

**August 17, 2023**  
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

**Present:** Melanie Marken, Chairperson  
Anthony Evans, Commissioner  
Daniel Center, Commissioner  
Robert Bounds, Chief  
Rick Blanco, Assistant Chief  
Dan Anderson, Training Chief  
There were other staff also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Marken 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**

None

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet without the treasure's report. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Station 4 Remodel AIA Contract**  
AC Blanco gave an update on the progress of the station 4 remodel. The modular home is being prepared to be put in service. The design build team is preparing the plans for the remodel. Chief Bounds received the contract to be reviewed by legal. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the AIA Contract. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried*

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **FY 2023/2024 Schedule of Meetings**  
*Commissioner Center motioned to approve the 2023/2024 schedule of meetings. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- \* **FY 2024 Proposed Budget**  
Chief Bounds presented the most recent draft of the 2023/2024 proposed budget.

\* **FY 2021/2022 Carryover**

Chief Bounds presented Board with a memorandum stating the carryover and allocations of the carryover from fiscal year 2021/2022. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the 2021/2022 carryover. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* **Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status. We received a check from the State of Florida for the supplemental Chapter 175 contribution in the amount of \$558,831.15.

\* **Union Report**

LT. Derek Foss. Local union had an E-board meeting regarding the legality of automatic payroll deductions of union dues.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Bounds had nothing new to report. Commissioner Center requested to be updated on the Manatee County Investment pool if there are any issues with getting our monthly reports. Commissioner Center requested Chief Bounds to speak with Manatee County EMS chief to get details on the 12 hour shifts of EMS staff.

Deputy Fire Marshal Meola: Open house is scheduled for November 4, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Commissioners thanked everyone for their work.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.**

  
Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer