

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 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 25, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial report and Secretary's Budget for January and February were presented with incomplete revenue, as revenue has not been received from the County Treasurer's office.

Chief drafted a letter expressing concerns regarding the lack of financial reports from the County Treasurer. Commissioner Farrens motioned to send the letter to the County Treasurer and CC the three County Commissioners. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

WFCA conference updates from Commissioner Farrens and Commissioner Myrick.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Transport still at Mountain Hi should be completed by the end of the week.

E3457 was damaged at a state mobe last summer, it is at Northwest collision being repaired.

T3425 is out of service, parts ordered and V will repair when he returns.

Volunteer interviews 8 were invited, 6 showed up, and 4 will continue with on-boarding. These new volunteers will start with wildland training.

Academy Graduation tomorrow at 6pm at WWVA Auditorium.

Audit update – **Accountability audit:** No findings
Financial audit: One finding regarding the incomplete Notes to the Financial Reports.
First Full Financial Audit according to the State Auditor
Suggested having an accountant review future Notes to the Financial reports. Thanked Megan for her hard work during the chaotic audit process.

MOU draft for Emergency Management Evacuations, like a mutual aid agreement for evacuations; once draft version becomes final, MOU will return for Commissioner's signature.

Chief shared Cottonwood annexation emails from area residents; reminded board that part of D4's ramp down agreement stipulates that D4 will not oppose or challenge annexations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pager survey results

NEW BUSINESS

Summer hires desired this year is 3; June 1st through end of fire season, scheduling them one per shift. Commissioner Farrens voiced concern about the unknown revenue based on lack of County Financial Reports

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and funding of these positions. Chief Golden pointed out that 4 positions were budgeted for 2026. Commissioner Hector motioned to hire. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

One of our residents inquired about financial assistance for paramedic school. Chief Golden put together a proposal based on current D4 policy, Commissioners asked for some modifications. Chief Golden will present revised agreement at next meeting.

A proposal to increase by one full-time person by June to have our third shift up to four career members. This will fulfill our Levy promise of hiring "up to 3" additional staff. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve new hire. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried. Commissioner Farrens opposed. Motion passed.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman