

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on September 8, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioners Myrick and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included John Golden, Phil Tonn, Candice Tonn, Jenny Mayberry, Travis Slater and Megan Waite in person at station 41. Brian Jones via Zoom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2021 motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

Update on the WFCA conference to be held at the Tulalip Resort in October.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The EMS response and transport report for the month of August was provided. Ninety-six responses for the month of August. Thirty-six fire responses and sixty EMS responses with Twenty-eight transports completed in August.

Chief Eastman reports Dean Atkinson will complete his military obligation 9-21-21 will return to work October 1, 2021 and plans to work until 12-31-21 then will retire. Will be around and available after retirement and would like to volunteer at station 44.

Chief Eastman reports the fair went very smoothly. Thanks everyone for the great support and volunteering.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Eastman reports he received clarification of the Governor's vaccine mandate. Firefighters that do not provide medical care are exempt from vaccine mandate. In light of new clarification Chief Eastman asked that the current vaccination policy be reviewed. Commissioner Hector opened the floor for discussion with audience. Jenny Mayberry inquired about the exemption process, who will determine eligibility? And What accommodation's will be made? Chief Eastman responded that exemption requests will be reviewed by Attorney Brian Snure to verify the exemption meets the criteria. Once Brian Snure gives his recommendation, Chief Eastman and Commissioner Hector will meet with applicants on an individual basis to determine accommodation's. After discussion Commissioner Farrens motioned to update the current policy to apply to Healthcare Providers rather than all Fire and EMS providers. Commissioner Hector seconded motion and was carried. Chief Eastman presented Resolution 21-04 Adopting Policies and Procedures for signatures.

Chief Eastman presented an Oregon Contract with change of ownership only. Previous owner Sheryl Cox reported property sold to Dennis Volosin. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve new owner. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 210901001 through 210901050 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$181,236.59.

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:45 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.

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At 5:00 pm the regular meeting reconvened. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

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