

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 25, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Farrens, Hector and Myrick and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No flag present to salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was presented, no changes to agenda. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

Tri-County Fire Commissioner Association Meeting; November 12th at station 41. Commissioner Hector will purchase refreshments and submit an expense report. Community Medic Cody Maine will present the Community Paramedic program implemented in Walla Walla.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman gave staffing update. We have a candidate that we have made a conditional employment offer to. Travis Slater will be out on medical leave 6-8 weeks, then back to light/desk duty until doctor's release. Zach Hubbard will switch to A shift during Travis's Leave. We have 9 new volunteers starting Nov 1st, one of which is a medic that is willing to help cover some medic shifts. Timothy Bowen should complete medic school in December and be fully certified in January.

USFS prescribes burns were successful. We were able to provide limited assistance.

Chief Eastman reported the Governors Emergency Proclamation ends October 31, 2022. Commissioners all agreed all covid restrictions/requirements could be dissolved.

Chief Eastman stated the tender inspections have been moved back to the end of November, trying to combine tender inspection and ambulance inspection into one trip. The Ambulance chassis has arrived at Braun ahead of schedule, currently expecting delivery in November.

Chief Eastman reported all career members have been certified as burn tower operators. Deputy Chief Golden completed the ICS 300 & 400 courses last week.

Chief Eastman reported the GEMT cost report is nearly complete for next year. Advised the Medicare rules are changing to not include engines as a shared resource, potentially causing reduction of payments received.

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Department Christmas dinner and parade of lights is December 3rd.

Chief Eastman will be on vacation November 10-20.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman reported an ARFF agreement with updated rates has been sent to Port of Walla Walla, to date we have not had a response.

Commissioner Myrick attended a narcotics class, advised anyone with a Washington address can get free Narcan online at stopoverdose.org

NEW BUSINESS

The 2023 Budgets were reviewed and discussed. No changes were desired by the Board. Therefore, Resolution 2022-04; A Resolution Requesting the County to Levy Taxes was presented. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve resolution 2022-04. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2022-05; A Resolution Adopting the 2023 Budget was presented. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved and signed.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:55 PM Commissioner Farrens 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 for 10 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman