

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on January 26, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. All Commissioners were present and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman present via zoom. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Brian Jones, and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

The Tri-County Fire Commissioners meeting is February 12th, 9:00 am at station 210 in Benton City.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman thanked everyone for the coverage this week on short notice. He plans to be back in the office next week.

Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic testing is scheduled for Friday, January 28th at station 41. A list should be available by February 4th, with Chief's interviews to follow in hopes to have 2 new hires by the first of March.

Chief Eastman reported the pinning scheduled for Tuesday, February 1st at 6pm will be limited to 20-25 people to maintain social distancing.

Chief Eastman reported a structure fire on Stateline Road last Tuesday went to 2nd alarm for manpower. Assistance was received from College Place Fire and City of Walla Walla Fire Department. Personnel were dispatched at approx. 7:15am and were on scene until approx. 1:30pm. Most of the fire damage was interior and doesn't appear to have a lot of damage on the exterior. Fire personnel used 6-7 SCBA bottles each.

Chief Eastman asked for the Commissioners opinions on the moving forward with the awards banquet scheduled for February 26th. Commissioners Hector and Farrens suggested delaying until the current spike in local illness decreases. Commissioner Myrick suggested waiting a couple weeks to see what happens. All commissioners agreed to air on the side of caution. Chief Eastman will see what our venue options are.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector asked for the actual costs to the department and to the Port of Walla Walla for SCBA purchase, at the January 12th meeting. Chief Eastman reported the district will purchase 38 SCBA's for a total of \$392,401.33. The Port of Walla Walla will reimburse the district for 3 units costing \$26,838.41, leaving a balance of \$365,562.92 to the department for 35 units.

NEW BUSINESS

Briefly discussed the upcoming Deputy Chief position. Commissioner Hector made a motion for Chief Eastman to prepare a Deputy Chief compensation package, to move forward with offering the position. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was unanimously passed.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM

Commissioner Meeting, January 26, 2022

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on February 9th, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman