

**AUGUST 20, 2020  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 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. Anna Maria Studley and Rodney Louis from Gehring Group were also available for a portion of the meeting.

**At the Administration Office**

Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chiefs Robert Bounds and Rick Blanco, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Captain Mike Bloski, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, and Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- None

**Consent Agenda**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. FY21 Proposed Budget Update**

Chief Gorski and Deputy Chief Bounds presented the board with the few changes/modifications to the FY21 Proposed Budget.

- **Cancer Policy**

Deputy Chief Bounds presented the comparisons for the Cancer Policy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. 2020/2021 Schedule of Meetings**

*Commissioner Marken motioned to accept the 2020/2021 Schedule of Meetings. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**3. Pension Committee**

Deputy Chief Bounds reported that we have received our acceptance letters for the firefighter's plan from the Division of Retirement.

The next trustee meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020.

**\* Union Report**

Derek Foss reported that they continue to work on MOU's.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- 4.** Chief Gorski's reported that we should have our second ALS engine up and running on September 14. Chief Gorski also gave a COVID-19 update. Fire Marshal Adent updated the board on Fire Prevention Month activities. Captain Bloski notified the board that he continues to work on the COVID grant paperwork. Deputy Chief Blanco spoke about E351 status and suggested that we donate E311 to MTC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Center spoke about the MOU's being presented to the board for approval. Chairman Center asked for commissioner comments. Commissioner Cena had no comment. Commissioner Marken thanked staff for a great job on the budget and grant. Commissioner Grote seconded Commissioner Marken's thanks and inquired about shelters. Commissioner Evans also thanked staff for the budget and grant.

Chairman Center reported that the next meetings will be public hearings on Thursday, September 10, 2020, 5:00 pm to adopt the Tentative Millage and Budget along with a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, 5:00 pm for the Tax Appeals, Adopt Final Millage and Budget.pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.**

  
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Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer