

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 13, 2020 via Zoom online.

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, Bill Box and Megan Waite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was not completed due to the meeting being online.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for the month of March. Nineteen transports were completed in March and a total of 80 for the year.

Chief Eastman proposed a reduction in fees for ARFF. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic flights have been reduced from 3 flights a day to 1, as of April 11, 2020. Our contract with ARFF includes a reduction in flights to 2 a day, not for 1 flight per day. A 40% reduction for May and June was proposed. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the reduction. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion.

Chief Eastman shared the Covid-19 Response Procedures. Commissioner Myrick inquired about the usage of the different PPE Levels. District 4 has an adequate supply of PPE at this time. D4 has not transported any positive patients to date.

Chief Eastman reports no updates on RFA, EMS, or Training Tower, due to the Covid-19 concerns meetings have all been cancelled.

Chief Eastman reports he will be starting the process of advertising for the 4 seasonal firefighters for the summer. They will work from approximately mid-June through mid-September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman gave an update on Brandon Cadwell. He is scheduled for an appointment with his doctor later this week. He still is not pain free and will be discussing options with his doctor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 04001 through 04060 were presented for payment. Commissioner Myrick had questions regarding memo line on expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$234,214.08.

The 2019 Annual report was emailed to the Commissioners for review, hard copies will be coming soon. Debbie and Megan did a great job!

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Commissioner Farrens inquired about the change in property taxes due to Covid-19 relief and how that would affect our income. Chief Eastman explained we may have less income initially, with the remainder of the income coming in later than normal. No significant financial impact is expected at this time.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____