

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on February 12, 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, Dean Atkinson, Dean Farrens, Sebastian Scheiff and Savannah McLaughlin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2020 were approved as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The WFCA Legislative Report of February 7, 2020 was handed out and discussed.

The Snure Seminar is scheduled for February 22, 2020 in Spokane at the Davenport Hotel. All Commissioners and Chief Eastman will be attending. Hotel reservations have made for Commissioners Myrick and Hector as well as Chief Eastman. Commissioner Farrens will be going the morning of the seminar so does not need a room.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports. Out of sixty-on EMS calls, District #4 had thirty-three transports in January.

Chief Eastman introduced Savannah McLaughlin to the Board. Savannah started February 3rd as a part time temporary Paramedic/Firefighter.

Administrative Secretary testing is underway. A five member interview panel interviewed eleven applicants today. The top three have been chosen to move forward with Chiefs interviews. Back ground checks as well as other information will be obtained and a recommendation will be brought to the Board at the next regular Commissioner meeting of February 26, 2020. A start date will be March 16, 2020.

Chief Eastman spoke on the flood that occurred last week in the Millcreek area specifically. Numerous volunteers from District #4 and District #8 spent many hours over the course of three days helping with the evacuations. The WWFD swift water rescue team was also involved in the efforts along with helicopters airlifting residents out. Also staffed was the Fire Station at the airport which is where the helicopter was taking these residents. Two homes were lost with assessments of property damages underway now. County Commissioner Todd Kimball asked if a dumpster could be put at Station 45 for residents to put their debris from the flooding. It will be emptied on a daily basis.

After conversations with Station Officers and Auxiliary, it was decided that Fire District #4 retirees will have an invitation to our annual awards banquet which is Saturday, February 29th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The ESCI study is complete and will be sent out to staff later this week. A presentation will take place on March 16, 2020. Any questions can be answered at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 02001 through 02058 were presented for payment. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$141,046.41

Freedom Foundation Litigation information has been received. Attorney Brian Snure will be representing the District (along with many other Washington State Fire Districts) in this process.

Chief Eastman announced the EMS Levy renewal has passed with 80% of the vote.

Chief Eastman presented the 2020 EMS levy agreement with Walla Walla County. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the EMS agreement in the amount of \$383,759.00. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was unanimously approved and signed by all Commissioners.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:50 P.M. Commissioner Myrick called for an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 relating to professional negotiations. The executive session will be 45 minutes until 5:35 P.M.

At 5:35 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____