

**DECEMBER 17, 2020**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Date:** Thursday, December 17, 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**

Available at the Administration office: Daniel Center, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer; Anthony Evans and James Grote, Commissioners along with Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief's Robert Bounds and Rick Blanco, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Battalion Chief Gould, Captains Bobby Thayer and Mike Bloski, Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman, Information Technology Specialist Shawn Myles, DVP Derek Foss. Attorney Maggie Mooney was also present.

Attorney Karen Morinelli was available via Go to Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center recognized Jason Berzowski from Suncoast Professional Firefighters.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Probationary FF/PM Tucciarone**

The board agreed, unanimously, to extend FF/PM Tucciarone's contract to March 31, 2021.

**2. Chief Gorski's Employment Contract**

After some discussion, it was decided that Chief Bounds, when promoted, will have the authority to keep former Chief Gorski on the payroll for six months.

**3. Chief's Position/Employment Contract**

*After some discussion, Commissioner Evans motioned to accept Chief Bounds' contract presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. Radio Purchase**

Deputy Chief Blanco explained the need to purchase radios. *Commissioner Grote made a motion to transfer funds as needed to purchase radios per Deputy Chief Blanco. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

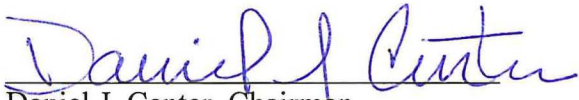
**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Center asked for comments. Chief Gorski updated the board on the status of the COVID Vaccine. The commissioners agreed upon an in-person meeting for January. Chairman Center inquired on additional cameras in the commission room.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel J. Center, Chairman

Attest:

  
Melanie A. Marken, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer