

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 12, 2020 via Zoom online.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present via Zoom. Guests included Megan Waite, Brian Jones and Sebastian Scheiff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was not completed due to the meeting being online.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2020 and the minutes of the special meeting of July 28, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The July Commissioners Activity Reports were reviewed, adjusted and approved by each Commissioner.

The Treasurer's Financial Report for June was approved as presented.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for the month of July. Twenty-six transports were completed in July and a total of 200 for the year. Chief Eastman commented activity is getting back to normal.

Chief Eastman reports 3 or 4 new recruits this fall, plus the 4 new recruits from the spring will be participating in the structure academy. The academy will have approximately 16-17 recruits affiliated with departments and 13-14 un-affiliated with departments. Chief Eastman hopes that the un-affiliated recruits will be interested in becoming members with local agencies after academy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The training tower Interlocal Agreements for Repair and Upgrade Cost Sharing and one for Use and Maintenance has been reviewed and approved by attorneys from all three agencies. College Place City Council approved the agreement at their meeting 8/11/2020.

Commissioner Myrick inquired about time frame for completion, what input if any District 4 will have in the bidding process, and questioned if an environmental study had been completed. Chief Eastman advised completion time would be approximately 1 year, District 4 will have a representative that will be part of the entire process and it is not known about an environmental study. Commissioner Myrick recommended that Chief Eastman and Lt. Bill Box be the District 4 representatives. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the two Agreements as written. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Farrens motioned to have Chief Eastman contact Captain Knowles with City of Walla Walla Fire to inquire if any environmental studies have been completed addressing any future contamination or possible existing contaminations. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was carried.

Chief Eastman reported the ECSI Cooperative Services Study workshop the commissioners discussed at a previous meeting may be better served by an in person meeting rather than a virtual meeting. In person meetings are restricted at this time due to Covid-19. Commissioners briefly discussed a few of the pros and cons of recommendation presented by ECSI study. After the discussion, the commissioners decided to postpone scheduling the workshop until in person meetings are allowed.

The City of Walla Walla has the annexation of Carmella and Airport Way on the agenda for tonight's meeting. If approved, those annexations will take effect immediately and we will start the 5-year mitigation.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman reported highlighted the capital items on the Payroll & Expense Vouchers. The new Utility pick-up, Stryker cot and Nitrous Oxide field kit.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 200801001 through 200801048 were presented for payment. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$197,252.42.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 5:10 PM Chairman Myrick called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations. The executive session will be for 30 minutes.

At 5:45 the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45p

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on August 26, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman