

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 8, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Farrens. Commissioner Myrick and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included John Golden, Dean Atkinson, Jes Goodson and Megan Waite in person at station 41.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2021 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The November Commissioners Activity Reports were reviewed and approved by each Commissioner.

2022 WACA Health Care Program Employer Application was presented for approval and signatures. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The EMS response and transport report for the month of November was provided. Seventy-Seven responses for the month of November. Thirty fire responses and forty-seven EMS responses with twenty-four transports completed in November. Our current call volume percentages for the year are 32% fire and 68% EMS.

Staff update provided by Chief Eastman. Dean Atkinson submitted his retirement letter effective December 31, 2021 Chief Eastman accepted. Dean will be joining station 44 as a volunteer effective January 1, 2022. Dean's retirement party will be held at station 41 on January 17th. Firefighter Jon Spracklen has received and accepted a conditional offer from the City of Walla Walla, his last day is December 30. Paramedic Jose Tolentino was offered and accepted a conditional position with Pasco Fire, his last day will be at the end of January. Chief Eastman has a couple of interviews scheduled for the week of December 13th, one of the interviewees is a paramedic. We may need to look at re-testing in January for a new list. Chief Eastman stated we may have one shift without a staffed medic the first part of the year. New hire Alex Skifstad-Bruner is scheduled to graduate from paramedic school in June 2022.

Captain eligibility list will be released on December 13th. The testing was completed last week. Chief Eastman thanked Deputy Chief Golden, Captain Woiblet, Captain Davin for all their efforts to make the testing successful. Chief's interviews will take place after union negotiations are completed.

We have received the Walla Walla County funded Zoll Autopulse. Paramedic Reisinger is working on training for members before putting in service.

The Associated of Washington Business awarded Walla Walla County Fire District #4 Auxiliary a \$1,000 grant. Annually the auxiliary provides food and gifts to local families. This year the Auxiliary is sponsoring five families. The auxiliary will be grocery shopping Tuesday next week, and planning to deliver the end of the week.

Chief Eastman will be on vacation December 28th – January 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented the 2022 Wages/Stipends for approval. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve. Commissioner Farrens seconded and was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 211201001 through 211201052 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$166,085.36.

Chief Eastman distributed the Training Officer job description and reviewed some changes. Commissioners to review and consider suggested updates, will need to approval at the December 22nd meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 4:30 P.M Commissioner Farrens 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 30 minutes.

At 5:00 P.M the regular meeting reconvened.

Chief Eastman reported that he and Commissioner Hector had met with Local 404 representatives to discuss the upgrading of the Training Officer position from Lieutenant to Captain. Compensation was the topic for discussion. Management proposed a 5% increase over the Lieutenant wage. The union counter with 7.5% increase. Commissioner Farrens motioned to accept the 7.5% increase for the Training Captain position and approve an MOU to that effect. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion. The motion and MOU was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on December 22, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman