

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 22, 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 Debbie Mobley, Brian Jones, Megan Waite, Bill Box and Sebastian Scheiff.

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 April 13, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

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 Annual Personal Financial Affairs forms are due. Chief Eastman is asking if all Commissioners have filed. All are completed except for Commissioner Farrens who is nearly done.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reported we received a stimulus check in the amount of \$4,232.99 which was direct deposited in the ambulance billing account. One thing was stipulated that the District accept Medicare Assignment on uninsured patients and no bill for Covid-19 beyond what Medicare accepts. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the change in the ambulance billing policy. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Consideration for new volunteer member, Rick Guse, was brought to the board for approval. Captain John Davin has recommended him for station 44. He is currently a volunteer with College Place Fire Department and will continue his membership there. All Commissioners in favor of bringing Rick on as a new member with the District.

The new computers have been installed and will be working the kinks out moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman reported that Pat Reay called from the Port of Walla Walla with a proposal of a public/private partnership with Providence Saint Mary's on purchasing a Covid-19 testing equipment so the County can process locally. Port of Walla Walla, Cities of Walla Walla and College Place, and Walla Walla County have all committed to partnering. Chief Eastman supports our participation but not the requested \$5000 - \$10,000. After a brief discussion the Commissioners are in favor of a reasonable share for the size of our agency in getting this done locally. Chief Eastman will discuss with Pat Reay a contribution of \$1,500 - \$2,500.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

Debbie is asking when her and Megan can come back to work full time. Chief Eastman advised it depends on Governor Inslee and when he will announce that the stay home can be lifted.

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

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The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on May 13, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman