

APRIL 21, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson; Dan Center; Anthony Evans; and James Cena, Commissioners. James Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary was absent. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Deputy Fire Marshal Frank Meola, EMS Officer Dan Anderson, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Promotions, Length of Service Awards along with New Hires.
 - Captain Mike Boski was recognized for 25 years of service
 - Logistics Officer Adam Chevalier, Lieutenant Steve Hodges and Inspector Paul Wojcik were recognized for their promotions.
 - New Hires took their Oath and were pinned by family members
 - Firefighter James Burkett Firefighter/Paramedic Luis Penarenas
 - Firefighter Joseph Walker Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Woods
 - Firefighter Wesley Wollenburg
 - Firefighter Wesley Wollenburg also received a military recognition along with ribbons

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with comments. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion after the comments were heard and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Station 2 Renovation - Update**

Assistant Chief Blanco gave an update on the project. Commissioner Center questioned on the possibility of adding a Haz Mat Lieutenant to station 2 before the re-opening. Chairperson Marken left the meeting at approximately 5:56 pm handing the chair position to Commissioner Cena. Commissioner Cena forwarded the chair to Commissioner Center for the remainder of the meeting.

- **Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Hazmat Services**
Chief Bounds gave an update.
- 1. **Interlocal Agreement regarding Emergency Dispatch Services**
Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Interlocal Agreement regarding Emergency Dispatch Services. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. **Personal Income Growth (PIG) for 2022**
Chief Bounds presented the personal income growth for 2022 as 6.78%. *Commissioner Cena motioned to accept the Personal Income Growth for 2022 as 6.78%. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- 3. **Pumper Proposal**
Assistant Chief Blanco presented the information on purchasing a pumper. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the purchase of a pumper from Ten 8. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
- 4. **Painting of Station 1**
Chief Bounds presented the painting quotes to paint the inside and bays Station 1. *Commissioner Cena motioned to accept the quote from TSI of Manatee. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**
Chairman Chevalier reported on the status of the firefighter's pension plan.
- * **Union Report**
Derek Foss reported that meetings with the members are continuing. He noted that scheduling dates for the negotiations should be set soon. The MDA Boot Drive brought in \$16,200.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 5. Chief Bounds noted that the report is in their packet, and he has nothing further to report. There were no other additional comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Center called for Public Comment and recognized Logistics Officer Chevalier who thanked the board for his position.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Center asked for commissioner comments and began with his comments on the status of the purchase of SCBA. There were other comments by the commissioners regarding SMFR pay.

Chairperson Center reported that the next meeting will be a Public Hearing for Assessment Rate Establishment on May 19, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer