

**JANUARY 21, 2021  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, January 21, 2021

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

**Present:** In attendance were Daniel Center, Chairman; Melanie Marken, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; Anthony Evans; James Cena and James Grote, Commissioners. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Deputy Chief's Brian Gorski and Rick Blanco, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. Battalion Chief's Gould and Smith, Captain Thayer, DVP Derek Foss, Shawn Myles, Larry Betts and Frank Meola were also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

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

**Invocation/Pledge**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- **Annual Election of Board Officers**
  - *Commissioner Cena nominated Commissioner Marken as Chairman. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  - *Commissioner Cena nominated Commissioner Grote as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  - *Commissioner Center nominated Commissioner Grote as the Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  - *Commissioner Grote nominated Commissioner Cena as the MCFComA Representative. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  - *Commissioner Center motioned to continue Commissioner Evans as the MCFComA Alternate. Commissioner Cena seconded and the motion unanimously carried.*
  
- **Appointed Officers/Other Appointed Officers**

*Commissioner Center made a motion to leave positions as they are with discussion. Commissioner Center inquired to have Maggie Mooney listed as the General/Legislative attorney. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried with the change.*
  
- **Chairman Appointments**

Changes will be made as follows:

Council of Governments	Remove Chief Gorski
Vehicles and Equipment	Chief Gorski to Chief Bounds

**Committees:**

Vehicle Specifications	Chief Gorski to Chief Bounds
Insurance	Chief Bounds title corrected
Auditor RFP	Chief Gorski to Chief Bounds
	Deputy Chief Bounds to Deputy Chief Blanco
	Remove Accountant Hiser

- **Employee Recognition**  
Fire Marshal Leslie Adent was recognized for 30 years of service.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Station 2 Renovation - Update**  
Chief Bounds gave a brief update on the project.
- **Cameras/Microphones**  
Chief Bounds gave an update on purchasing a new camera and microphone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Station 5 Repair**  
Chief Bounds gave an update on the Station 5 repair project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- \* **Pension Committee**  
Chief Bounds reported on the November report.
- \* **January MCFCOM A Meeting – January 25, 2021**  
The next meeting will be at Parrish Fire Department.
- \* **Union Report**  
Derek Foss gave an update to the board on the many donations that were received for Christmas.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. Chief Bounds gave a brief report for the month. Deputy Chief Gorski and Captain Thayer gave a report on the new COVID report. Chief Gorski also reported on the dollars reimbursed from the CARES Grant. Fire Marshal Adent updated the board on the donations to the Manatee County School Board. Deputy Chief Blanco gave a brief report on the concrete repairs being made at Station 1 shortly. And he also reported on the new carpet scheduled to be installed at the Administrative offices.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

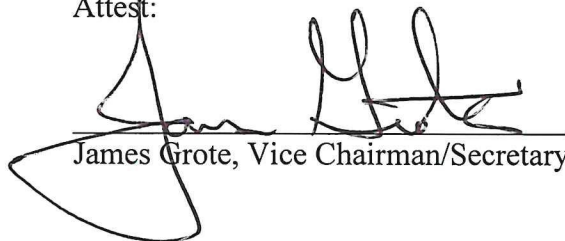
Chairman Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioner Cena thanks for the blanket. Commissioners Center, Grote & Evans thanked Captain Thayer for his COVID report. Chairman Marken also said awesome job. There are 15 bills that she will be following.

Chairman Marken reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.**

  
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Melanie A. Marken, Chairman

Attest:

  
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James Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer