

**MAY 7, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, May 7, 2020

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243 and via teleconference.

**Present:** In attendance were Deputy Chiefs Robert Bounds and Rick Blanco, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Captains Bobby Thayer and Mike Bloski, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, and Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Center called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Meeting Instructions**

Chairman Center read the meeting instructions as this was the telephonic meeting.

**Roll Call (via teleconference)**

Daniel Center, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer; James Cena; Anthony Evans and James Grote, Commissioners were in attendance via GotoMeeting. DVP Derek Foss was also attending via phone.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Coronavirus Update  
Deputy Chief Bounds gave the board an update.  
Deputy Chief Blanco reported on the testing now offered at UTC mall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Center asked for commissioner comments and there were none. Deputy Chief Bounds reported that he is continuing work on the 2021 Budget. Deputy Chief Bounds also notified the commissioners that we have received the audit. He inquired as to how each of them wished to receive the audit to prepare for the May 21 meeting. Executive Management Assistant Tuckerman will send electronic versions to all commissioners and a hard copy to Chairman Center.

Chairman Center reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 3:30 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.**

  
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Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer