

**JUNE 18, 2020**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Center called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Meeting Instructions**

Chairman Center read the meeting instructions as this was a 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.

**At the Administration Office**

Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chiefs Robert Bounds and Rick Blanco, Captain Bobby Thayer, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles, Logistics Larry Sarver, Lt Ed Tumolo and David Jackson, district attorney.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- Presentation of the RFQ for Architect Services  
Chief Gorski called in the first firm, Hall-Darling then the second firm, Sweet Sparkman. Each gave a brief presentation and answered questions. There was a recess of the meeting, at 5:53 pm, to allow the board members to complete the rankings of the two firms. At approximately 6:09 pm the meeting was called back to order. The commissioners were roll called and gave their scores which were totaled on a spreadsheet attached. Hall Darling received a 400 and Sweet Sparkman received 480. *Commissioner Marken motioned that Chief Gorski and Attorney Jackson are to negotiate a contract with Sweet Sparkman. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **ILA-SLA with manatee County for Information Technology Service**  
Chief Gorski reported that the completed contract was received in the office this week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Draft FY2021 Budget**

Deputy Chief Bounds went over the Draft FY2021 Budget.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**\* Pension Committee**

Deputy Chief Bounds reported that we have not received May's statement as of today. He reported that April was a good month.

**\* Union Report**

Derek Foss reported that a minor MOU was agreed upon by staff and the bargaining unit. He stated that the draft budget looks good.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

2. Chief Gorski's gave a COVID-19 update. Deputy Chief Bounds reported that in the draft budget was a reserve engine. Deputy Chief Bounds also reported that just this evening we received the experience modification report from Phill Baker. We are now .94. Last year we were 1.18.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Center asked for commissioner comments. Chairman Center congratulated the staff on the reduction of workers compensation. Commissioner Cena inquired on the next legal seminar. Commissioner Marken had received the notice in her email today and staff will forward it to commissioners.

Chairman Center reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

 

Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:

 

Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer