

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 14, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Griffin

Invocation – MOS

Commissioner Ducrou – Excused
Commissioner Hansen – Excused
Commissioner Cook – Present
Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commission Mere - 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 January 10, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Mere to accept the minutes. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion and none opposed, motion carries.

Financial Report - Review & Acceptance of the January 2017 financials. Commissioner Cook moves to accept the January 2017 financials. Commissioner Mere seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

Fire Marshal and Administrative Reports (attached) – Chief Nisbet states there is no Fire Marshal's report but he will provide an update of projects. He states, I spoke with Banks Engineering on the Pritchett Rd. project. That project is moving ahead. In the next 30 days they're supposed to have all their sewer issues rectified. His plan is within the next 60-80 days it'll be breaking ground on Phase I; and then from that, he said probably May first, would be the latest time they would break ground, and from that, they expect to have livable homes by the start of 2018, by the time they have land clearing and everything in place. They have 1 builder right now and they're working on a second. Once they have a second builder, they will probably have simultaneous phases. He said they would keep me updated as things were going on. Also, he continues; we've got an updated development order for the Babcock Lee portion. For us, it's pretty-much unchanged. I did speak with Alexis Crespo a week ago. We're supposed to set up another meeting with Kitson & Partners regarding the fire station location and the apparatus and we'll probably discuss some impact fee credits and stuff along those lines to address it. He states, that's pretty much all I have in a Fire Marshall's report right now. Commissioner Mere asks, do they have any projection as to when they're going to start widening 31? Chief replies, No; that's the County; I believe that was supposed to be done by the end of 2018 or 2019. Captain Underwood states, yeah, our meeting with the Senior Planner for

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Babcock about a month and a half, couple months ago, he said that their portion of it will be done within 3 years. Babcock's portion will go from SR 78 and encompass the Babcock property. That's the portion they have to pay for and they're already in planning and land acquisition and all that stuff and they're working with the state to push forward the project from SR78 to Palm Beach to have that done within 6 years. But there's a lot of work on the State's end and a lot more land issues of property they have to purchase; stuff they have to do, including widening the bridge. They are hoping to have that done in 6 years. That was the last meeting we had with them. Commissioner Mere states, so the fact that Syd's going to talk to Google is not going to make a whole lot of difference when the people are already conditioned. Chief Nisbet states, I think that's going to be something they're going to have to address regardless. Bayshore Rd. is going to have to be addressed also. Captain Underwood states, and we discussed Bayshore Rd. They have no plans, in fact if you look at the Zoning Order they submitted for changing the zoning there, they show 78% of the traffic flow will take 78 all the way up Palm Beach and 28% of the impact will hit Bayshore Rd. That's why they're proposing to widen 31. Commissioner Griffin asks if they are still talking about the road running through Charlotte County up there like they were before. Chief responds, no, that's completely dead now. Captain Underwood states the main corridors for them will be from their entrance all the way to Palm Beach. Commissioner Griffin states, so that's pretty much going to be their only hurricane evacuation is there and Bayshore. Chief agrees, but because of their location, we did talk about shelter locations for category 4 and above shelter locations and they are addressing that within their plan and some other community centers and that. Commissioner Mere states, I don't think you're too far off though from them taking 31 the Charlotte County side and going up at least to 74. Chief Nisbet agrees stating, they did the same thing with 17 there... Commissioner Mere states, exactly, that's almost completely 4 lane and it's only a matter of time before they take 31 and go all the way up. Chief Nisbet agrees, it'll probably be 10 or 12 years down the road, but I believe you're correct on that. Captain Underwood states that Bayshore Rd. was at one point slated to be widened. If you notice, even the old Circle K, they have land, certain parcels, but that has been off the table for many years. Chief Nisbet states he believes it is still in the 25 year plan for Bayshore Rd. Commissioner Mere states there has been some discussions with Larry. Captain Underwood states, I imagine that will have to be put higher up on the priority list once Babcock is fully developed. Commissioner Mere agrees, I think it's going to because the reality is while they're doing work on that bridge, all those people aren't going to want to go through that either, they're going to want to make a right and come on down so it's... Chief Nisbet states, speaking with Kitson Partners; that was one of the areas they had concerns about, with their portion of the widening project; that it would still funnel down to a 2-lane road at the bridge; and the state is going to bump up their timeline to put the single span bridge in place of the draw bridge, but I don't have an update on that. He concludes, again, they're very supportive of us and they want to maintain our level of service in the Lee County portion so we're going to be talking about trucks and station; all that stuff. He then reads the

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Administration Report into the record. He notes, with regard to E-131, our engineer's quick action on noticing the turbo problem saved us from having a blown motor. He completes his report. He asks for any questions. Commissioner Mere states, On January 19th, and I fully intended to go to that until everything hit the fan that day, he asks, what kind of public input were you hearing? Chief Nisbet responds, a lot. Commissioner Mere asks, "Pro/Con" Chief responds Con, only 1 pro; there was only one person that was pro. The bill was written terribly, so...I actually spoke with Matt Caldwell at the Legislative Delegation Luncheon, he doesn't have any intention of moving forward. The straw poll, this has got some ties to Collier County in it also. But a majority of the municipalities in the District oppose the bill. There was a lot of comment, from what I understood, of course, I was in Daytona, but I think there was about 30 different people that spoke; some of them business leaders, community leaders and stuff, and the legislative delegation, including Representative Caldwell, had no idea that 6 of the fire departments in the county have ISO Class 2 ratings, with one being ourselves, and that everybody was below an ISO Class 5 with the exception of Alva who is a 9; and the only reason Alva is a 9 is because of water supply; so I think that played into the discussion; even County Commissioner Mann said he was at the FASD meeting and he said they felt the fire districts were ran very effectively for the most part. He did preface that with the comment "for the most part". I would say the straw poll was hook-em-up, and you know what?... I think the straw poll should come up. I think it'll allow people to have a discussion, but my biggest thing was, as I informed you, that to make an informed decision with the community, and to do that, we need to make sure we do our part to make sure they know where their dollars are being spent and what services we provide as a fire service, and all of Lee County, we don't do a very good job of that. We do a good job talking about fire prevention, we do a good job talking about fire wise, and protecting homes and stuff, and fire safety, but we don't do a good enough job about saying what we do; why we send a fire truck with an ambulance to a cardiac arrest call, or a medical call; why we do this and what certain incidents are; and of course, some of the unfunded mandates that we have to follow now that are federally and state mandated; but I think the fire chiefs are going to look at that real hard over the next year to discuss getting the information officers out; Susan Lindenmuth who's the PIO for Estero has done some PIO work for us, and of course Chief Vanderbrook said we have her for our use also, she lives off 31 and she said she'd be more than happy to help us out so... we're going to look at our website and make some adjustments on that and make sure we address that, we just haven't gotten to it yet... Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for further questions, and hearing none, calls for Petitions/Public Input.

Petitions before the Board/Public Input –None

Union Petitions - None

Old Business – None

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New Business – None

Commissioner Items – Commissioner Cook states it's nice to see the letters, a lot of "At-a-boys" in there (included in the packets). Chief asks for a moment and takes the opportunity to present Commissioner Cook with a plaque recognizing his 10 years of service with the Department. (Applause) Commissioner Cook asks why it says 2014. Chief Nisbet responds that in 2014 we didn't do awards because of layoffs and nobody really wanted to do it, and then last year, getting everybody back; so this year we did them for 2016 and 2015 but we wanted to make sure we captured yours. With no further Commissioner Items offered for discussion, Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for Public Input.

Public Input – a lady present at the meeting asks "what is the purpose of these meetings, what do you guys generally do in them, why do you look for public input, what's the advantage of being public input?" Commissioner Griffin responds we have an agenda we go through and we have a meeting every month; we discuss the finances of the district, what's going on here, budget time of year, when it gets down to the operating budget and stuff, it can be 3 or 4 hours. Commissioner Mere states, but we look for public input, because the reality is, we are here to serve you. So if you have a question on services, or you see something you don't like, you want to bring it up to us, you are welcome to bring it up to us and we can discuss it. The lady asks, if this is the place to bring it if you live on Nalle and you're not happy about the street light or the lack of sidewalks, is this where I would come for that? Commissioner Mere states, you could, and we would send you down to Lee County. He states our function is strictly fire... Commissioner Cook states, but our Chief does have some pull... Commissioner Mere concludes, and we can direct you where to go. The lady asks, so it doesn't benefit to come here for those types of issues? Chief Nisbet responds no; the County Commission is who you would speak to, and our County Commissioner out here is Frank Mann. Commissioner Griffin states, no, we are pretty much fire and emergency services type of stuff. Commissioner mere states but if you have questions or level of service type questions, anything like that, we have them every month and it's an open meeting free to ask any questions or just listen if they want to. You can get a copy of the budget; see what our operating budget is and where the funds are going and go from there. Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for any other public input and hearing none calls for motion to adjourn.

Adjournment - Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn. Commissioner Mere seconded the motion, and with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:19p.m.