

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 21, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Megan Waite.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2021 motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

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

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman presented specifications for a Landoll Model 135C transport trailer and proposed going out to bid. After a brief discussion Commissioners approved going to bid for trailer. Bids will be opened at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chief Eastman reported the vehicle committee is working diligently to complete specifications for a new rescue unit, engine, and 2 tenders. The committee hopes to have bids documents completed by the end of August with a tentative bid opening no later than the October 13<sup>th</sup> commissioner meeting.

State Mobilization rostering starts tomorrow, we will have 1 engine rostered for the 3 weeks. Once our summer hires get more experience, we will roster 1 engine and 1 tender.

Chief Eastman will be on vacation June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup> back in the office July 12<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Chief Golden will be available during his absence. Chief Eastman is planning to have extra staffing available over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Annual ARFF live fire training this week in Pasco. Our ARFF certified members will be attending in shifts.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Policies & Procedures Section 700 and 800 were reviewed. The status change form is not needed as long as any status changes are documented in the signed meeting minutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Walla Walla County Commissioners approved dispersing ARPA (American Recue Plan Act of 2021) funds to EMS certified first responders at a rate of \$500 each for their continued service during the covid 19 pandemic. Current members that were active in 2020 and have Washington state EMR, EMT, or paramedic certification qualify. We have 38 members that meet the criteria. We have 14 members who do not meet the required qualifications; however, they were active during 2020 responding to medical calls. Chief Eastman asked the commissioners to consider funding these 14 members to the same stipend as the other. Commissioner Farrens motioned to provide an additional stipend of \$500 to those 14 members for their service. Commissioner Myrick seconded.

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:33 PM Commissioner Hector called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. The executive session will be for 15 minutes.

**Commissioner Meeting, June 21, 2021**

At 4:51 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on July 14, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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