

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on February 8, 2023 at Station 41.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented, after addition of executive session. 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 24<sup>th</sup>, the Special Meeting minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

Tri-County Fire Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at Benton 2 Station 210. Commissioner Hector and Myrick are planning to attend.

Reservations have been made for Chelan conference in June.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of January was provided. Ninety total responses for the month and fifty-nine EMS responses with thirty-three transports for the month.

Chief Eastman reported the career staff has been doing a great job putting the new apparatus in-service. Tender in-service training is scheduled for Monday night's station meeting. Engine 3414 arrived today, should be easier in-service process. The optional equipment had an ordering delay and we can expect delivery in approximately 6 months. Kyle with General Fire is working on an estimate for another Engine.

Eligibility list testing February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, if needed, we have received 3-4 applications and hope to receive a couple more.

Chief Eastman discussed the need for annual Lieutenant testing. Planning to have test every year for the next few years, with the number of members planning to retire in the next several years.

Personnel update Deputy Chief Position was offered to Captain. Woiblet and he accepted to start March 1<sup>st</sup>. Captain. Davin will retire end of June, will come back after 3-month break as Captain.

Reminder Awards banquet is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 5pm to meet and greet. We will see a cost increase of about 17.5% for the meals.

The Auxiliary receives an annual donation from a community member, her request is the money go back to the members. Chief Eastman presented a potential opportunity to attend a Walla Walla sweets game as a group, in appreciation of our members hard work and dedication. With the \$1,000 donation, and \$200 contributions from the union and each station the cost should be covered. We have committed to July 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Hector asked if the department could pay instead of the union and stations, Chief Eastman will check and report.

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Chief Eastman gave an update on our speaker system. Abundant technologies have been trouble shooting our speaker system. They replaced all the speakers and tested all the wires in the station. The radio system was overmodulating the amp, causing the speakers to shut down.

Deputy Chief Golden and Captain Box met with a Logitech representative to discuss the speaker/microphone system in the classroom. They offered some ideas on how to set the room, the system will not be integrated with the current speaker system. We are in the process of getting an estimate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief Golden presented a sample table as an option to replace the classroom tables and chairs. He is working with Total office concepts. We have \$10,000 in the budget, the estimate for 80 chairs and 20 tables is around \$26,000. That includes the government discount of 54% off chairs and 63% off tables. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve extra costs. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. Commissioner Myrick asked Deputy Golden to document a comparison estimate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Eastman presented the 2023 EMS Levy Contract for approval and signatures. There have not been any changes to the contract except for the payment amount. Our portion is \$467,194. After a brief discussion Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230201001 through 232101049 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 \$188,035.28.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

At 5:10 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 50 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

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