

**NOVEMBER 21, 2019  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2019

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

**Present:** Daniel Center, Acting Chairman; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Melanie Marken, Secretary; and James Cena, Commissioner. Also, in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief's Robert Bounds and Rick Blanco, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. Department legal counsel, David Jackson was in attendance also.

**Call to Order**

Acting 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**

- \* Chief Gorski displayed the awards won at the Chili Cookoff. We won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and People's Choice.
- \* Merv Kennel, FPF 7<sup>th</sup> District DVP, Local 2456, presented an award to Firefighter Dwayne McKeaver for his assistance in getting the Cancer Bill passed. He also presented FF McKeaver with a special challenge coin.
- \* Inspector Betts gave a report on the fatal fire we had on November 20.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Acting Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Commission Seat Vacancy**

Acting Chairman Center lead the discussion on how to fill the vacancy on the Board. Acting Chairman noted that retired firefighter Jim Grote as a previous candidate was interested in filling the vacancy. Discussion continued. *Commissioner Cena motioned to appoint Jim Grote to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Jim was offered to join the board at the dais but declined.

2. **Fire Station #2 Expansion/Renovation**  
Chief Gorski turned the floor over to the District's Attorney David Jackson. David and Chief Gorski will work on an updated draft RFQ for publication. Commissioner Marken suggested a firefighter that works at Station 2 to be on the committee for renovation.
3. **COPCN Certification/Resolution**  
FYI
4. **SMFR Response to EMFR – “Friendly Lawsuit – PAO”**  
Chief Gorski will meet with the other fire chiefs on December 9 to go over the issues involving the Property Appraisers Office.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. **FY19 Uncollectible Accounts**  
Commissioner Marken motioned to approve the FY19 Uncollectible Accounts. *Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
6. **FY19 Designation of Carryovers**  
Chief Gorski presented the designation of carryovers to the board. *Commissioner Marken motioned to approve the FY19 Designation of Carryovers. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
7. **FY20 Fire Apparatus Purchase – Resolution 2019-18**  
*Commissioner Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2019-18. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- \* **Pension Committee**  
Chairman Foss presented the earnings for September.
- \* **Union Report**  
There was no report.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

8. Chief Gorski notified the board that he has received another Narcan grant. Deputy Chief Bounds reported that there were only two nominations for the open two seats on the Board of Trustees. Seth Burnett and Larry Betts will be sworn in at the January meeting. Also, Chief Bounds reported that the medication room is being set up and we are getting ready for our December 23<sup>rd</sup> kickoff for ALS.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

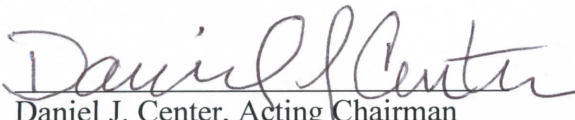
Acting Chairman Center called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

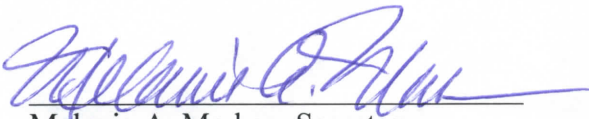
Acting Chairman Center reminded everyone that an email went out to remind everyone to RSVP for the Annual Christmas Party. He also congratulated Jim Grote on his joining the Board of Commissioners. There was no other comments.

Acting Chairman Center reported that the next meeting may be on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm, Chief Gorski will advise the board. If there is no December meeting, the next meeting will be January 16, 2020.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**

  
Daniel J. Center, Acting Chairman

Attest:

  
Melanie A. Marken, Secretary