

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

(Revised)

February 09, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Commissioner Hansen

Roll Call: Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Cook - Present
Commissioner Griffin – Present 7:05
Commissioner Klos – Absent
Chief Larry Nisbet - Excused
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann - Absent

Others Present: Some staff & Union DVP.

Minutes - Review and Acceptance of the January 12, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting - Motion made by Commissioner Hansen to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cook. Having no questions or comments vote is called. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Cook motioned acceptance of the January 2010 Financials. Commissioner Hansen seconded the Motion. Call for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion vote is called. Motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Griffin arrived)

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report (attached) – Office Manager reads Fire Marshal and Administration Reports. In covering the vehicle in service report she adds that Rescue 131 is now back in service as of tonight. Commissioner Cook inquires as to what was wrong with the unit. Captain Doug Underwood explains that the Turbo was blown and an oil check valve on a line that re-circulates to the turbo. It took about a week and a half to get it repaired waiting on Ford for parts and the men are currently putting it back in service as we speak. Commissioner Griffin asks what the GASB45 report is about. The office manager explains that it is a report of the Districts implied liability in that we offer our employees the ability to remain on our insurance policies when they retire. The difference between their expense to purchase a policy on their own verses the expense incurred on our group plan is the implied liability. Commissioners are of the opinion that there would be no liability since the retirees are required to pay their own insurance. Office manager explains that according to the auditor it is the difference between their pricing and our group pricing that is the implied liability. She goes on to explain that the Actuary is offering to do this year for \$1800 what other Districts have paid \$4,000-\$7,000 for a ½ page report, that most of the work is in the compilation and projections. The Actuary would command an increase each year for the annual financial responsibility report (audit) and a full analysis is required every 3 years. Since we have less than 100 employees we are permitted to do the calculations our self. Office Manager will provide more information as it is reviewed. Primary point is that it is required to be in our audit this year and

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rather than spending \$1800 or more dollars every year, we should learn to do it ourselves and cumulatively save those professional fees.

Commissioner Cook asks Commissioner Ducrou his thoughts on the consolidation meeting that he and Chief attended. Commissioner Ducrou responds that he found it absurd that the feasibility study had gone so far and still found that there was not call data 2008 forward due to data mitigation problems with LCEMS when the Fire Departments have call data on hand. He goes on to say that there was a lot of conflict the 1st time the County-wide consolidation went through; with the Fire Chiefs, and a lot of the guys for protectionism, that it could not have a good spin on it. They had said that consolidation would at this time be in the best interest of the Districts; in the long run it would provide an equal or better service to the citizens. There were good points and other points the Commissioner did not agree with. He does not feel that at this time their minds are open enough for this to go forward. He did express his agreement that it would be wiser to have apparatus spread around for example that not everyone had to have a ladder truck; there are ways to better share things. He was surprised at the low turn out.

Commissioner Cook expresses this is the way it always seems to go. Commissioner Ducrou goes on to say that they seemed to be more interested in merging operationally like equipment expenses like trucks or gear; but under State contract most of that stuff is negotiated anyway. You can try to have the Districts all order the same type of equipment, for instance air packs, so that everyone's equipment is compatible; so that if you're helping out with automatic first response like they want to go to with the vehicle locaters and closest unit response.

Commissioner Cook wanted to know how many people showed up for the meeting.

Commissioner Ducrou said maybe 5 or 10, really just other Departments around the area wanting to know how it was going to affect them. They didn't really say how to do it. They had prepared a different packet customized for each of the Districts and then one overall. He goes on to say that there were a lot of unanswered questions for the Fire Chiefs and the Board and after paying what he had heard to be \$500,000 for that feasibility study he would not think that they should get paid with all those unanswered questions.

Commissioner Ducrou asks about the staffing for the Fair; specifically, whether we negotiate the rates each year. Captain Underwood replies to the negative, and states we have an agreement for the same rate for all events. Commissioner Hansen inquires when it was last negotiated. Captain Underwood replies that we negotiated rates just as Chief Nisbet came on 18 months ago, right after the 2008 Fair. He adds that Chief Nisbet had expressed that he expects to negotiate a new rate right after the fair, not for the men's wages, but of the rates for the services as a Department since the cost of retirement and health insurance – the cost operationally for the men, has gone up. Commissioner Ducrou states that since the fair will be over, he would like to discuss the fees we are charging at the next commission meeting, making sure we cover the cost of the equipment and the expense of the men, loaded out. He goes on to inquire if we are borrowing the cart from LCEMS. Capt. Underwood confirms that we are getting one from LCEMS and also one from Everglade Farm Equipment; as in prior years. We will have 1 Fire cart with firefighters and extinguishers and one medical cart.

Commissioner Ducrou thanks for the details on the report.

Captain Underwood has words to add regarding the letter in the Commissioner's packets. He states that we had a call wherein the engine and rescue responded; the engine was able to break away for another call at the end of Jaime & Bradley and due to road conditions neither the engine nor rescue could get in there; fortunately North Medcom was able to get in there to

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provide assistance. The difficulty in passing these areas has incited a survey of road conditions in our District and the attached letter has been prepared to advise homeowners in areas such as this; of their situation and that Lee County is not required to maintain private roads and the severity of the situation should they require fire or medical assistance. Commissioner Ducrou asks approximately how many homes are on this road. Capt. Underwood replies approximately 10 homes received/will receive this letter on those streets. He adds that the situation will escalate in rainy season as roads start washing out. Trees also impede access.

Commissioners agree that this was a very good idea. Commissioner Ducrou suggests we take it a step further by notating that these areas are impassible and that when we get a call to these type roads, we have references and only respond in the service truck. Captain Underwood explains that we do notate these things especially in brush season, we keep a daily log of which roads are impassable by the engine and ambulance and respond accordingly by putting the brush truck or rescue as a first out to those areas for life safety and if it's a fire, a brush truck would go out to those areas. A residential fire would be impossible; in fact it was almost impossible to get the service truck down there. Basically make them aware of the circumstances in which they live, and maybe they would do something to improve the access. Commissioner Ducrou commends that this is a great plan but suggests we get a signature from them so that we have documentation that they have been advised of their situation in these circumstances.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

- **Old Business – CAM Agreement -** Commissioner Cook asks if the CAM agreement is final. Office Manager advises that Chief Nisbet has stated that the CAM Agreement has cleared legal and is scheduled to go before the Board of County Commissioners next meeting. Commissioner Hansen confirms that we did sign something last meeting. **Commissioner Griffin asks if was retroactive. Commissioners Hansen, and Ducrou confirm.**

Chairman Ducrou calls for any other new business. With none being mentioned, he thanks the District on behalf of the board for the new shirts.

Public Input – None

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Vote Called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.