

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 28, 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 via Zoom. Guests included Brian Jones, Bill Box & 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 October 14, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

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

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman shared Assistant Chief Jones submitted a letter of resignation for his officer position effective December 31, 2020. He will stay on as a volunteer EMT and Wildland provider. Commissioners thank Brian for his leadership, mentorship and friendship!

Parking lot pavement crack sealing at all stations. Jason Jenkins of Klicker Enterprises gave an estimate of \$7,106, scheduled for Monday weather permitting.

New Duty Officer pick-up went in service Sunday, October 25. Chief Eastman reported the apparatus turned out very nice with easy access to supplies and organized. Chief Eastman reported that Derek Ruffcorn did a very nice and neat job completing the project.

New turn-outs have arrived, being inventoried now, will get out to the members soon.

Chief Eastman reported the past week was busy with Fire/EMS incidents. Some incidents included mutual aid to city of structure fire, major medical on foster road and our own structure fire.

Lt. Box reported the academy is going great at the midterm point! Two of our D4 members were voted 'top-dog' Email from Brent Caulk (WWCC Dean) applauding Lt. Box for his hard work.

Rocky on vacation November 4<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, will be calling in for the commissioner meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Captain Knowles with City of Walla Walla Fire Department reports they are working on a site plan for the new drill tower and an agreement with PBS company to assist with permitting submittals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The 2021 Budgets were reviewed and discussed. No changes were desired by the Board. Therefore, Resolution 2020-03; A Resolution Requesting the County to Levy Taxes was presented. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve resolution 2020-03. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2020-04; A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Budget was presented. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved and signed.

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Review request for ambulance transport financial aid. Documents presented show patient income at 160% of the federal poverty level. WAC 249-463-050 allows hospitals to provide charity on a sliding scale. The range of 133-166% of federal poverty level suggest a 50% discount. Based on the above information, Chief Eastman recommends that we adjust off 50% based patient's income and the federal poverty level. Commissioner Farrens motioned to write off 50%. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

Resolution 2020-05; Surplus and sale of 2009 Tahoe for \$11,500 to Walla Walla County Fire District 8. Commissioner Farrens motioned. Commissioner Hector seconded. Bill of Sale payable by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

2021 ARFF contract fee, contract allows for up to a 5% increase. Based on current conditions and currently in negotiations with Local 4514, Chief Eastman recommends a 3% increase. Commissioner Farrens motioned a 3% increase of ARFF contract fee, Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:41 PM Chairman Myrick called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations. The executive session will be for 45 minutes.

At 5:15 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

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

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on November 11, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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