

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 12, 2018 at Fire Station 41.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Buttice.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the State Auditor Exit Conference of November 22, 2019 were approved as mailed.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 27, 2019 were approved as mailed.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman read a thank you card received from AJ Hill for attending his retirement party.

The November Commissioner Activity Reports were reviewed and approved by each Commissioner.

The next regular Commissioner meeting date is on Christmas. After a brief discussion it was decided to change the date of the next regular Commissioner meeting to Monday, December 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for November with a hand out and discussion. District #4 had twenty-seven (27) transports for the month. Year to date total of two hundred seventy-five (275).

The District Christmas party is December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.

A succession planning committee has been formed and will have a meeting sometime next week.

Due to a minor accident backing R3441 through a gate at the last event coverage, it is in the shop for repairs.

The District has been selected by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service to provide a cost data report for ground ambulance service for the year 2020.

Retirement party for Commissioner Buttice was decided for January 17 or 24. We will get the Auxiliary feed back and make the reservations at Assumption Hall.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The final staff wages for 2020 was handed out for approval. After a brief discussion including step raises at anniversary dates, the Commissioners approved the 2020 wages.

Commission Myrick is asking for an update on Brandon. Chief Eastman just received an email from him explaining the current status of his injury. We will know more after he has another MRI.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 12001 through 12040 were presented for payment. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Buttice seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$144,903.63.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

Dean expressed his opinion on hiring to make up for being short one paramedic as well as questions on the cost of transports.

At the request of Chief Eastman the Board went into an executive session at 4:35 PM to discuss the performance of a public employee.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:20 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on December 23, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at Station #41.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_