

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 24, 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 and Brian Jones.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

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

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

Chief Eastman announced there will be no rate change to our Health Insurance for 2020.

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

Chief Eastman gave an update on the current fire situations. We had a tender out on the Juniper State Mobilization fire for the last few days and is now back. We had a three man crew and grass truck go out on Tuesday for DNR Severity. They started out in the Dayton area and are now in the Clarkston area. Our local area had several lightening caused wheat fires from the storm on Tuesday night as well as a wheat fire on Friday night. Great job and response from our members made for quick action and fires were put out quickly.

Chief Eastman went over changes in the Bid Laws. No statutory requirements for purchases under \$40,000.00 for material, equipment and supplies. Vendor list quotes from \$40,000 to \$75,000. Sealed bids over \$75,000.00. For Public Works projects, limited small works roster from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Small works roster from \$30,000.00 to 350,000.00. Sealed bids over \$350,0000.

Update on the new Mobe Truck E3457. Still a few weeks out from being complete. Mechanic Atkinson is on vacation and returning first of August. He will finish a few wiring issues at that time.

Updating the Public Safety Testing eligibility list. We have several additional names on the list that still need to complete our local assessment center. A test day will be scheduled soon.

The "Every 15 Minute" program filmed a skit video for this year's training which members of the District were involved. This took place last week on Abbott Road. There was a hospital portion that was taped at a later date.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There will be a meeting with Local 4514 representative on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at Station 41 for bargaining the impact of ALS transporting. Chief Eastman and Commissioner Hector will be representing the Fire District.

Commissioner Myrick is asking if there are any new developments in the RFA discussions. Commissioner Hector attended the meeting that was held today at 2:30 PM. Chief Yancey will contact the consultant to move forward with the onsite interviewing process and will ask for those being

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interviewed comments be in the report. There will not be another meeting until after the interviewing is complete.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Myrick attended a home owners' meeting that was held in Station 41 training room which was well attended with over 50 people. He is asking that the District do some needed maintenance in the training room; i.e.: painting and cleaning the walls. Chief Eastman advised this has been discussed and is on the to do list as part of the summer projects.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:55 PM the Board went into an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues that will last approximately 15 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:15 PM.

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 August 14, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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