

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2020-04 2020/2021 NON-AD-VALOREM FIRE**  
**ASSESSMENT RATE**  
**&**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2020-05 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE**  
**&**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 2020-06 TENTATIVE BUDGET**  
**&**  
**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY**

**Date:** Thursday, September 10, 2020

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Center called the public hearing to order at 5:01 p.m.

**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; and James Grote, Commissioners were in attendance via GotoMeeting. DVP Derek Foss was also attending via phone. Commissioner Evans was absent.

**At the Administration Office**

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

**Public Hearing/Adoption of 2020/2021 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessments**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Center called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Tuckerman stated that the advertisement was completed as required and the affidavit has been received.
- **Presentation of Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rates**  
Chief Gorski presented the fire assessment rates. Deputy Chief Bounds spoke on the mobile home calls.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**  
Chairman Center opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:11 p.m. There were no comments.
- **Close the Public Hearing**  
*Commissioner Grote motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Chairman Center closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

- **Board Deliberation Resolution 2020-04**  
*Commissioner Marken motioned to approve Resolution 2020-04 Adopting the 2020/2021 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution 2020-05 FY2020-2021 Tentative Millage Rate**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Center called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Tuckerman stated that the advertisement was completed as required and the affidavit has been received.
- **Presentation of Tentative Millage Rate/Procedures**  
Chief Gorski gave an overview of the millage rate. The 2020/2021 operating millage rate recommendation is 1.2061 mills, which is our current rate.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**  
Chairman Center opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:16 p.m. There were no comments.
- **Close the Public Hearing**  
*Commissioner Marken motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Chairman Center closed the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.
- **Board Deliberation Resolution 2020-05**  
*Commissioner Marken motioned to approve the fiscal year 2020/2021 operating millage rate for the Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District at 1.2061 mills which is higher than the rolled-back rate of 1.1484 mills by 5.02%. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Tentative FY2020/2021 Budget**

- **Verification of Public Notice**  
Chairman Center called for verification of the Public Notice. EMA Tuckerman stated that the advertisement was completed as required and the affidavit has been received.
- **Presentation of Tentative Budget/Procedures**  
Chief Gorski and Deputy Chief Bounds gave an overview of the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget.
- **Open Public Hearing for Comment**  
Chairman Center opened the Public Hearing for comments at 5:22 p.m. There were no comments.
- **Close the Public Hearing**  
*Commissioner Grote made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Chairman Center closed the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

- **Board Deliberation Resolution 2020-06**  
Chairman Center opened Board deliberation on Resolution 2020-06. *Commissioner Marken made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-06. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*
- **Adjournment of Public Hearing**  
Chairman Center adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:25 p.m.

**Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County**

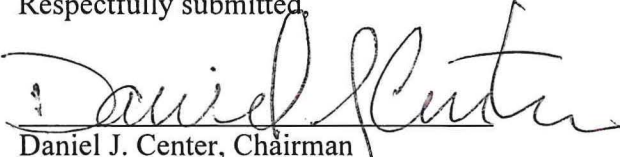
Chief Gorski presented the Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County regarding the CARES Act Funding. *Commissioner Marken made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County regarding the CARES Act Funding. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.*

Deputy Chief Bounds updated the board that Debbie Hiser will be leaving December 3. We are posting the job notice on September 13.

Chairman Center stated the next meeting will be a Public Hearing and Regular meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. That meeting will be for the final adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:

  
Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer