

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

Present: In attendance were Melanie Marken, Chairman; James Grote, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; Daniel Center, and James Cena, Commissioners. Commissioner Anthony Evans attended telephonically but had issues communicating. Also, in attendance were Deputy Chiefs Brian Gorski and Rick Blanco, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Marken called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- None

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with discussion. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried. There were some minor changes to be made on the minutes (Center to Marken).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation - Update**
Deputy Chief Blanco gave an update on the project.
- **Cameras/Microphones**
Information Technology Specialist Myles gave an update on the status of the new camera and microphone.
- **Station 5 Repair**
Deputy Chief Blanco gave an update on the project.

- **Radios**

Deputy Chief Blanco presented the memo from Chief Bounds. After some discussion, *Commissioner Center motioned to deny the request in the memo titled Motorola Funding Proposal. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

- **Station 1 Concrete**

Deputy Chief Blanco presented photos and gave an update on the concrete project at Station 1.

- **Spare B/C Vehicle**

Deputy Chief Blanco gave a report on purchasing a B/C spare vehicle. After some discussion, Chief Blanco will research additional options and return with this item next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**

Chairman Chevalier updated the Board on the February meeting.

1. **2020 General Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation**

Executive Management Assistant (EMA) Tuckerman gave an overview of the 2020 General Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the 2020 General Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

- * **January MCFComA Meeting – January 25, 2021**

Commissioner Cena gave an overview of the meeting.

- * **Union Report**

Derek Foss informed the Board that the Union will be following several bills this session.

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Captain Thayer and Deputy Chief Gorski gave an update to the COVID-19 report. EMA Tuckerman thanked the Board for their patience in getting the financial reports completed. Inspector Betts gave a brief report for Fire Prevention. Deputy Chief Blanco answered a few questions. Commissioner Center asked if a comparison of years could be added to some of the Operations graphs/reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Marken called for Public Comment and recognized Captain Thayer. Captain Thayer reminded commissioners about the Change of Command ceremony next Friday.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioners Grote and Center thanked Deputy Chief Blanco for filling in tonight, great job. Commissioner Center spoke on the pension plans.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairman

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer