANCELLED

Feb 6, 2020 – Business – Gig Harbor Fire – 10222 Bujacich Rd NW

Mar 5, 2020 – General – Buckley Fire – 611 S. Division St.

Apr 2, 2020 – Business – CANCELLED

May 7, 2020 - General – held remotely via ZOOM

Jun 4, 2020 – Business – held remotely via ZOOM

Jul 2, 2020 – NO MEETING

Aug 6, 2020 – NO MEETING

Aug ??, 2020 - Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs Association – ??

Sep 3, 2020 – Business – Tacoma FD Training Center – 2124 Marshall Ave.

Oct 1, 2020 – General – Graham Fire & Rescue – 23014 70th Ave E

Nov 5, 2020 – Business – West Pierce – Sta. 21 – 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood

Dec 3, 2020 – NO MEETING – Virtual Awards Ceremony via Zoom on December 10th 6 pm

2021 Meeting Schedule:

Jan 7, 2021 – General –

Feb 4, 2021 – Business –

Mar 4, 2021 – General –

Apr 1, 2021 – Business –

May 6, 2021 – General –

Jun 3, 2021 – Business –

Jul 1, 2021 – NO MEETING

Aug 5, 2021 – NO MEETING

Aug ?, 2021 – Joint Meeting with Police Chiefs - TBD

Sep 2, 2021 – Business –

Oct 7, 2021 – General –

Nov 4, 2021 – Business -

Dec 2, 2021 – NO MEETING – ANNUAL BANQUET