

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
January 8, 2013

**Meeting called to order** at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** – Commissioner Hansen

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Ducrou – Present

Commissioner Griffin – Present

Commissioner Klos – Excused

Commissioner Cook – Present

Commissioner Hansen –Present

Chief Larry Nisbet - Present

Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present

Attorney Ian Mann –Absent

**Others Present:** Auditor, Some Public

**Audit** – Jeff Brown presents audit findings and reviews report. He notes page 1, the Independent Auditor’s report, stating the findings are “unqualified” (the highest level report you can get in an audit report), indicating the financials fairly represent the District’s activities and comply with Governmental Accounting Standards. He continues, pages 3-8 are the Management’s discussion & Analysis presenting Financial Highlights and an overview with comparisons for the prior and current year. The auditor’s report begins on pages 9 and 10 and reflects the District’s position on an accrual basis, as it contains both fixed assets and long term debt. Page 11 is cash basis with current assets and liabilities; which he notes that the year ended with \$656,836 in total assets, the largest part being \$512,951 in cash. He also points out the Liabilities under the Impact Fee Fund of nearly \$58,000 which are payable to the General Fund as soon as the Impact fees fund acquires revenues. He points out the asset line that is substantially higher this year is the Due from other governments reflecting \$50,853 which is primarily due to the receipt of SAFER Grant funds in 2012-2013 fiscal year, which were expended in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. He explains that these funds tie directly to the Budget Amendment that administration will request later, as these funds were budgeted for fiscal year 2012-2013 but had to be allocated to the year they were actually spent. The Fund balance at the close of the fiscal year ends at \$613,660 comprised of unassigned funds in the amount of \$583,799 and Non-spendable (prepaids) of \$29,861. He continues to page 13 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, stating in the “For-Profit” world this would be the Income Statement or the Profit & Loss. He notes the total revenues were \$1,561,220 and points to the Intergovernmental Revenues of \$444,346 which is grant money. The total expenditures were \$1,434,398 resulting in an increase in fund balance of \$126,822. Pages 15-23 are the notes to the financial statements which describe the governmental entity and some schedules that support some of the numbers in the front. Page 19 is the schedule of fixed assets that shows the increases and decreases to the fixed assets during the year, such as the vehicle purchase in the additions line, and then below, the off-setting capital leases are reflected with information such as what was purchased and when, what the interest is and what the remaining payments are. Page 20 schedules out what your future debt payments are going to be to retire the debt. There is no change in the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits); once the auditor receives the new actuarial report, that number will adjust at that point in time. Then there is the Line of Credit disclosure, which reflects there is no outstanding debt there. They just have to disclose that the line is available to us. He then takes us to page 24 which is the Budget vs. Actual where he shows the

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Intergovernmental revenues where we budgeted \$413,498, are amending the budget to \$401,706 and the \$40,720 we had to move from 2013 back to 2012 fiscal year. Pages 25 and 26 are the Auditor's report on our compliance and internal controls; where he notes the top of page 26 they found no areas of our internal controls over financial reporting which they would consider material weakness; and the first paragraph under compliance, stating they also found no instance of noncompliance or other matters requiring reporting under Governmental Accounting Standards. Page 27 and 28 is their management letter, in which there are numerous references to Florida Statutes and Rules of the Auditor General, but again are all positive statements but require disclosure, such as we are not in deteriorating financial condition, we didn't violate anything; all positive, boiler-plate type notations which require addressing. This concludes his presentation to the Board and invites all questions. With no questions, Commissioner Hansen asks if we need a motion to accept the audit. Chief Nisbet replies we have it scheduled for new business, and with that, Chairman Ducrou thanks Mr. Brown and he is excused if he desires. (He thanks the Board and exits).

**Minutes** – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Hansen to accept the minutes. Commissioner Griffin 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 December 2012 financials. Commissioner Cook motioned acceptance of the December financials. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or comments. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

**Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report** (attached) –Chief Nisbet reads the Fire Marshall report into the record. Commissioner Hansen asks who does the inspections. Chief Nisbet replies Captain Underwood has been performing the majority of the inspections but beginning this month, the current occupancy inspections will be disseminated amongst the shifts, and Captain Underwood will continue to handle all Fire Marshal responsibilities with regard to new construction. Chief Nisbet reads the Administration report into the record. Commissioner Cook congratulates Chief on his appointment to the Lee County Fire Chief's Presidential Chair. With no other questions or comments, Chairman Ducrou calls for any Petitions before the Board.

**Petitions before the Board** – None

**Union Petitions/Discussions** – None

**Old Business** –

- **Board Compensation** – As Commissioner Klos is not present, Chairman Ducrou offers anyone to speak for him, or to table the discussion until next month. Commissioner Griffin is ok with tabling it, as they had wanted to discuss it when everyone was present. Commissioner Cook states he knows how Commissioner Klos feels about it from other sessions, as he is the one who first brought it forward. Commissioner Cook feels we should do it, and if anyone doesn't wish to do it, they can opt not to take it. Chief Nisbet states the previous compensation was \$100 per month. Commissioner Cook states that was the number he was thinking. Chairman Ducrou entertains the motion. Commissioner Cook motions we reinstate the previous program

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of Board compensation of \$100 per month per member if they attend the meeting, and any that do not wish to accept the compensation can decline it. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for discussion and hearing none, chooses to speak. He states that while he feels it is important to attend the meetings, the board has other obligations that bring them to the station or otherwise demand their attention or involvement, so he feels that the compensation shouldn't hinge unqualifiably on the meeting attendance, as they may have primary job demands that do not permit them to attend a meeting. Commissioner Cook asks if we could base it on excused vs. unexcused. Chairman Ducrou is agreeable, and offers a friendly amendment. Friendly discussion ensues as to what would constitute excused vs. unexcused. It is decided that "proper notification" shall delineate between the two, and while some commissioners like the reminder calls about the meeting, it will fall on the commissioners to be responsible to notify the District Administration if they will be unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Cook amends his motion to allow compensation for excused absences with proper notification. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for any further discussion. Hearing none, he asks Chief if it is acceptable with him and how it will work into the budget. Chief explains that it had been requested that we address it at budget and it was not addressed; consequently, it was not budgeted, but he will make it work. Vote is called and motion passed unanimously.

- **Line of Credit Update** – Chief Nisbet adds this to the agenda. Chief Nisbet updates the Board on the cost to use the LOC and the interest saved by not liquidating the Certificates of Deposit. We drew a total of \$149,500 from the line of credit between the dates of 10/29/2012 and 11/26/2012. We repaid the entire drafted amount on December 31, 2012 with total interest charged being \$857.99 at a rate of 5.5% per year or 0.46% per month; as compared to the interest on the CD's we would have forfeited over the next 38<sup>1/2</sup> months of \$6,015.24. (Our current CDs carry a rate of 1.25% per year with approximately 3 years remaining. To initiate new CDs, the rate of return would only be 1.05% and would extend 4 more years instead of 3). Commissioner Ducrou states that was the whole reason for getting the LOC. Commissioner Cook asks if we had to use the LOC. Chief Nisbet responds to the affirmative, stating that it was because we have \$400,000 tied up in CDs; we had not had that before as it was in the money market, but we are trying to get as much interest as possible, so it is in CDs. If we had not had the CDs we would not have had to use it. He continues, that he was curious as to how well this would work, but he reports that it worked just as Capital Bank said it would, and it was a very simple way for us to handle it. Chairman Ducrou states it sounds good, and with no other discussion, calls for any other old business. Hearing none, he calls for new business.

**New Business –**

- **Audit acceptance**—Commissioner Cook motioned acceptance of Audit. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, motion carries.
- **Budget Amendment** – Appropriation #1 and Resolution #2013-01 Amendment to the 2012-2013 Budget. Commissioner Cook motions in favor of Resolution 2013-01. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. With no further discussion and none opposed, motion carries unanimously.

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- **Impact Fees**-Chief Nisbet advises the Board that since his election as President of LCFC Assn., it has come to the table that County Commissioner Manning has requested information pertaining to Impact Fees and what projects are currently planned or funded with Impact Fees. His intention is to seek Board Approval to suspend Impact Fees for the next two years and an additional year in sunset. Chief has discussed it with Commissioner Hall, who is not in favor of this, and was not back when they discussed it in July when they made the adjustments and chose not to suspend them at that time. He continues to explain that there are a number of Fire Districts, including ourselves who have Capital Improvement Items tied to Impact Fees. He states they are collecting data for the County Commission. This is gaining speed very quickly and it is slated to be discussed in the M&P meeting next Monday, and may be blue sheeted and brought before the Board next Tuesday. He states he believes it is split right now 2/2. He does not feel Commissioner Mann is in favor of it, and knows Commissioner Hall is not. He believes Commissioners Kyker and Manning are in favor. He feels Commissioner Pendergrass is going to be the deciding factor, and Chief is turning in his report tomorrow. He continues that we have received significant information about a commercial project for a Love's Truck Stop at Bayshore and I-75 behind the old Racetrac. The Impact Fees on that are roughly 3 truck payments. (Chief responds to a call for a residential structure fire with flames showing) Commissioner Ducrou fears we would discourage any new growth if we do not suspend them, but would rather see them suspended for 1 year to start. Since they are only good for 1 shot and we are restricted on their use by purpose and only with County approval; he doesn't want to see us lose the long term revenue for the short. Commissioner Cook doesn't feel that 1 year would be long enough to know what it has done or not done. Commissioner Ducrou agrees, that we as a District would not see it in the taxes in 1 year, but that we would see it in the permitting and ground breaking in the first year. Commissioner Cook feels that 1 year is not sufficient to get the word out to draw other people, not just local people. Commissioner Ducrou agrees. Commissioner Cook goes on to say that our impact fees are ridiculous; it just makes people who would consider us, decide not to because they are so high. There are so many others that are so much lower. Commissioner Ducrou agrees and says that a normal fee for a house is something like \$17,000. Commissioner Cook states that will make or break somebody wanting to build a house, that has a big affect on a payment. Commissioner Ducrou says he understands Chief's position, but he would really like to see some numbers. Commissioner Cook feels it would be a really big boost to the economy. Commissioner Ducrou states that the Impact Fees are not going to help us keep half the Department when the SAFER money runs out; we need the re-curring revenue from millage. Commissioner Cook points out that having them isn't helping us, we don't really have them right now. Look at what we get in a year in fees. Commissioner Ducrou states that Chief is seeing that travel plaza impact fees of something like \$60,000 and he feels for Chief. Commissioner Cook states that we are also going to see the tax revenue, forever. Commissioner Ducrou wishes Chief were here. Commissioner Griffin states it makes sense, but he's sure several Fire Chiefs are afraid right now. Commissioner Cook says he knows what Chief speaks for, he's sure many fire chiefs are freaking out. Commissioner Cook states he's sure a lot of them down south are. Commissioner Hansen states we have 2 fire trucks linked to them right now, some of them have brand new fire houses linked to them, and...and... Commissioner Cook states that they are already receiving all their impact fees, so

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they're talking about taking a huge cut in their budget. Commissioner Ducrou states they are also receiving a lot of annual income, and because they have the growth, they have the Impact Fees. He continues, citing Estero as an example. He's sure that they have a lot of buildings they have payments on, but doesn't believe they took the hit we did. Commissioner Cook mentions Bonita, as another big one. Commissioner Ducrou states Bonita is growing. Commissioner Griffin states that we're saying we have vehicles linked to the Impact Fees, but what are we linked to...\$700? Commissioner Ducrou explains, that they are linked to impact fees so we can pay ourselves back, but if we get the revenue, we can pay it out of the General Fund. Commissioner Griffin feels since we aren't getting anything, we aren't losing anything. Yes, if we do get them, it's going to allow us to take care of business faster, but we haven't been getting this money, so we're really not giving up anything. Commissioner Hansen says if you have high impact fees, they're not going to build. That mini-mart gas station they cleared for down here on the right, when they got the fees, they stopped. Commissioner Cook states that Lee County did the opposite of what most places would do; when growth slows down, we raised everything. He states a minor revision from impact glass to shutters on a \$200 permit cost \$97. Commissioner Ducrou states that's a county thing, they are upside down \$30 Million in this years budget, and that's where this comes from; they need that annual income, not the 1 time impact fee. He doesn't know how long they're going to be able to stretch this out. Commissioner Hansen states that we had \$700 last year, and Bonita wasn't hurt, Village Walk Bonita built 113 houses last year. That's just 1 community. Commissioner Cook states they are getting big impact fees. They have a lot at stake. Office Manager states it sounds like Impact Fees are not hurting their growth. They are also Lee County. Commissioner Cook states that there's a desire to be there, it's different. We're talking about different money here. Commissioner Griffin feels it would help draw people to us. Commissioner Ducrou states it affects the working class differently than the investor class. He continues that we used to build spec homes in the Cape, you can't do that any more; they are all \$350,000 houses, and they're selling, but the \$17,000 to that person isn't the same as it is to the person here who is building a \$150,000 house, that's 15% of the overall price, added on to the home. Chief can listen to the tape, Commissioner Ducrou feels he is smart and will do the right thing, he just wishes Chief could have been here. Commissioner Cook says you have to look at the long term in his opinion. It may even help these housing developments that have been looking here, maybe they could finally take off if there actually was no impact fee. Commissioner Griffin says he doesn't get it in the commercial area, because there really is none, and that is something that would benefit us greatly is the tax revenue for that. Commissioner Cook wonders what those fees are, they've got to be big. Commissioner Ducrou say they're huge, the 3 buildings Chief was talking about was \$60,000; that's just the Impact Fees from it. Commissioner Cook says that's impact fees total. Commissioner Ducrou states no, that's just the impact fees to us. He doesn't know if that's a lot of money compared to the long term, vs. you get 5 of those instead of 3. Commissioner Ducrou's fear is you don't get any; because we've been hearing this one's going to break, and that one's cleared. He continues, Chief counts the Impact fees, and it doesn't go, so we don't get the impact fees or the annual revenue. Commissioner Griffin says that annual commercial revenue is really something great to have. Commissioner Cook adds that there's no Save Our Homes on it either. Commissioner Hansen wonders what we lost when Race Trac went out. Concensus is the Board would prefer to see Impact Fees suspended in an effort to induce growth.

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(Chief returned here.) Chief discusses Love's Truck Plaza, and possible fast food places as there are 2 parcels there that he is aware of; and we are still receiving revenue even though it has been vacant since he joined the Department. He discusses the interchange being the only one to support Babcock and the VA Clinic for some time, that is going to be a target hot spot for some enhancements. Commissioner Ducrou inquires when the hotel is expected to break ground. Chief guesses at probably 2 years. Commissioner Ducrou says he was counting on those Impact Fees last year. Chief says he was too, as well as Racetrac. Chief says Racetrac was tied up due to South Florida Water Management permitting stuff due to water flow with the interstate, with how their lake was, and how they were going to take care of it; and then it got hung up with the County who felt their construction estimates were understated, but he believes it goes through its final review on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but their land clearing permit is finalized, their extension of the water system and the infrastructure is finalized; everything up to the building is finalized. Even the street improvement aspect is finalized. Chief expects this to be the year that some of the stuff is really going to be hitting the permitting desk. He continues that last year we didn't have to pick up plans but about every 3-4 months for a barn or something small, but Doug just got a call that there are several to pick up now. Commissioner Griffin updates Chief on the discussion we had while he was away on the call. He asks if we wouldn't do better to suspend the impact fees in an effort to entice more commercial growth, to help with long term revenue instead of the 1 year impact fees do for us. He feels if impact fees run people away, we won't get anything. Chief wholeheartedly disagrees. He does not feel that the impact fees are the issue. If someone wants to build, they would build. He continues, Estero Fire Rescue got 209 building permits across their desk last month alone. They are lucky if they got 209 for the last 2 years before. If they want to build, they will. Commissioner Ducrou states that those are different type people there. Chief asks, if he has to take the payments on the 2 trucks out of the Ad Valorem, without having the impact fees to generate those funds from, for that construction to go through, we are waiting 18-24 months before we see the first dollar, because if it doesn't get built and occupied by January 1<sup>st</sup>, we don't get the Ad Valorem for that being an occupied structure. Commissioner Ducrou states that if we don't have growth, we don't get it anyway. Chief is adamant that suspending impact fees is not going to make that difference. Chief states that our biggest problem is not Impact fees but that we have 8 people in the form of a community association making decisions for this community that are not meeting in the sunshine, that are fighting everything tooth and nail. He adds that the fire department's portion of Impact fees is negligible. Commissioner Ducrou agrees, he asks if our part for that project is \$60,000 how much are they looking at in impact fees combined. Chief can't say what other fees are charged. He says that the \$60,000 he's talking is that entire project for us. That's 3 truck payments that he doesn't have to take money out of Ad Valorem that he can utilize to keep personnel services up. He continues, if he loses SAFER funding, he's losing 6, at least if he has impact fees coming in, he can cover his payments with those. Commissioner Ducrou says we are only talking 2 years. Chief Nisbet feels if we lose them we will lose them forever. Commissioner Ducrou disagrees. Commissioner Cook feels that once we see the growth, they will be all over those impact fees again, they're going to see how much they're losing. Commissioner Cook states that when this county started going down, they went and raised all their fees, which is the opposite of what they should have done. It's called supply and demand. Chief says they just cut impact fees in half. Commissioner Cook says but they were already high, they were ridiculous.

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Chief Nisbet argues that they are the second lowest county fees in the state. We were in the bottom 10% before we reduced them. We were 50% less than Collier County. Our taxing rate is the second lowest in the state of Florida. Commissioner Cook feels there has to be some way to draw them here. Chief feels they are going to come anyway; they are coming now; they are starting. Commissioner Ducrou agrees, they are already coming, but they are not coming here, they are going south, they are going to Bonita. Chief feels that will always be the case. He feels if we support this, we will be cutting our own throats. There are more issues here than Impact fees. If you get rid of all the impact fees, they are still not coming here. They are going to build down in Estero, and around Germain Arena; out toward Bellaterra, and Corkscrew, where they are halfway between Naples and Fort Myers, or they are down around the baseball park. The people that are going to build here are the people looking for a certain kind of lifestyle, a certain type of construction. Our commercial development is going to be limited to pods. I-75 Interchange is it. Commissioner Cook asks if Chief doesn't think it will help facilitate all the housing developments that have been talked about out here? Chief states we at 1 house every 5 acres or 1 house every ten acres. Commissioner Cook is referring to the really big communities that have looked at us. Chief Nisbet states he still has Bayshore Citizens fighting everything that tries to come in here. Commissioner Cook says Chief should try to get on that board. Commissioner Hansen says that would be a wise decision. Commissioner Cook says he has learned that is the best way to fight them; fight them from within. Commissioner Hansen speaks that both he and Chief Nisbet have attended a couple of their meetings and both feel they are a joke. Commissioner Cook says we have had a couple of them come to a couple of ours and we have gotten into arguments with them. Chief agrees, and says they are angry with him because he supported the Bonita Bay project. He liked it because it would have put another fire station in his district, added hydrants to the district, and doubled the budget, it doesn't sound bad for the community. Right now, he can justify a fire station on highway 31 just based on response times. Call volumes don't justify it right now, but will when Babcock breaks ground in August. And, he continues, he has already admitted to drawing back from the grandiose old Florida style community that was planned, but has now been scaled down; Chief feels, and is drawing out of Lee County. At that point, Chief feels he will offer the land to Lee County for purchase as 20/20. Commissioner Hansen says that is already in the meetings. Commissioner Ducrou asks why not have him in Lee County? If the cost of his development is going to be that much lower? Chief says it's not going to be lower. Commissioners Ducrou and Cook ask why not. Chief Nisbet responds, because of the other stuff with the Bayshore Citizens, the aggravation that he's gone through, and all the other stuff that he has gone through. We were phase 3; ten years down the line for breaking ground anyway. He would have had plenty of time to deal with that aspect. The builder sat here 6 months ago and applauded. In Chief's opinion, this is 2 commissioners fulfilling campaign promises to people in the housing industry who backed them up and helped get them elected as county commissioners. He really doesn't feel it has anything to do with spurring growth, it is to increase their bottom dollars on whatever they can build; and there's a handful of people who are going to make money on it. He feels that whatever the cost to build, the builder is just going to pass it on to the buyer anyway. Commissioner Ducrou feels that it really will make a difference to someone who's currently renting and wants to build a house, not in Naples, because they don't worry about the expense, but rather the difference of someone's ability to qualify for the house payment. It's a whole different price point for our location. Chief states

