

AUGUST 18, 2022
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, August 18, 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, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, EMS Officer Dan Anderson, Captains Adam Chevalier, and Mike Bloski, along with Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **Proclamation Reading**

A proclamation was read thanking Lt. Derek Foss for donating his kidney to a fellow firefighter's wife. Representatives Tommy Gregory and Will Robinson along with Senator Jim Boyd were in attendance.

Consent Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation - Final**

Assistant Chief Blanco gave an update on the project.

1. **FY2023 Budget with Revenue**

Chief Bounds spoke on the updates to the draft budget.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **2022/2023 Schedule of Meetings**

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the 2022/2023 Schedule of Meetings. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

3. Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Hazmat Services

Chief Bounds presented the executed contract.

4. Fixed Asset Surplus

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

5. 2021 Carryover Disposition

Chief Bounds presented a memo showing the designation of FY21 carry-over. *Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the Designation of FY21 Carry-over. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*** Landscape and Grounds Maintenance at Administration**

Chief Bounds presented a plan to update the landscaping and grounds maintenance at the administrative offices. The commissioners agreed that this needed to be done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

There was no update.

6. 2021 Annual Report Approval for Firefighters Pension Plan

Chief Bounds presented the approval from the Florida Retirement System on the 2021 Annual Report.

*** General Plan Disability update**

Chief Bounds presented a communication log sent to us from the IME doctor for Shokee Berry's disability claim. The doctor has requested medical records over the course of several months to no avail. After some discussion, *Chairperson Marken made a motion to deny and close the claim for disability from Shokee Berry due not being able to get vital records. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

*** Union Report**

No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

7. Chief Bounds noted that he will be leaving on vacation. Assistant Chief Blanco reported we sold C-15 for \$10,000. Assistant Chief Blanco reported that Captain Bloski will be HAZMAT1 and Battalion Chief Gould will be HAZMAT2. Captain Bloski also reported that he will be out for some shoulder surgery.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and Captain Chevalier reported that he is working with MSA on gear. There was no other Public Comment.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the work on the budget and congratulations to Lt. Foss.

Chairperson Marken reported that the next meetings will be public hearings on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 5:01 pm to adopt the Tentative Millage and Budget along with a meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, 5:01 pm for the Tax Appeals, Adopt Final Millage and Budget and Regular Meeting.

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

Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent

James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer