

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 13, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Moment of Silence

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

Others Present: Some public

Minutes – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the February 14, 2012 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Griffin to accept the minutes. Commissioner Klos seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed, motion carries.

Financial Report: Review & Acceptance of the February 2012 financials. Commissioner Klos motioned acceptance of the February financials. Commissioner Griffin 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 Administrative reports into the record, and adds to the report that Upriver Campground donated \$8010 yesterday. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or discussion; hearing none he calls for petitions before the board.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Old Business –

- **Impact Fees** – Chief Nisbet states that the County Commissioners are looking very hard at the current Impact Fees and notes a survey will be coming out of Commissioner Judah's office inquiring what our impact expenses have been and how the impact fees have been utilized throughout the county. We are supposed to go there on the 10th for a public hearing, he adds that it does sound to him as though the County Commissioners are leaning away from the suspension of the fees, but they are going to adopt the new rates. He asks if Chairman Ducrou would be able to attend on the 10th. Chairman Ducrou responds that he should be available, and asks if Chief Nisbet knows what time it is being held. Chief Nisbet replies he believes it to be 9:00 am. He believes it is the first item on the agenda. He adds that the other thing that happened today was the County suspended any future purchases for 20/20 conservation. Commissioner Ducrou asks if they are going to repeal the tax. Chief Nisbet does not know, but he states they wanted to purchase a property in east Lee County, they didn't do it, and the BOCC decided to suspend 20/20 purchases until further notice and Commissioner Judah was the only commissioner against that. With no further questions or comments, Chief Nisbet moves on to the new truck item per Chairman Ducrou.

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- **New Truck Purchase** – Chief Nisbet states he was unsuccessful trying to negotiate with Crimson on the truck the Board had directed him to purchase. He was told there was another department trying to purchase it, and he was becoming very uncomfortable with the dealings and what would be included or not. He therefore felt it was not going to be in the best interest of the District to continue to pursue that purchase. He then went ahead and submitted RFP's to 10 different manufacturers for quotes on commercial cab pumpers in both 2 WD and 4WD. He adds that he had Captain Brunson put together a truck committee and they met twice last month to look at the various options. He states they had 2 manufacturers who brought apparatus to look at, one of which was E-One, the other Pierce. Out of the 10 trucks reviewed, Chief Nisbet has provided the board with the details of the top 5 selections. He adds that the one that stands out to the committee is the Pierce responder pumper. It is a 4WD pumper on a Freightliner chasis, he continues, with a 1250 pump, 1000 gallon tank; priced with some extras on it, the price came to \$210,700.00 which is above the ceiling the board authorized for the purchase. He informs the board he has also researched various financing options through Capital Bank, Kansas State Bank (who the Tender is financed through), Brad Myers at Leasing Two, Regions Bank, and First Bank, Osh Kosh Financing through Pierce; majority who came in between 3.75 and 4.1; but SunTrust, who Iona McGregor dealt with a ladder truck they just purchased, have run our credit and pre-approved us and came in at 2.239. He continues that with the price of \$210,700 at the 2.239 rate, as compared to the Crimson truck at the 4.1, the difference in payments is within \$600 per year and it would be a 2012 chasis instead of the 2008 chasis, with a fully functional, 1250, 1000G tank, same capabilities as our current engine, and we will be able to do it for a ten year lease instead of a twelve year lease. Chief Nisbet requests permission from the Board to go with the \$210,700 price and award Pierce for the 4X4 Responder Pumper, and allow him to initiate the financing through SunTrust at the 2.239, by Resolution. Chairman Ducrou asks if there are any questions. Chief Nisbet offers that if any have questions, Captain Brunson who was head of the Truck Committee can answer any questions the Board may have with regard to the truck. Commissioner Griffin asks Chief to repeat the interest rate we are offered. Chief repeats 2.239. Commissioner Ducrou states that the payment then is close to where we were with the other one. Chief Nisbet confirms that the difference is \$600 per year. Captain Brunson offers that it is also a far superior truck. Commissioner Griffin states he agrees based upon what he has seen and read about it. Commissioner Ducrou states that the cab and chasis are much better. Captain Brunson offers that it's an Allison. Chief Nisbet states we did receive favorable reply from the County Attorney on the ability to use Impact Fees, we are just waiting for the official letter, then Engine 133 would be placed as a reserve, and it will sit back there until such time as we need it, and it will need to remain in reserve status for at least 1 year. Commissioner Ducrou states the initial letter requesting approval from the county attorney specified the 4X4 as it provided different capabilities than what we currently have. Chief confirms that to be correct, and states he tied it specifically to our urban interface areas, as he did with the grant application, this is the truck we had wanted for the grant. He continues that he is surprised at the price, as when he was pricing them for the grant, the 4X4s were starting at \$250,000 and going up from there into the \$300,000s. He goes on to say that Charlotte County was here today with their new custom pumper 4WD they just put into service and it was a Ferrara HME and they paid \$386,000 for that truck. Commissioner Klos asks if we really need 4WD with the brush trucks we have built. Chief replies that the brush trucks are not designed to put out structure fires, so if we are in where we have washed out roads this truck will be a lot better equipped to service those events in those areas.

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He adds that the County is not willing to do anything for these private roads, and getting a declaration of a state of emergency is like pulling teeth, so this enables us to get the right piece of equipment to the scene. Plus this truck is squatty, it has a smaller turning radius with a 50" grab angle, and when these guys drove it, they put it through the ringer, and when they did a "U" turn out back in the gravel, they didn't even have to drop it into reverse. It will easily maneuver into wherever we need it. Commissioner Ducrou states he honestly feels that without the 4WD capability, we will have a difficult time justifying the reimbursement through Impact Fees. Commissioner Griffin remarks how low the price is for 4WD. Chief Nisbet agrees and adds that this truck has only been off the line for 3 weeks and they are agreeing to sell it to us at a demo price. He feels Pierce is wanting to sell some trucks. Captain Brunson states that the majority of the others on the list were more expensive, 2WD, and the mechanics were horrible, no-name motors, that you're constantly going to have problems. Chief Nisbet states that the Fouts Brothers was our second choice, and it was a 2WD, and more expensive, and the reason it was our second choice because we have had really good luck with the tender, it has the Kenworth chasis, and the guys felt that should be our number 2 pick. After that was Sutphen 2WD at \$207,000, then Ferara 2WD at \$209,000, and then the Rosenbauer was a 2WD at \$200,000, and every one of them told us that if we wanted 4WD add \$30-40,000 to the price. Captain Brunson notes that what they noticed was the 2WD trucks were on an average 2-3 feet longer, which creates issues trying to get down some of these roads. Commissioner Griffin and Commissioner Ducrou both state that the driveways are the issue out here. Captain Brunson remarks that the driveways out here are like small bad roads, that are so long and narrow. He adds that this truck is exactly what we need since it is short wheel base and it's squatty. Chief Nisbet adds that with the Crimson, we were going to be able to carry less 5" and less equipment, with this truck we will be able to carry 1100' of 5" hose, all of our pre connects with the exception of the ram, everything we have on this front line engine, we will have on the new; and we are going to have all the nozzels, so that both trucks pump exactly the same, we don't have that right now. Commissioner Griffin asks if it will be about the size of the ambulance. Chief Nisbet and Captain Brunson reply that it will be a little bit longer. Chief Nisbet states the base price of this truck was \$204,000, and with hard suction racks, 2 lengths of hard suction, air bottle storage over the fenders, center console in the cab, changing out some of the LED lights to a larger LED light, which they did that for free, two 12 volt Wehlen scene lights, so we could have our LED scene lights, they are going to powdercoat the foot steps for us at no charge, and they are also going to put in the shelving, however we want the shelving in the compartments, they are going to take care of that. Captain Brunson adds that we asked for the powdercoat on the steps to keep the truck looking nicer longer. Chief states that the truck is a nice, simple truck. Chairman Ducrou asks for a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-02 authorizing the purchase and financing of the Pierce Pumper. Commissioner Griffin motions to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Klos seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for any questions or comments. Chief Nisbet offers to read the Resolution into the record. Chairman Ducrou declines as all are aware of the Resolution's contents. Hearing no questions or comments, Chairman Ducrou calls for opposed, and hearing none, Resolution 2012-02 carries unanimously. Chief Nisbet thanks the board. Chairman Ducrou calls for any additional old business. Hearing none, he calls for New Business.

