

**November 17, 2022**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, November 22, 2022

**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 and James Cena, Commissioners. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, EMS Officer Dan Anderson, and Captain Mike Bloski, along with Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman and Financial Specialist Janee Ferguson. 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. *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**

- **Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Hazmat Services**  
Chief Bounds sent a letter to Manatee County and there has been no response.
  
- **Landscape and Grounds Maintenance at Administration**  
Chief Bounds presented a quote of services from Devine Design Landscape & Lawn to be approved. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the quote. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Fixed Asset Surplus**

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

**\* FEMA Reimbursement**

Chief Bounds gave the status on the reporting for the FEMA Reimbursement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* **Pension Committee**

Debbie Tuckerman was appointed to the fifth seat of the pension board. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve Debbie Tuckerman to the pension board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and carried unanimously.*

\* **Union Report**

LT. Foss shared information regarding a workers compensation course the union took part in.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

2. Chief Bounds informed the board about the intent to start Station 4 renovation. Deputy Fire Marshal reported fire preventions public education. Assistant Chief Rick Blanco stated the new Engine 321 is scheduled to be received December 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cena motioned to cancel December's commission meeting as long as there is no pending items to be addressed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Center and carried unanimously. Chief Bounds will make the call that the meeting is cancelled at a later date.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.**

  
Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:  
  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer