

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 10, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Debbie Mobley, Megan Waite, Brian Jones and Sebastian Scheiff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 27, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The May Commissioner Activity Reports were reviewed and approved by each Commissioner.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for the month of May. Twenty-Three transports were completed in May and a total of 120 for the year. Incident reports showing the break down for Fire and EMS for 2019 and 2020, for a comparison, were handed out and reviewed.

Release for bids for seventy sets of new turn-outs has been completed. Casey has worked on the specs for several months. We have budgeted up to \$150,000.00. Bid opening will take place at the first regular Commissioner meeting in July.

Chief Eastman advised the Board we have been doing Dozer/Transport operator training for the last couple of weeks. Included in the training, we spent two days with Benton County #2. Transport training with members interested utilizing the EVIP program required to have 100 hours of drive time, be able to pass a DOC inspection, and Chief Eastman's approval to be cleared to drive.

Chief Eastman advised we have received a settlement payment from July 2018 through June 2019 for the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) program in the amount of \$72,097.81. Commissioner Hector requested more information on how we receive these funds. Chief Eastman explained it is State funding for Medicaid recipients and calculated according to transport costs.

Chief Eastman advised the Board of a meeting he attended on the RFA study. A meeting/presentation will be planned for some time in August.

Update on the drill tower upgrade is still in the process with the getting all required permits and funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 06001 through 06051 were presented for payment. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The total for these were \$140,166.37.

Chief Eastman is proposing canceling the next regular Commissioner meeting of June 24, 2020 for low attendance. The Board approved the cancelation.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:45 PM Chairman Myrick called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session will be for 15 minutes.

At 5:15 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on July 8, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____