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New Business –

With no New Business on the agenda, Chairman Ducrou discusses the Fire Commissioners Forum which he and Commissioner Griffin attended. Commissioner Ducrou states it was interesting; he has gone through a lot of their meeting minutes, noting that it has been their practice to adopt motions with 3 or 4 board members from the same district in attendance, and their constitution and By-Laws or enabling act, the way it was created, allowed to have more than 1 commissioner member from a district present, and it is legal, because they publicise the meetings, but you can only have 1 from each district vote, so you can not have 1 or 2 districts turn a meeting in a certain direction. He states what his fear was, that what happened with this whole overtime fiasco, somebody came up with a great idea, they thought, instead of paying overtime from a district, they will just put everybody that wants to work, in a pool, and you can come work for another district on your day off, unsure how workers comp was going to work, and he adds, it was an interesting spin, and it lasted for a long time, enough that he was called upon to try and attend some of those meetings, and it seemed to him as though some were holding on to it hard at the last one, but it was finally killed, and then at this one, he goes on; we just haven't had a quorum. Based on their resolutions and their enabling act, they don't specify what a quorum is, and you fall back on Florida statutes, and the Florida Administrative code, and it requires at least a majority of the group, and we don't come close. He did find out that the 19 Fire Districts does include the Airport, so it would be 18 without the airport. So their plan this month was to send requests out to all the Districts, and find out who was interested in participating, and base a quorum off that, at least from this point forward. Commissioner Ducrou feels that, possibly because of this board's relationship and communication with the Chief, they get the information they want and need from him, and maybe the purpose the Commissioner's Forum was established is because some do not, but he fails to see what purpose it serves. Chief Nisbet states he has not seen anything come out of it. Commissioner Ducrou continues, his concern is that you get these fringe commissioners in there that want to turn things in a really weird way, and get enough people talking about it, and they start talking to the media on it, and it just causes a headache for everybody. He is not certain how to stop it, he states you can participate, which is frustrating; the possibility of going back to quarterly meetings was perceived favorably, but if it doesn't serve a purpose, he doesn't feel it should be held just to hold it. Chief Nisbet feels we could do something with FASD on the legislative aspect of it, but he feels when he brought that up, it didn't go very far either. Commissioner Ducrou feels that they don't necessarily understand what that is. Chief Nisbet agrees, they probably don't. Commissioner Ducrou feels that if there are 60 or so Fire Districts in the state, that would be a great group to have get together, because legislatively, we are all dealing with the exact same issues and we can take a stance collectively on that, and work on it on our own, and with the fire chiefs and the firefighters on the same legislative tasks, we can group our efforts; that would be a worthwhile benefit. He continues, he did find out what the Forum was initially created for, it was to obtain the approval for fire board commissioners to receive payment for up to \$500 per month, and when they wrote this legislation, part of it was the fire commissioners would have these collective meetings amongst themselves to try to ensure everyone was doing the best job they possibly can.

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Commissioner Griffin states he had attended one several years back when Chief Campbell was here and that was during all the consolidation and merger discussions, which everyone knew wasn't going to go anywhere; and this is his first since then, and nothing has really changed. Nothing really comes out of the meetings. Commissioner Ducrou agrees.

Commissioner Ducrou concludes his addition to the new business. Chairman Ducrou calls for any other new business. Hearing none, Chief Nisbet offers the board that we worked a very bad motorcycle accident Sunday. It was fatal and it was San Carlos Park's Commissioner Sweeney's son, he asks that they keep him in their thoughts. Commissioner Ducrou asks where it occurred. Chief Nisbet replies Bayshore and I-75, on the ramp. Commissioner Ducrou states he is surprised we haven't had one on Pritchett, they way they fly there. Engineer Lemieux states he has had one there. Chief Nisbet states that the middle of the night they run races there. Captain Brunson states he's had one there at Pritchett that ended up on the on ramp of I-75. It was 4 or 5 hours before anyone even knew he was there. Engineer Lemieux states this was their 3rd this month, his shift alone. Commissioner Griffin states that ramp going South off of Bayshore, they don't yield when the light turns, they just fly through. Commissioner Ducrou calls for any other new business. Hearing none he calls for public input.

Public Input – With None offered, Chairman Ducrou calls for motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Griffin motions adjournment. Commissioner Klos seconded the motion. With no discussion and none opposed, meeting is adjourned at 7:33pm.