

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hansen

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Chairman Hansen

Roll Call: Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Cook - Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Griffin - Present
Commissioner Klos – Present (7:08)
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann - Absent

Others Present: Union DVP & Local Public

Minutes - Review and Acceptance of the August 11, 2009 Board Meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept August minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cook. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Ducrou motioned acceptance of the August 2009 Financials. Commissioner Cook seconded the Motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet covers the Fire Marshal's report and Administrative report. Commissioner Cook corrects that most of the "repairs" are completed to the engine, not the "damages". Chief Nisbet continues. Commissioner Ducrou asks when we should hear on the grant for the truck that would replace the Rescue. Chief replies that we should hear as soon as they start awarding; that none of the AFG for 2009 has been awarded yet. He adds that he called last week and was told that everything is in place but no awards have been granted yet. Commissioner Ducrou inquires who makes the decision as to when the awards are given. Chief Nisbet replies that the National Fire Administration in Emmitsburg. He adds that they just awarded some 2008 grants last week on both SAFER and AFG; and that he's anxiously awaiting the new SAFER stuff to come out. He states he's told that one will be sometime in the fall; they're pretty closed ended on it right now. Commissioner Ducrou confirms that we will be using the Rescue for the next year then? Chief confirms that's true. Commissioner Ducrou asks if we've done a complete inspection for anticipated repairs and general condition. Chief Nisbet confirms that we have, and that the recent problem has been determined to possibly be from an accident prior to our acquisition of the vehicle as there was no external indicators that the shaft and rings would require this replacement. This discussion concludes and Chief Nisbet continues with his report. He acknowledges the diligent efforts of the Office Manager and our insurance agent with regards to the insurance portion of the budget. He adds that we have been advised that we have the best experience modification factor of any of our agent's clients in the state, granting us a savings of 25% on our worker's comp. He continues his report. He describes the fuel bill stimulus as State activities to identify and clear potential fire fuels on private lands. Should we obtain the level of 85% participation by

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identified properties within our District; we would gain the distinction of a designated "Fire-Wise Community".

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Old Business –

- **Minimum Manning Resolution** – Execution of Resolution # 2009-02 Chief reads the Resolution aloud. Motion by Commissioner Ducrou to adopt the Resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cook. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.
- **EMS CAM Agreement** – Chief Nisbet asks Commissioner Direction as he has discussed the agreement extensively with Kim Dickerson of Lee County EMS and despite the variations around the county for these agreements, she has pretty much set her mind to the figure of \$2 per square foot as one time a year of \$3,376. They are also not willing to install the 3 MDCs or do the licensing. There is a possible grant that may take care of the MDC installations anyway. Chief has done the math to the end that they effectively cost us \$3.50 per square foot to be here. He has asked for a flat \$1,000 per month which has been declined. They have stated that they are considering the options of removal from our site and relocating to any one of 3 potential other sites. They also do not want to guarantee a paramedic on the ALS unit in the next 3 years. Ms. Dickerson has estimated that the data supports that 2 of the potential locations would still allow that 90% of the response times would still fall in the 8.59 minute targets. Exceptions would be the Medic 19 in the North but that there are very few calls in that area; and that moving more westerly with Medic 19 would reduce response times in an area where they actually have a higher call demand. She does however express her desire to work this out that they remain at Bayshore Fire Station #1. Chief asks the Board how far they wish him to push this. He also states that he does have a problem with the \$2 per Square foot price. Commissioner Cook asks what they say about the facts supporting the \$3.50 per square foot data. Chief states that the economic crisis is an issue with the potential of staff reductions on their behalf as well as reduction of units. Chief states that documentation has been provided that they have contributed to the station improvements of their bunk area of about \$9800 (air conditioning and wall movement construction). Chief wants to know how far they want him to go. Commissioner Ducrou asks if Chief Pye is going to accept the same \$2 per square foot. Chief Nisbet states that while he hasn't discussed that with the Chief, he doesn't believe it's really even an option. He states that he feels the inclination would be toward the Garden Street site in Suncoast. But, Chief adds, today they had to move 2 units to Lehigh. Commissioner Ducrou states there's no way they would make the response targets from Suncoast. That seems to be the popular consensus amongst both the Board and the staff who respond on the calls. Chief Nisbet inquires again as to whether they are willing to let them pull out, should he say that come October 1st they need to move? He needs to know what Board supports. Commissioner Cook states that \$2 per square foot is better than the nothing we are currently receiving. He adds that it is nice to have them here and arriving close to the same time as us. The Board and Chief are in agreement that they would hate to have them leave. Commissioner Griffin asks if they usually respond with us or are they usually out. Chief replies they are usually out of the station when the calls come. Commissioner Hansen replies that even if they are here, we're usually out first. He sees it all the time. Commissioner Ducrou states

