

March 21, 2024
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
James Cena, Commissioner
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, 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.

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cena 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**

Chief Bounds: Permits are being reviewed.

*** Locution**

Chief Bounds: Locution is installed and running at station 1.

*** Apparatus review**

Training Chief Anderson presented Board with comparisons of sale prices of engines. The Board agrees to list Engine E12 for \$200,000 and revisit in a month.

NEW BUSINESS

*** Annual report**

Chief Bounds presented Board with the 2023 annual report.

*** Firefighter hiring timeline**

Training Chief Anderson: Presented Board with timeline of when the firefighters are expected to interview, test, and start. May 5th is the expected start date.

*** Succession plan – Dan Center**

Commissioner Center discussed his outlook of the original succession plan that will begin to take place as the retirement of A/C Blanco approaches. Bounds presented the Board with a revised succession plan re-establishing the Deputy Chief of Admin/Finance and Deputy Chief of Operations positions. The assistant chief position will be retired. A Fire Training Officer position will be created. Chief Bounds will present job description for the Fire Training Officer position to the Board. The Board agreed with revised succession plan. Succession planning will be discussed further next meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status.

*** Union Report**

LT. Foss: Local union has raised approximately \$142,000 so far. SMFR raised \$24,432.97.

CHIEF'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

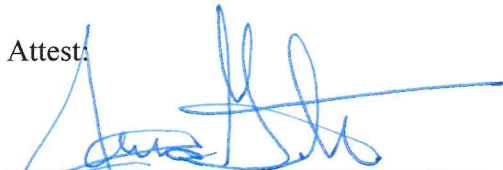
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:



James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer