

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on January 22, 2020, at Fire Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Debbie Mobley, Brian Jones and Dean Atkinson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2020 were approved as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The Secretary's Budget Report for December was presented, reviewed and approved. Discussion took place on end of year balances in expense fund and reserve fund with a hand out of showing distribution of funds.

Legislative day is January 28, 2020. Chief Eastman will be attending on Tuesday as well as a WFC Board meeting on Monday the 27th.

Reminder of the Saturday Snure Seminar in Spokane on February 22, 2020. All Commissioners will attend as well as Chief Eastman. Registrations as well as room reservations have been made.

The next Tri-County Fire Commissioners meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2020 at Station 210 at 9:00 am.

Chief Eastman explained an error in payroll that was caught when getting ready to submit for the California deployment fire. The error was for two members with more over time hours due to them. The error was caught in time for January payroll so a second batch was done adding \$224.00 to each. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the correction. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and the voucher approval was signed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

A temporary position has been filled. Savannah McLoughlin will start on February 3, 2020. She is currently a paramedic with AMR and a volunteer for Franklin #3.

New volunteers will also be joining the department. One Paramedic and two EMT's will be residents. A total of seven have gone through all the required back ground checks, medical exams and paperwork. The academy will not begin until fall but some will begin prior to that as EMT's on resident shifts.

Chief Eastman announced that Lieutenant Daryl Floch has resigned effective December 31, 2019 after 14 years with the department. We also have two residents who have been going through the hiring process with Richland Fire so will be leaving as well.

Reminder of Commissioner Buttice retirement celebration and dinner is this Friday, January 24th at 5:30 pm at Assumption Church.

The new generator is being installed this week. Hopefully will be complete by Friday.

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New carpet will go in the training room and office area at the end of February or first of March. Staff will remove the wall paper in the training room, prep it for texture and paint before the carpet. Carpet will be squares so a worn piece can be replaced with ease. The quote for the carpet and installation from Gary's Paint and Decorating is \$18,152.18 plus tax. Lt. Slater has obtained a quote for gear racks with a cost of \$6,575 for three. This will accommodate shift personnel gear and be moved within each shift. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve and move forward with all the projects mentioned. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Discussion on the possibility of selling the property at 604 Abbott. This will be tabled for future discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Myrick is asking on updates on training facility, RFA and Utility truck. Chief Eastman advised all entities are moving forward with getting approvals and agreements in place for the training facility. ESCI has completed the RFA study and the final version will be available in early February. The utility vehicle was ordered in early October 2019 and is expected to arrive in late March.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

AUDIENCE INPUT

Dean Atkinson is in favor of the selling the Abbott property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on February 12, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman