

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 23, 2019, 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, Brian Jones, Keith Farrens, Travis Slater, Kara Thonney, Tim Doggett, John Davin, Sebastian Scheiff and Jeff Wagner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Buttice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2019 were approved as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The Secretary's Budget Report for November was presented, reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Hector motioned that Commissioner Myrick serve as Chairman and newly appointed Commissioner Farrens for Vice-Chair for 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myrick and unanimously approved.

The next scheduled Snure Seminar will be held in Spokane on February 22, 2020. Reservations will be made within the next week for Commissioners Myrick, Farrens, Hector and Chief Eastman.

The Chelan seminar is scheduled for June 6, 2020. Commissioners Myrick and Hector will be attending and will make their own accommodations.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman opened the floor up for discussion on hiring a temporary firefighter/paramedic to cover the shortage we have had since Brandon has been out on L&I. Chief has met with Local 4514 and are in agreement of this temporary position. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the temporary position.

Chief Eastman advised the succession committee met last week. Topics of discussion included; Identifying positions, requirements for those positions, projected dates they will become open, posting the positions, and in house interest.

Advertising for the secretarial position as the end date nears for Debbie retiring was open for discussion. Chief would like to advertise the first week of January with a start date of March 16, 2020. Qualifications and wages will be discussed at a later meeting before the ad goes in the paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Myrick is asking if there is an update on the RFA. Chief Eastman and Commissioner Hector attended a meeting last week and advised that the study is in the final technical review by the fire chiefs. The final version may be released in January or early February. The upcoming EMS Levy vote/renewal is not a part of the study and therefore should not be confused with the RFA discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented Commissioner Emilio Buttice with a framed certificate of recognition and appreciation of thirty years being a Walla Walla County Fire District #4 Commissioner. Commissioner Buttice has retired from this long standing position and we all wish him well in his retirement. A retirement dinner in his honor will be held on January 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Assumption Parish Hall.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Everyone who attended this meeting wished Commissioner Buttice a happy retirement and thanked him for his service and dedication to Fire District #4!

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 January 8, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman