

**April 20, 2023**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

**Present:** Melanie Marken, Chairperson  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary  
Dan Center, Commissioner  
Anthony Evans, Commissioner  
Chief, Robert Bounds  
Assistant Chief, Rick Blanco  
Training Chief, Dan Anderson  
Executive Management Assistant, Janee Fergerson.  
There were other staff also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson 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**

New hire firefighters Quevedo, Duncan, Garcia, and Howell took their oath and were pinned by family members.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **FEMA Reimbursement**

Chief Bounds informed the Board all projects have been submitted and approved. We have received reimbursement from one submitted project. The Chief will update the Board when reimbursement is received for the other projects.

- **SMFR SWAT Medic Program**

Chief Bounds spoke with the Manatee County Sheriff's Office regarding the details of the SWAT Medic Program. The Board approved employees to participate in the program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Fixed Asset Surplus**

Chief Bounds presented a memo listing the assets to be surplus. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the Fixed Asset Surplus as presented. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

2. **Personal Income Growth (PIG) for 2023**

Chief Bounds presented the current PIG rate at 6.7%. The board approved the personal income growth rate at 6.7%

3. **Resolution 2023-01 Exhibit A: Retiree Health Insurance Policy**

Chief Bounds presented Resolution 2023-01. Chief Bounds presented some changes to be made to the directive supporting the resolution. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01 with corrections made to Directive 151. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

\* **Station 4 Renovation**

Chief Bounds gave an update on the bids placed for station 4 renovation.

\* **Hazmat Detector**

Captain Bloski gave a presentation to the Board to get approval to purchase a new hazmat detector. He provided the Board with three quotes. He recommended the detector of his choice and one that would be best for the district. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the purchase of a hazmat detector from Red Wave Technology and Environics. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* **Pension Committee**

Captain Chevalier reported on the current standings of the pension. The Board of the fire pension voted to use surplus funds to cover a large portion of underfunding from the prior fiscal year.

\* **Union Report**

FF paramedic Ian Segneri gave details on the Florida Retirement System changes. The MDA Boot Drive raised a total of \$88,000.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

4. Chief Bounds informed the board of his upcoming vacation

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Center and Chief Bounds discussed if there had been any CUR and the lift assist. Commissioners congratulated all new hires and thanked staff.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.**

  
Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer