

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 10, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector were present at Station 41 and Secretary/Chief John Golden. 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 May 27, 2026 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

SEWFCA meeting is scheduled June 19th at 6:30pm in Dayton. Commissioners Hector and Myrick and Chief Golden are planning to attend.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire and EMS incidents report for May, 94 calls total. Forty-three fire calls and fifty-one EMS, of those 23 patients were transported.

Walla Walla County Treasurer Gordon Heimbigner gave Chief Golden an estimate of the reserve account interest and would provide actuals. The treasurer sent an email stating he would have actual numbers by the end of the month and other reports from the auditor's office would be updated soon.

Pinning tonight at 6:00 pm for Josh Needham, Ethan Zehner and Ryan Chase.

ARFF 342 is Out of Service

The grass truck headsets needed to be updated – Casey is working on the updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New hire Josh Needham is applying for paramedic program. Commissioners agreed to offer the same contract as previously offered, with a payback schedule if member separates from employment.

Station alerting system prices will be increasing July 1. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hector motioned to order station alerting system. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Myrick asked if we could look into Auracast, a wireless blue tooth system that broadcast audio. Deputy Chief McKinney will look into it.

The purchase of a new side by side has been on hold waiting for revenue reports. The purchase was approved in the budget, an estimate was discussed and now that revenue is being reported chief feels comfortable purchasing. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the purchase of side by side. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

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Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 260601001 through 260601064 were presented for payment. Chief Golden 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 \$363,477.50.

Chief Hector with City of Walla Walla needs an updated MOU to include Fire District #4 on the AFG Grant application. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve MOU with City of Walla Walla to apply for the AFG grant. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

Deputy Chief McKinney reported overtime in May from a state mobilization. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve paying the reimbursable overtime. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Brief discussion regarding payroll policy being worked on, including lost payroll check process.

Commissioner Hector inquired if we will receive interest on the interest from the Walla Walla County Treasurer. If any district funds are generating interest, that interest should be passed on to the district.

Commissioner Myrick inquired about policy changes, can the policy regarding commissioners be volunteers be changed. The Fire Commissioners have the authority to change the policy.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman