

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou; immediately following the preliminary budget hearing. There is no change in attendance between the two meetings.

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

Financial Report: Review & Acceptance of the August 2012 Financials. Commissioner Klos motioned acceptance of the August financials. Commissioner Cook seconded the Motion. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet announces that though there were a couple of inspections, Captain Underwood is on vacation and has not prepared a report. He reads the Administration report into the record. Commissioner Ducrou inquires about the segment referring to working with Wireless Technologies for the purchase of the proper MDCs; he asks what that consists of. Chief Nisbet responds that there are a variety of units, one called the Toughbook, and another which is a mounted, hard unit, which is the one they are going to; a smaller screen with a key pad, we are working with them to try to mirror North Fort Myers' as much as possible. Also the VRM Radio for the MDCs is a product that is discontinued; but if we can get onto a VRM radio, it will be cheaper for us, so we don't have to buy air cards for them, so we are trying to secure some VRM radios, also. Commissioner Ducrou states he thought we were getting the units from North Fort Myers. Chief acknowledges we are, but they don't have them; they are purchasing 6 new ones and giving us 3; but we get to pick our units. Two will go in the engine and one in Chief's vehicle. He adds that the one in his truck will be a ToughBook by Panasonic; and he and Chief Noble are also talking of going in together on incident management software that we can operate on scenes and everything will automatically be there that we can download reports and stuff, and it is actually fairly cheap; we will be able to track firefighters real-time on it; stuff like that, and it will be expandable with the new generation air packs that will come on down the road, we'll be able to track air on them and stuff, but that will be down the road, probably 3 or 4 years.

Commissioner Ducrou asks Chief to elaborate on the segment about the privately maintained roads. Chief Nisbet states that the County does not like using Emergency Disaster Funds to fix the roads, so they are looking at how they address those concerns with the Emergency Management Plan, he feels they want identify the potential life hazard with this so it opens them up to possible grant funding to get more of these roads fixed, like they did in Suncoast. They actually got a grant for Suncoast and did roads like Bartholomew, and Laurel, and they just did about 1.6 Million in private road work in Suncoast and they put a hardpack in and all that, and he feels that Commissioner Hall is one of the ones that is really pushing for Chief to be a part of this. Commissioner Ducrou asks if they put in culverts. Commissioner Klos affirms. Chief agrees saying culverts and drains and stuff like that, and she wants to transition that up here the rest of the way; particularly Henderson Grade because it can be utilized as a thoroughfare from Nalle to Rich, and Wellborn because it's been on the news so much.

Commissioner Ducrou says he's got one thing for Chief on the helicopter for his future development or concerns, he knows that in the airport emergency plan, the section for off-airport alert through aircraft response, dictates that we would fly a crash technician out on

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Medstar, so you would get someone on scene quick for the technical knowledge of it, and send an engine with foam capabilities or a crash truck, depending on what went down, following up closely behind; they were advised that the new company Aeromed, they don't know if their insurance would cover his guys, so they grounded them from crashes that way. Chief Nisbet asks if the Sheriff's Department wouldn't take them. Commissioner Ducrou states that aspect has not been discussed, but he knows that the Sheriff's Dept. has had trouble with their Hughes 500s with weight amount, by the time they get their gear and tools in there, it won't hover. Therefore his request is that Chief gets them to address that, because if somebody doesn't ask about it, they'll just stick their head in the sand. Commissioner Cook states it said in the news that personnel is the problem. Commissioner Ducrou says, yeah, but there's a bigger story than that. Chief Nisbet states that he would be surprised if we ever see MedStar back again. Commissioner Cook asks if that would have something to do with the crash they had. Chief Nisbet responds that he feels it is management. Commissioner Griffin says "a lot of butting heads". Chief feels that now that AeroMed is in there, he feels they're going to make them a deal that they're going to provide the air service and Lee County won't have to pay for a helicopter and pilots and maintenance, creating a significant savings for the County. Commissioner Griffin says much less for them to be aggravated with. Commissioner Cook says "it's just a smarter way to do it". Chief states that the other concern he has is that they are also using a private ambulance company to provide their critical care transports. Chief adds he is keeping a close eye on this because if Lee County is transitioning toward privatization of their ambulance service county wide, then he feels that Fire has the ability to address EMS. He asks "what is the difference besides the writing on the side of the truck if they are on the same protocol"? Commissioner Ducrou feels having a Bayshore ALS would be making a bad thing worse. Chief says that if every fire dept. replaced their rescue truck with an ALS unit, there would be more units. He adds that we could do it cheaper because we don't have to pay overtime for our employees over 40 hours and Firefighter EMT and Firefighter Paramedics have a 56 hour work week. Commissioner Ducrou states that you can't do it cheaper and without a merger, it's not going to work. Chief states he's going to keep his eye on that one. Commissioner Griffin asks what the Governor's request is about. Chief Nisbet responds that the Governor has his eye on Special Districts, "we have control over way too much money, and he signed an executive order in January to do a thorough audit review of all special districts. He started with Mosquito Control, and that went very well, and now he's on the Fire Districts". Chief feels that he will eventually attack the Hospital Districts, "but he made it a blanket for all Special Districts, and there were only so many Mosquito Control Districts, there are a few more Fire Districts, then they're going to move up and move on". Chief tells the Board the general types of things they have asked for such as Ad Valorem and call types and payroll, etc...the point is made that they have requested the income from the boom years and the expenditures from the post boom period. Consensus is that they are trying to make a story and not reflect the real picture. Chief states that FASD has worked closely to try to get the information at least uniform. He adds that he has spoken with Chief Greenburg who is working with FASD on this project and has told her they are welcome to come here. They didn't find anything at Mosquito control to take back to the Governor. With no further questions or comments regarding the Administration Report, Chairman Ducrou calls for Public Input.

Public Input - None

Petitions before the Board – None

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Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Chairman Ducrou calls for Old Business.

Old Business –

- **None**

New Business –

- **Line of Credit** - Chief Nisbet explains that we currently have \$400,000 of our reserves in CDs and normally we have to rely on those reserves to carry us until we start receiving Ad Valorem Revenue. As those funds are in Certificates of Deposit and earning reasonable interest for the times, we have explored the impact of cashing out CDs versus drafting on the line of credit for the short interim. It has been explained that the potential impact of cashing out CDs would prove more detrimental due to the loss of interest for the long term (the 3 years of interest we would lose) than to draft on the line of credit to carry us; as the interest rate on the line of credit is reasonable. It is therefore requested that the Board vote on the use of the Line of credit for interim funds, so that when the time arrives, the commissioners who are asked to sign for the draft on the credit are comfortable with signing for the transaction. Commissioner Cook states he thought we just did this. Chief Nisbet replies that we just re-established the line of credit (in January). Commissioner Cook replies that we did not have to do this last year. Chief Nisbet agrees and states that is because we didn't have all of our reserves invested in CDs last year. We had access to the funds. We have to cash out CDs to get to that money now. Commissioner Ducrou states it is cheaper to do it this way. Office Manager agrees and explains that we explored both options with the bank, and since the CDs earn 1.25% per year (divided by 12 months or .10 interest per month) and have 3 years remaining on them we would lose all the interest we would have earned, and the line of credit has a rate of 5.50% interest per year (divided by 12 months) so \$100,000 would cost us 5,500 if we didn't repay it for a year, and we would be repaying it in January if not sooner, so we would only pay 458.33 each month we carried it. The CD's for the same \$100,000 would cost us an estimated \$3,750 in the remaining interest that would be lost. We also inquired as to the current direction the earnings rates are headed and find that we would now have to tie up the money for an additional year, as the 4 year terms are only earning 1.05% now. Commissioner Ducrou states he is happy as long as it costs us less. Chief Nisbet reassures the Board that we did look at the current liquid reserves and we will be close, we may or may not need to utilize the line of credit; but what we want to do is satisfy all the Board members that if we do, the Board has full awareness of where we are and has decided ahead of time, that the actions are ok, that when we need to call on 2 Board Members to sign for the transaction, everyone is comfortable. If we don't have to do it, we won't, but if we do, everyone is a part of, and aware of, the decision. If we have to do it, it will be when we are paying bills, and we won't be able to wait for an upcoming Board meeting to take the necessary action. Chairman Ducrou calls for a motion to utilize the Line of Credit as a bridge for funds until the normal Ad Valorem proceeds arrive to sustain our operations, at which time the

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Line of Credit would be paid off. Commissioner Klos motions to allow, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. With no discussion and none opposed, motion carried.

Chairman Ducrou calls any other New Business, hearing none, meeting is recessed at 7:34pm for an Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining strategies. (34:16)

Meeting is re-convened at 8:12pm. (1:11:07)

Public Input – Chairman Ducrou calls for public input. Hearing none, Chairman Ducrou calls for motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn - Commissioner Cook motions to adjourn. Commissioner Klos seconded the motion. With no discussion and no opposed, meeting is adjourned st 8:12pm.