

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on January 25, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector 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**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented, Commissioner Hector added discussion about microphone to new business. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2023 were reviewed. Commissioner Myrick suggested elaborating on why the pump and motor from General Fire was substandard. Commissioner Hector motioned for approval of minutes after change. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report for December were presented & reviewed.

Legislative Day in Olympia February 17<sup>th</sup>. Chief Eastman plans to attend.

Tri-County Commissioners meeting in Benton City on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Hector and Myrick plan to attend.

Brian Snure released a webinar series Structing Volunteer Programs on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Medical records management on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Chief Eastman recommended all attend the 'Structuring Volunteer Programs' and Deputy Chief Golden attend 'Medical Records Management' as well. Megan will complete registration.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman reported the Audit Exit Interview reported no findings. Commissioner Hector would like to compose a letter on behalf of the commissioner's recognizing personnel for the efforts put into the Audit.

Chief Eastman gave apparatus update. Tenders are almost in-service, the radio antenna wire was missed in the specs, so we are having to install. Type 1 engine is complete, virtual final inspection should be scheduled soon. Mechanical siren was installed on E3411.

Chief Eastman reported the Medicare Ground Ambulance Cost data collection survey will be completed by Deputy Chief Golden using data gathered from 2022. Medicare Center for Medical Services uses this information to set Medicare rates in the future. Survey completion required by May 31, 2023.

Deputy Chief Interviews will be scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of February.

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Chief Eastman reported Travis Slater returned to light duty on Monday.

Chief Eastman reported the Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>. We have nominated members for firefighter of the year award. Some of our members will be recognized at the luncheon.

Reminder Pinning ceremony for Paige Senter is scheduled for tonight at 6pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hector inquired about the classroom microphone and speaker. Deputy Chief Golden will research best options for microphone/speaker.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:30 PM Commissioner Myrick 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 4:40 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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