

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 12, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioner Myrick, Chief Rocky Eastman and Deputy Chief John Golden were present at station 41. Commissioner Hector was ill. Guests included Megan Waite in person at station 41.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

The minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting of September 28, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Chief Eastman reported the Snure Webinar is October 26th from 6:30p-9:30p.

WFCA conference is October 27th – 29th at the Spokane Davenport Grand Hotel. All reservations are confirmed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman estimated 300-350 guest attended the Open House and thanked the Commissioners for cooking! Commissioner Farrens reported feedback from guests that the narration with the displays was great and very informative!

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of September was provided. One hundred four total responses for the month and fifty-one EMS responses with twenty-four transports for the month of September.

Pump Testing was completed by Kyle and Travis. Brian, Timothy and Zach completed the SAM program for all 1st grades and is complete at all the schools.

Chief Eastman reported the new Dozer transport trailer has arrived, will be in-service once paperwork and license plates arrive. Plans are to surplus the old trailer.

Chief Eastman gave a staffing update. Ariel Morfin's official last day is Monday, October 17, 2022. Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden have interviewed one candidate and may conduct two phone interviews before making a decision.

United State Forest Service (USFS) has scheduled a prescribe burn in the Tiger Canyon area, Chief Eastman reported District #4 plans to assist starting Monday the 17th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman reported the apparatus purchasing timeframe has not changed from the vendors for a new engine. Commissioners would like a recommendation from the apparatus committee regarding a Type 1 engine purchase.

Chief Eastman presented the budget projections in an alternate format for review.

NEW BUSINESS

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Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 221001001 through 220901058 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 \$238,159.56.

Financial hardship waiver for EMS transport (Incident #2022-00000235) that occurred in March 2022 was presented. The applicant's monthly income is listed at \$1744/month or \$20,928 annually, which is 114.2% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2022 for family of two. Financial hardship discounts are based on WAC 246-453-050. The allowed discount for 114.2 % is a 75% reduction, \$243.75, to be written off as charity. After a brief discussion Commissioner Farrens motioned to write off \$243.75. Commissioner Myrick seconded motion was carried.

Financial hardship waiver for EMS transport (Incident # 2022-00000183) that occurred in March 2022 was presented. The applicant's monthly income is listed at \$3,530.80/month or \$42,369.60 annually, which is 152.7% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2022 for a family of four. Financial hardship discounts are based on WAC 246-453-050. The allowed discount for 152.7 % is a 50% reduction, \$606.80, to be written off as charity. After a brief discussion Commissioner Farrens motioned to write off \$606.80. Commissioner Myrick seconded motion was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM

The public hearing for the 2023 Revenue will be October 25, 2023 at 3:45 p.m.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on October 25th, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman