

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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, no changes to agenda. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting and the minutes of the budget workshop of October 11, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

2024 WFCA Conference hotel reservations – Megan to make reservations for 2025.

November 18th Tri-County Commissioners meeting at 9am in Walla Walla. Jacob LeBarron of DNR will have a presentation.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of October was provided. Seventy-seven total responses for the month and forty-five EMS responses with twenty-nine transports for the month.

GESA grant was not approved for Auto-pulse device.

Department Christmas Party and Light parade is scheduled December 2nd @ 3pm. Would like to get some Elves in the Christmas parade, and make Santa's Workshop theme.

We have 9 applicants moving forward, orientation was last week. They will start attending station meetings to get familiar with their stations.

Training officer Captain Box submitted his retirement notice for March 31, 2024. The current captains list expires in December. We are updating our eligibility list.

Rocky on Vacation November 10-19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reviewed the meetings that took place with Liz Loomis Consulting. They are doing a great job preparing information regarding levy lifts. Commissioner Hector is on the committee working with the consultants. Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden are laying out a great foundation for a potential lid-lift in 2024. A meeting with our members is scheduled for Dec. 11th at 7pm.

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Strategic Planning Committee is still on track to deliver goals and by end of year.

NEW BUSINESS

WFCA Healthcare employer application was presented for Commissioner Myrick to signed.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 231101001 through 231101049 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 \$203,935.52.

The 2024 Budgets were reviewed and discussed. No changes were desired by the Board. Therefore, Resolution 2023-04; A Resolution Requesting the County to Levy Taxes was presented. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve resolution 2023-04. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2023-03; A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Budget was presented. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved and signed.

Oregon fire protection contract with Warren & Sheri Berg, 6794 Mill Creek Road. The account is delinquent and a certified letter has been sent with no reply from the Bergs. Commissioner Hecto motion to cancel their fire protection contract. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Brian Jones commented that the lid lift discussions should be centered around EMS as that is the majority of our calls.

At 5:00 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 approximately 10 - 15 minutes.

At 5:15 PM the regular meeting reconvened. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman