

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on September 22, 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 Deputy Chief John Golden, Brain Jones, Jeff Wagner, Megan Waite, and General Fire Representatives Brendon Feist and Kyle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2021 and the Budget workshop of September 8, 2021 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

ENGINE AND WATER TENDER BID OPENING

Bid 1) Hughes Fire Submitted a letter thanking us for the opportunity, however, they will not be submitting a bid.

Bid 2) General Fire Engine \$399,922 optional equipment \$26,829 additional
Tenders (x2) \$715,966 optional equipment \$680 additional

TOTAL \$1,115,888

General Fire Representative advised discounts were also available and listed separately. Commissioner Myrick ask for delivery period, Brenden Feist with General Fire advised 400 days. After brief discussion Chief Eastman asked for some time to review bids to ensure all specifications are met. Special Meeting will be held September 29th at 3:00pm to review and consider action on the bid.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

The Walla Walla County Auditor's office has requested an updated District Board Authorization Form signatures required. The Commissioners and Secretary Eastman provided signatures.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reported advertisement for bids for Ambulance/Rescue are in the final stages. Should be finalized and sent out by Monday, September 27th with bid opening either October 13th or October 27th.

The funeral mass for retired Commissioner Emilio Buttice will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, September 24th at the Assumption Catholic Church. Fire District 4 members will line up along with Walla Walla City Firefighters along the entrance to the church.

Chief reported Megan is updating the Fire District Brochure to be sent out mid-October to District residents.

Chief Eastman asked the commissioners to consider purchasing a new Lawn Tractor for station maintenance. Our current lawn tractor is 13 years old and has had many maintenance issues this past year. We are looking at a commercial grade zero-turn mower that will likely cost \$10,000 - \$15,000. Board approved purchase of new lawn mower.

Covid Vaccine Mandate all exemption requests have been addressed and accommodations are being met. Some volunteer members are choosing to not to be vaccinated and will take a leave from medical responses. Approximately 60% of current members are now vaccinated.

Chief Eastman reported all districts in Walla Walla County will be receiving a Zoll Autopulse funded by Walla Walla County.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman gave update on Training Facility Bids, bids were opened 9/21/21. They received four bids, all bids include a general contractor. Low bid is ESF solutions at \$895,734.38, with a completion date around May of 2022. If awarded the total cost of project will be just under 975,000. Our previous agreement was to fund up to \$900,000. Chief Eastman is asking to increase our original participation amount to \$975,00 to cover increase. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve \$975,000. Commissioner Farrens Seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented four new members for Board approval pending physical exams. Christian Warner, Kevin Edelman, Carson Evans and Robbie Krieger. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve pending physicals. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Administrative Assistant Megan Waite gave update regarding WFCA conference in October. We now have two rooms secured for three nights at Tulalip Resort.

At 4:25 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 20 minutes.

At 4:45 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on October 13, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman