

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 11, 2021 at Station 41.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2021 motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

The EMS response and transport report for the month of July was provided. Ninety responses for the month of July. Forty-five fire responses and forty-five EMS responses with Twenty-two transports completed in July.

Deputy Chief Golden gave a personnel update. Tim Doggett accepted a position with the City of Walla Walla Fire Department. His official resignation date is August 25. Chief Eastman will be making an offer to a potential replacement.

Chief Eastman reported apparatus specifications are still in progress and should be ready to go out to bid by the end of August. Chief Eastman asked to move forward with the purchase of a new Deputy Chief vehicle, would be ordered off state bid and would be identical to the new Duty Officer pickup. Commissioner Myrick asked Deputy Chief Golden if he would like to see any changes from the current Duty Officer vehicle, Deputy Chief Golden stated he would not want or need anything changed. Commissioners approved moving forward.

Chief Eastman reports under the Governors current covid vaccination proclamation all state employees, contract employees, and healthcare providers are required to be vaccinated by October 18, 2021. According to an article written by Brian Snure all EMS members certified through the Department of Health are considered to be healthcare providers, therefore all District 4 EMS providers will be required to get vaccinations. Volunteer firefighters intending to participate in state mobilization fires are also required to have the vaccination.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman and Commissioner Hector attended an EMS Council meeting in regards to law enforcement responses changes. Commissioner Hector reports more questions were asked then answers were given. Dr. Neace is very supportive of our EMS personnel's safety and will support an EMS providers decision to withdraw themselves from a call if the situation feels unsecure.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 210801001 through 210801049 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$153,040.12.

Chief Eastman presented new EMT only member application from David Siviter, David recently moved here from the East Coast, is working on getting his Washington state certifications and has passed the background check. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approved David Siviter. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. Chief Eastman asked the Commissioners to consider adding Administrative Assistant Megan Waite as and EMT only Volunteer. Commissioner Myrick inquired about the liability to the department and if it was the best and only option. Commissioner Farrens suggested discussing the situation with Attorney Brian Snure and coming back with options.

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2022 Budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th @ 2 or 3 PM, before regular Commissioner Meeting. Chief to set a time.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Paramedic Jes Goodson expressed concerns regarding the safety of District 4 members on unsecured scenes, the liability of leaving a patient and being notified if law enforcement is in route or not. Commissioner Hector stated if the scene is unsecure and you don't feel safe it is o.k. to pull back, this is not considered patient abandonment. The Commissioners and the medical director Dr. Neace will support the EMS personnel's decision.

Administrative Assistant Megan Waite gave update regarding WFCA conference in October. Reservations are secured at Holiday Inn Express & Suites and attempts are being made to get reservations at Tulalip Resort. Registration for the conference should be open soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on August 25, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman