

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 8, 2020 via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick via Zoom. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Bill Box, Debbie Mobley, Megan Waite, Brian Jones, Casey Sewell and Sebastian Scheiff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was not completed due to the Zoom meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

TURN-OUT BID OPENING

Firefighter Sewell opened and read bids; bids were as follows:

Cascade Fire (INNOTEX)	Bid 1) \$167,650 PBI Max Bid 2) \$150,500 Armor AP
SeaWestern (LION)	Bid 1) \$167,748 PBI Max as bid Bid 2) \$177,037 PBI Max with additional options
MES (MORNING PRIDE)	Bid 1) \$157,150 PBI Max
LN Curtis (GLOBE)	Bid 1) \$159,880 PBI Max Bid 2) \$157,290 Kombat Flex Bid 3) \$150,360 Agility

Chief Eastman and Firefighter Sewell will review bid packet and have a recommendation at the next commissioner meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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 reviewed EMS transports for the month of June. Twenty transports were completed in June and a total of 145 for the year.

Chief Eastman advised Deans military deployment has been extended to August 21st. Commissioner Myrick inquired about Dean's compensation and benefits. Per State law the first 21 days are normal paid compensation, after 21 days his job is held but no compensation if earned. Throughout his deployment he will receive full military pay. Dean's insurance has been suspended temporarily; he has medical covered thru military.

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Summer Projects are progressing very well. The Airport Hydrant testing was completed in 1 day with all crew members working to complete them, the hose testing was completed in 1 week and great progress is being made on painting Station 42.

The District received a donation of MRE's from the Walla Walla VA. The MRE's will be used by staff for severities and state mobilizations. Due to the amount of MRE's donated we were able to distribute some to all fire agencies in Walla Walla County.

Chief Eastman reported Debbie Mobley's upcoming retirement on July 31st. Chief Eastman asked the commissioners to consider allowing her sick leave to be cashed out the same as bargaining unit employees. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the sick leave cash out. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ECSI & City will present a workshop on July 20th at 16:00 via Zoom. Commissioners will be given a presentation and will have an opportunity to ask questions. Member groups will have the opportunity to view the presentation and ask questions through a representative.

Brian Snure reviewed the training tower contract, he provided some language recommendations and also recommended to clarify the five year pay back expectation. Notes have been forwarded to the City.

Commissioner Hector inquired about the COVID testing Machine at Providence St. Mary's. Chief Eastman advised that they have received the testing machine and are in the process of completing the in service processes. It should be available early next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 07001 through 07043 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 \$122,703.32.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:50 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 10 minutes.

At 5:00 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on July 22, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____