

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on February 25, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector and Secretary/Chief John Golden were present at Station 41. Guests include Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney, Brian Jones, and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The meeting agenda and minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial report and Secretary's Budget for January have not been received from the County Treasurer's office.

PC reports due by each commissioner.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Duty Officer pick-up got new tires.

Automated dispatch overall has been a smooth transition.

Entry level firefighter testing was today. There were 12 candidates testing to be on our list.

Awards banquet March 7th. Commissioner Myrick has been working on his speech.

Audit update, they are reviewing the social security refund.

Two proposed annexations from the City of Walla Walla.

Providence contract for firefighter physical tests was renewed.

Auxiliary is selling big cheese coupons for a fund raiser.

Paige back middle of May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

One of the delinquent Oregon contracts property owner had passed away, an attorney's office is sending a check to settle the estate.

Station alerting system was previously approved by the Board for \$70k. A new estimate has the same system at \$79k. Project does not need to go out to bid because it is a sole source provider. After a brief discussion covering the benefits and functions, Commissioner Hector motioned to move forward with purchasing the new alerting system. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Golden presented Resolution 2026-01 amending the personnel policy manual, Policy 600-001. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve resolution 2026-01. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

Consider purchasing pagers. We currently have 20-22 members operating without pagers. New Motorola pager costs around \$500/each. Commissioner Farrens stated he didn't see an issue purchasing pagers as needed. Deputy Chief McKinney will send a survey to identify how many are used and are needed.

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Air lift Northwest contract rate increase discussion.

Dozer transport needs new clutch and shocks, estimate from Mountain Hi for \$9,100. Chief Golden presented 2025 revenue from dozer transport. Chief would like to repair what we have for the 2026 fire season and consider updating in 2027 budget. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve repairs on Dozer transport. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

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, March 11, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman