

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on March 11, 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, Bill Box, Chief Yancey, Chief Winter, Kevin Magnaghi, Sebastian Scheiff, Eric Wood, John Clayton, Chris Worden and John Knowles.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2020 were approved as mailed.

Commissioner Hector opened with discussion on response boundaries between agencies and the status of softening those boundaries among agencies. Chief Yancey began by stating he is in favor of continuing the discussions to soften the boundaries but he has concerns of financial impact it may cause. Local 404 is willing to continue to discuss again if agencies are moving forward with the RFA process. Staffing is a concern from Local 404. Chief Winter has concerns on fastest response and all agreed that closest unit would be best for the citizens of Walla Walla as a whole. Discussions continued on staffing issues, the best service to the community, revenue, and issues with why these discussions stopped and how we can get them going again. Commissioners thanked the guests for coming and offering their opinions.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

The WFCALegislative Report was handed out and discussed.

The SE WFCAL meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2020 in Dayton at 6:30 pm. Reservations have been made.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports. We transported twenty-eight for a total of sixty-two for the year.

New hire, Megan Waite, starts on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to having her here. Debbie will be training her for the next several months.

Chief Eastman handed out a draft training tower user agreement. The Board will review and provide comments before the final agreement is drafted.

Chief Eastman announced he wishes to continue his seat on WFC Board of Directors for the next two years and is asking the Board for approval to do so. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve a letter of support for his re-election nomination. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Computer upgrade project will be underway. Bill Box has been working on quotes from three vendors and we will be purchasing new towers a new server and software from Price Computers out of Milton-Freewater. The quoted costs are approximately \$13,500.00, depending on number of hours for set-up. Additional hours will be billed hourly.

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Chief Eastman presented two new members for approval as volunteer members, Jeff Knowles and Rick Guse. They will both be stationed at Station 44. The Board approved to move forward with these new members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The ESCI report and presentation will take place on March 16, 2020. The first meeting will be at 4:00 pm for elected officials. The second meeting will be for all other members at 7:00 pm. Any questions can be answered at that time.

Chief Eastman handed out an Ambulance revenue and expenditure sheet for 2019 transports.

Chief Eastman gave an update on Brandon Cadwell. His latest MRI did not show any tears and currently no need for another surgery. He has still been in a lot of pain with movement. He had a cortisone injection and is feeling much better and will see how long it lasts and where to go from there hopefully by April.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 03001 through 03061 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 \$146,352.02.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

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