

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 23, 2019, at Fire Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Emilio Buttice. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Debbie Mobley, Brian Jones, Dean Atkinson and Keith Farrrens.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Buttice.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2019 were approved as mailed.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

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

The WFCA Legislative Report was handed out and discussed.

The March Commissioner Activity Reports were handed out and signed.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman advised the Board that Paramedic Brandon Cadwell may be looking at an additional surgery. He is waiting for approval for an MRI. We will know more with the results but most likely with the procedure he will be out for up to six months.

The new building is coming along now with an end of about three weeks. Concrete was poured for flooring and sidewalks. Aprons will be next.

Chief Eastman is working on the packet he received for the Feasibility Study and should be done in a few weeks. Approval for a contract and payment will be on the agenda for the City Council at their meeting tomorrow. There will be a RFA discussion meeting at Station 41 tomorrow at 2:30pm.

This summer we will be losing a few residents for full time employment as well as part time with other fire season agencies. We have put the word out for any of our members who would be willing to fill resident shifts when available.

Every three years we conduct an Airport MCI drill. This is scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 2:30pm at the airport. There will be over fifty participants helping with the drill as well as members from multiple agencies.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hector asked how the Federal ARFF Inspection went. Chief Eastman advised it went really well with no errors.

Also asked for more in depth information on day to day scheduling of staff for better understanding the need for hiring an additional paramedic. Chief Eastman put up on the white board for all the Commissioners to see each shift and how many shift personnel as well as day personnel for each shift. Also explained was how many residents and the times for each day. Airport coverage was also a factor in the day to day operations. With one paramedic being on light duty and looking at being out on sick

leave for an additional six months, Chief Eastman is still supportive of hiring an additional full time paramedic. After more conversation, Commissioner Hector motioned to start the process of hiring a full time paramedic. Commissioner Buttice seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

Keith Farrens advised the Board he doesn't feel comfortable sending a paramedic to the airport. Chief Eastman advised after researching incidents during the early morning flights, very few if any are ALS related and feels comfortable sending the paramedic on duty to cover this flight. ALS service is still being provided during that time by WWFD if needed.

Keith also suggested the City Union 404 representatives be more present at these meetings for possible answers to some of the questions the Board has pertaining to shared resources and boundary drops. Maybe both D-4 and City Union members can have a side bar discussion after the RFA meeting tomorrow.

Dean thanked the Board for their decision to hire an additional paramedic. This is a step in the right direction for moving forward for the best service in our community.

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

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on May 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman