

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 Commissioners Meeting August 9, 2021 Station74

In Attendance: Chief Kira Thirkield, Commissioner John Campbell, Commissioner Jerry Sandberg, Commissioner, Peter Allison and Secretary, Pat Shandrow.

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the July 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Citizen Comments: None.

Vouchers: Voucher list was reviewed, approved and attached.

Chief's Report: The Chief's Report was presented reviewed and attached.

Old Business:

- A. COVID-19: Chief Thirkield has reinstated wearing masks at the Fire Station. This is due to an increase in new cases within Pierce County. The new Delta virus variant seems to be more transmissible.
- **B.** Budget: Budget amendment is still under consideration while considering line item amount changes.

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

- Gratzer Road traffic hazard was discussed. Commissioner Campbell requested Chief Thirkield contact Pierce County Public Works for a possible solution.
- House Bill 1310, which has been passed by the Washington State legislature, was discussed. This new law limiting police use of force may make mental health response more difficult and unsafe for our members. The state has a year to provide guidance of this new law. Therefore there is much confusion in law enforcement as to what they can and cannot do. There may be a need to purchase ballistic vests for our firefighter's protection because of the passing of this bill.
- Expense and scope of decon room remodel was discussed including access of electrical.
- Concrete resurfacing project was discussed. We are waiting on contractor availability for scheduling.
- Need for more secure storage was discussed.
- Dismantling and removal of cell tower was discussed.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

John Campbell, Commissioner

Gerald Sandberg, Commissione

Peter Allison, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Pat Shandrow, District Secretary