

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 8, 2025, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Myrick and Hector were present at Station 41 and Secretary/Chief John Golden. Guests include Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet, Brian Jones, and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The meeting agenda and minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2025, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Commissioners activity reports were reviewed and approved by each commissioner.

Reminder Snure seminar at Tulalip October 22, 6:30pm – 9:30pm.

Public Budget meeting changed to October 30th at 3:45pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire and EMS response and transport reports for September were provided. One hundred five total responses for the month with thirty-one transports.

November 12th pinning for Ryan Chase @ 6pm.

Rescue 3441 check engine light coming on, computer reset

E3411 has oil leak, diagnostics show that the engine has been 'dusted'. Chief will keep commissioners advised of repair estimates.

ECM needs replaced for the riding lawn mower.

Refund request from systems design for an overpayment, paid.

A community member and district #4 resident has been into station 41 twice very agitated. Chief Golden had the first encounter and B-shift the second. A police report has been made and staff members have all been advised. Increased security measures for Station 41 were discussed. After a brief discussion Commissioner Myrick motioned to improve security at station 41. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Today, Marathon pipeline delivered a \$6,100 grant check and donated two brand new drones. We will be implementing a drone program and investing in a drone with thermal imaging.

The fire extinguisher incident was turned into insurance, per the advice of Kevin Baffney at McDonald Zaring Insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Whitman County #14 is working on financing for the purchase of E3416.

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Collective bargaining agreement with Local 4514 was approved and signed. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the 2026-2029 collective bargaining agreement with Local 4514 as presented. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Software update discussion to replace the existing Fire House software continued. ESO needs to be notified if we are planning to renew with them for 2026. Commissioner Hector motioned to give ESO notice that we do not intent to renew for the entire 2026 year. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual cost of living increase for ARFF services effective 2026. Commissioner Hector motioned to increase the fee for ARFF services in 2026 by 4%. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Oregon contract presented for 61362 Mill Creek Road with new owner Gregory Repoff. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve contract with Greg Repoff at 61362 Mill Creek Road. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 251001001 through 251091055 were presented for payment. Chief Golden reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$279,226.93, Payroll for \$210,353.47.

Items for approval in the proposed 2026 budget were discussed and voted on as follows:

- Station alerting system - all in favor
- Station 41 architecture & Engineering - all in favor
- purchase of new side by side, UTV - all in favor
- Five AED's - all in favor
- Gym equipment as proposed - all in favor
- Twelve new sets of structure gear - all in favor
- upgraded software for Radio headsets - all in favor

Commissioner Hector motioned to approve all items discussed as stated. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously. Commissioner Hector asked that all staff be advised that they appreciate what they are doing and the efforts being made for improvements.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 5:01pm 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 be 5 minutes. The Commissioner came out of Executive Session at 5:06pm and the meeting continued. Commissioner Hector motioned to increase the exempt employees a 4% raise for the 2026 budgetary year. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman