

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
January 11, 2011

**Meeting called to order** at 7:18 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Griffin

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** – Commissioner Hansen & Moment of Silence

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Ducrou – Excused  
Commissioner Hansen – Present  
Commissioner Cook – Absent  
Commissioner Griffin – Present  
Commissioner Klos – Present  
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present  
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present  
Attorney Ian Mann - Excused

**Others Present:** Some public

**Minutes** – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the December 14, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Klos to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed. Motion carries.

**Financial Report:** Review & Acceptance of the December 2010 Financials. Commissioner Hansen motioned acceptance of the December financials. Commissioner Klos seconded the Motion. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

**Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report** (attached) – Chief Nisbet reads Fire Marshal and Administration Reports into the record. Commissioner Hansen notes that calls do not add up. Chief Nisbet explains that we have had issues with Fire House and that the Good Intent and False Alarms are part of the numbers. Commissioner Griffin notes that they have not added up at other meetings as well. Commissioner Hansen notes that the Rescue/EMS calls also don't add up. Chief states he will look into it. Captain Underwood states that the total calls do match what the state has for us with the total number being 765. Chief Nisbet adds an update that we had about an 8% call volume decrease due to the lack of a brushfire season last year, however we ran twice as many structure fires last year, and more good intent calls. Commissioner Hansen asks what good intent calls consist of. Chief Nisbet explains that examples would be where we get dispatched and arrive on scene and "smoke" turns out to be steam, or what is called in as a fire turns out to be a recreational fire or an illegal burn. Commissioner Klos asks if lifting help would be considered a good intent call. Chief Nisbet confirms it would be, and adds the example that station move-ups and standbys would also be examples of good intent calls. Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for questions or comments. With no further discussion, he calls for Petitions before the board.

**Petitions before the Board** – None

**Union Petitions/Discussions** – None

**Old Business** – None

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**New Business –**

- **Chief Nisbet updates the Board on the SAFER Grant** – as he has received further information since the Administration Report was prepared. He states it would appear that we have made it through the process to be awarded; though we had run into a couple of administrative issues because of the 2009-2010 Grant and how the new 2010-2011 Grant can be awarded. He goes on to state that they initially could not fund the three positions or maintain them, however, they could fund any positions we had not filled that we have lost, or they could give him three new positions right now. Chief's reply to them was that the three new positions would not do him any good; that he needs to work the present plan out. Commissioner Hansen suggests we fire three guys and hire them back. Chief states he had asked at that point if he could do a stop/start; but the decision is above the pay grade of the person to whom he spoke. He then reached out to Senator Nelson, the White House, and of course, Jennifer Stewart of the IAFF, who is a Grants Specialist. He goes on to say that she informed him last Friday that we were good, that the 90 day issue has been taken care of, and they didn't foresee any problems. He has not, however as of this time, received any confirmation yet from AFG. He adds that he and Ms. Stewart have both been pressing for the confirmation, but she advises him that the absence of any denial at this point is a good sign. When he spoke to Senator Nelson's office, the Senator told him he had put his name on that and he would get it taken care of immediately. Chief Nisbet goes on to say that if we run into a situation, he is prepared to go up to Washington, D.C., to get this squared away because we have done everything they have asked for and have cleared all their hurdles, except for these administrative hiccups between their guidelines of the 2009 and 2010 grants. He believes we are talking to the right people now, and it may not be an issue, but he may have to go up to D.C. if they do not work it out, in which case he would want a commissioner to go with him. Commissioners Hansen and Griffin express an interest. Chief Nisbet explains that if we get the SAFER grant, that would put 6 positions funded through federal grant next year, and there is the potential that we could get awarded earlier this year than he had anticipated, perhaps as early as August or September. He goes on to explain that if that should take place in this fiscal year, he may ask the Board to re-open the contract, to fix some of the things we have had to adjust to keep everyone working. He adds, that we are not there yet, but he just wants to put it out there for some discussion and to give the Board a heads up. Commissioner Griffin asks if the SAFER grant we did get was for two years. Chief Nisbet confirms that yes, the 2009-2010 grant was for the 3 lower positions for two years and this one (2010-2011) is for the next three positions up the chain, also for 2 years, and it will fund next year, which is the 2011-2012 budget year; and in 2012-2013 the bottom 3 positions will drop off the funding but the 3 higher would remain funded for that year. So if everything works out we will have funding for positions into 2013. Commissioner Griffin asks if that means that we will have funding for two years for 6 positions, and 1 year for 3. Chief Nisbet agrees and adds that if we get the funding this year, part of this budget we are in will be funded through federal dollars, and if that's the case, he would like to explore the option of re-opening the contract and give back some of the things taken away to make the budget work. Vice Chairman Griffin calls for further questions or discussion and with none being noted, he calls for Public Input.

**Public Input - None**

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Hansen motions adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Klos. Vote called & passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.