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that the \$1000 per month is cheaper than any commercial rate and that it will cost them more than \$1000 per month to relocate. Chief Nisbet adds that while it was difficult to research, he can attest that \$4 per square foot per month is the current going rate in the commercial park here. Commissioner Cook asks how their presence here hinders or hurts us. Commissioner Ducrou states that it costs us more than they're offering for air conditioning their area and electric. Commissioner Cook reminds of the Emergency Room/Trauma Center and that the expenses would be the same with or without them. Chief states that if they moved out, we could move the Captains bunk and office to their rooms and after 5:00 we could actually close down this end of the building and save on air conditioning except when we have a night time training. Commissioner Ducrou attests to the benefits of the programmable T-stats and the potential savings. He continues that he would like to at least see us go before their board and explain that we're not trying to take advantage of them or gouge them, but that our District shouldn't have to bear the burden of their expenses either. Our taxpayers are already paying for that. Chief states that they are paying their expenses out of our budget. He adds the fact of their Medic unit air conditioner being plugged into our power all the time it's here has got to be a pretty significant drain too. Commissioner Griffin asks how long they have been here and if they have ever paid anything. Chief responds 6 years and their bunk room expansion is the only invoice they have paid. Commissioner Hansen asks what else they use of ours. Chief responds with paper products like toilet paper and paper towels and water. Chief adds that his request for EMS re-supply has flat out been denied. Commissioner Cook adds that the \$2 per foot anywhere else if they could get that, wouldn't cover any utilities. Commissioners agree they would like to see them stay, but we have to work out some reasonable fee. They are paying half the price of building stations in other areas. We are just asking for what is right and fair. Chief states that Boca Grande gets \$21,000 per year; and Estero provides 2 bunk beds, a work station, 3 lockers and 600 square feet of bay and received \$183,000 toward the building of that station and get \$13,000 a year. Commissioner Ducrou offers to go before their Board with Chief Nisbet to appeal. Chief points out that Lehigh needs help and Garden Street is not open. He says they have to reach an agreement right away because their budget planning is now also. Commissioner Hansen states we need to go over heads and make our case now. All commissioners are in agreement and Commissioner Ducrou and Chief will make the contacts. Chief wants to know what our bottom acceptable price is and the Board agrees that the minimum is \$1000 per month. There is further discussion about the other CAM agreements and the wide variations in them before the discussion closes. Everyone is in agreement.

Time: 32:20

New Business

- **FRS Elected Officials Eligibility** – Office Manager advises Commissioners of their potential future involvement in the Florida Retirement System at a new rate of 16.53 per a new House Bill. She explains that their current compensation plan does not qualify; however a decision is required by the end of December as to whether they wish to keep that door open or close it. After brief discussion, decision is tabled for a later date and Resolution # 2009-03 is released for use for the Budget Hearings.
- **Prevention Partnership** – Chief Nisbet requests Board approval of a letter appealing to the businesses in the District to provide Fire Prevention Donations to help fund a very important portion of our budget that is already under-funded. Benefit could be their name on our banners; wherever we might use one. Commissioner Hansen inquires as to how much had been

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budgeted last year. They are informed that it was \$250 and we went over budget very early in the year. Commissioner Cook asks why the Volunteers don't take care of it with the money they generate. Chief explains that when he joined the Department we got rid of the separate entity of the Volunteer Association and the money comes directly to the District. He goes on to say that their donations every year go to special operations purchases, such as the Junkyard Dogs vehicle stabilization we purchased last year, or extrication and other equipment, etc... Commissioner Cook feels that those mobile home parks would be the ones to help us to accomplish this mission. Chief states that Upriver this year really appreciated us showing them the air bags and how they work, which we purchased last year with their donation,. They get to see how they've helped; as they aren't typically the ones to be present at Public Education type events like the Haunted House and the Fair; where the money he is appealing for in the letter is to go to things like the fire hats and children's materials are needed and given at those other type events. Commissioner Cook suggests that we go to Corporate Insurance companies for support since they are the ones who ultimately benefit (aside from the individual home/business owner). Chief states how he feels it would get the community more involved rather than just paying their taxes; that they would also know more of our involvement in the community as well. Commissioners in the end agreed that it wouldn't hurt. Authorization is approved by Commissioners Cook, Klos, and Hansen.

Public Input – Commissioner Ducrou states that since EMS won't reimburse us for the equipment we use on a call; he suggests that we get in the habit of stripping the supplies we use when we turn the patient over, since EMS is using our supplies and then billing for them to get reimbursed, as though they supplied them. He suggests we make them use their own. Chief Nisbet states that he has discussed this situation with Tice, Shores, and Alva about possibly getting together with LEE SAR since they sell in bulk; but we don't really use a lot of high-end stuff like King Tubes and de-fib pads; our biggest expense is with the Oxygen masks. Commissioner Cook asks if Rescue isn't replenishing our bag when they get back. Chief replies not anymore; the only things we get back right now are the C-collars, KEDs, Backboards and straps. Engineer Lemieux states that it depends on the Medic; some are very good and we try to get back whatever we can. Commissioner Ducrou suggests that if we're going to do the bulk purchasing, to do quarterly ordering, and then based upon what we order, everyone will get cumulative discounts; instead of just cost share and everyone pays a percentage of the bill. He also asks if we can't piggy-back off the EMS ordering. Chief Nisbet replies that now; with this system, everything gets stocked in trays. Partial trays are returned for full trays. LEE SAR gets the partials back and charges them for the replenishment. The Commissioners believe that is altogether a bad deal. Commissioner Griffin reiterates that they are using our stuff since we respond first, and then billing as though it was their supply used, but it costs us. He states that this has been a big issue for years. Chief Nisbet states that this would probably be a good thing to bring up at the meeting he and Commissioner Ducrou will have with regard to the CAM agreement. He said he had mentioned in his negotiations in a heated discussion that EMS used to re-supply until the CAM agreements went into place; but we don't have a CAM agreement which would imply that they owe us for 4 years of EMS supplies.

Commissioner Hansen calls for any other input. None received he calls for motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Vote Called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.