

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 10, 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 Farrrens, Dean Atkinson and Casey Sewell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Buttice.

Firefighter/EMT Casey Sewell gave a presentation on the ride along he and Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Reiswig went on in Phoenix in April. He had hand-outs of a few pictures of incidents they were on. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to do this after completion of the Officer Development Academy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chief Eastman handed out the WFCOA Annual Report for the Board to review.

The March Commissioner Activity Reports will be presented at the next regular Commissioner meeting.

The WFCOA Legislative report was handed out and reviewed.

The Annual Personal Financial Affairs forms are due by April 15, 2019. Commissioners Hector and Myrick have completed theirs. Commissioner Buttice will work on getting his completed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for March with a hand out and discussion. District #4 transported twenty-six (26) patients for the month. Total for the year is eighty-one (81).

Chief Eastman announced that Engine 3441 is completed and back in service. Engine 3454 is nearly complete. The new Mobe truck chassis has arrived and the crew has already started work on it. The truck bed is on order and will be eight weeks out before delivery.

Ladder testing is underway with all of District #4 ladders complete. There are two agencies still needing to do their testing.

Chief Eastman advised the Board, if approved by the City Council, that ESCI (Emergency Service Consulting Inc.) will be hired to complete a Shared Services Feasibility Study of District #4, City Fire and College Place Fire. The final report will be an unbiased recommendation of options the three organizations can consider for effective services in the Walla Walla area. The cost of this study will be approximately \$55,500.00 which will be divided by each agency. This process will take six months to complete. Currently, all agencies have been training together and building strong relationships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paramedic staffing – This topic was carried over from the last couple of meetings. Due to an extended injury of Paramedic Cadwell, Chief Eastman reported that beginning in May, he will not staff a paramedic on B shift as has been done since mid-January, except for when he is available during the day. All shifts on A and C shift will have a paramedic available. We will keep the same system as we have had in the past with the City of Walla Walla being dispatched for ALS calls. On the topic of hiring

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an additional paramedic, Commissioners Hector and Myrick expressed their concern with hiring additional staff if it doesn't enhance the EMS system by sending the closest ALS unit despite the jurisdiction. Further discussion centered on a boundary drop between agencies and the approvals needed to implement. After we learn the status of Firefighter/Paramedic Cadwell's outcome at his next doctor appointment later this month we will know more about a timeline and be able discuss what options are available.

With the upcoming summer hires, Chief Eastman would like to hire a paramedic for one of summer positions. This will enhance the opportunities for our current paramedics to participate in state fire mobilizations.

The new building shell is complete except for the doors. Currently re-bar is being place in preparation for the concrete pour which will be next week. The completion date has been pushed back until the end of May.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 04001 through 04068 were presented for payment. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$257,098.91.

Chief Eastman presented a Washington State Department of Natural Resources Fire District Assistance Agreement to be signed by the Board. After review, Commissioner Myrick motioned to accept and sign the agreement. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was unanimously approved and signed.

AUDIENCE INPUT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____