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Commissioner Hall was telling him of an article in Tampa or Hillsborough where they had suspended their impact fees, and turned right around and reinstated them at an older rate because it wasn't worth the trouble it cost and it didn't make the difference they had hoped for anyway. They found no correlation between the two. The construction costs, all the permitting costs, they aren't going away, these are just the moneys that are used to support the infrastructure that these new developments are bringing in. To provide public safety, utilities, schools, for the people that are coming in. Commissioner Cook states that it still costs. Chief Nisbet points out that we are at our cap, we can't raise our taxes; but everyone else in the county, the school board, other fire departments, the county itself, everyone that isn't at their cap, are going to raise taxes on everyone to cover the cost of these added expenses. Commissioner Ducrou states that they can't use impact fees to maintain roads, only to add them; we have to maintain what we have. Chief agrees, but states that if he has to use Ad Valorem money instead of Impact Fees to pay for these trucks we have purchased, it's going to be a lot more difficult to keep these guys working. He states he will do the Board's pleasure, but strongly feels we should not support suspending impact fees. If it happens, there's nothing we can do about it, but he does not feel we should support it. Commissioner Cook has spoken with a lot of builders and people who do what he does, and he feels it would help. They have always complained about impact fees. Commissioner Cook says he complains about permitting too because a tiny little \$7000 addition can cost \$1500 in permit fees. It makes a difference as to whether someone can do it. Commissioner Cook turns to Commissioner Ducrou and asks what's to stop the County from raising their permitting fees to cover the impact fees they are no longer getting? Commissioner Ducrou agrees, there is nothing stopping them, the costs could be the same to them. Chief says the thing is, we have 2 pieces of equipment earmarked for reimbursement through future impact fees, if we collect the impact fees, now part of impact fees regulations is a portion is refundable within a certain period of time if the project does not go; if the money has not been spent, unless they are obligated for a project that is on the way. So, if this project comes in and their impact fees are paid, since those funds are obligated for this equipment, we are not required to give that money back if that project does not C/O. Commissioner Ducrou believes that since we have already purchased the truck, we would still have to pay back the fees, since we didn't buy it after. Chief states that since the equipment we have committed will be responding to that structure, we won't have to pay them back. Commissioner Cook asks if any future permits pulled in this District would have to pay the fees? Chief Nisbet responds, yes, if they have impact fees, we would not be obligated to pay them back. He knows this for a fact since a district in southern Lee County is right now sitting on \$60 million the did not have to pay back when the projects fell through because their new station is tied to those impact fees. Commissioner Ducrou argues you can not tie the future funds up since that project had no impact. That is the cart before the horse. Chief is just stating what the county attorney said. Commissioner Ducrou states they are only looking after the long term here. Chief states he is as well. He adds that he can say, that this is a residential community and it has never been cheaper to build a house here than it is right now. Commissioner Cook wants to know how much that is. Chief can't answer that as he doesn't build houses, but what he is saying is, the impact fees have never been cheaper. They are right now below the 2001 level as they were reduced in 2012 to that level. (He is speaking strictly about fire impact fees) Commissioner Cook feels that fire impact in general is low compared to the others, like school, schools he feels are

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probably the highest. Commissioner Ducrou states if he knew we would get the growth regardless, he would say leave the fees alone, but he is not confident we will get the growth without suspending them. His fear is we don't get the growth and then we don't get the impact fees or the annual revenue. He declines to give Chief a directive on this issue, but he feels strongly this is something we need to do to make sure we get the growth. Commissioner Griffin feels that the commercial tax base would be good for us. Chief says we are just getting the information together for the Lee County BOCC right now and he is going to go to the meeting on behalf of the Fire Chiefs to state their position. He reiterates that our problem out here is not the impact fees, but that group we discussed earlier that they have to deal with that is completely anti-everything. Commissioner Cook says every time he has dealt with them, they want nothing out here. They want what they have and nothing more. Commissioner Hansen says they are pushing very hard for all of Babcock in Lee County to be 20/20. Not just to get it off the books, but to make it 20/20 land which takes it off our tax roll. Commissioner Cook says we should be fighting them harder than anything else. Chief Nisbet states that Steve Brodtkin is now on the regional planning board. Chief Nisbet states he was talking to his neighbor who is head of the North Fort Myers Chamber and is on the North Fort Myers Civic Assn. which everything west of I-75 falls under the North Fort Myers Planning and Development, anyway; but he has tried the last 3 months to go to the last 3 meetings of the Bayshore Citizens and they were either moved, not there, cancelled, or were already adjourned. Chief has a problem with the fact that they are not meeting in the sunshine and the county is feeding them developments and plans for their review for recommendation or approval from the Bayshore Comp Plan, and they are not allowing the public to weigh in on them. Commissioner Ducrou asks why we don't address this with the county, so that the county doesn't utilize people that do not represent the District for these decisions. He feels our resources would be better utilized fighting that. He continues, that we are on the same page, the county needs new revenue, they have a \$30 million hole this year and it's not going away until they get growth. The county is on the same page we are. We need responsible, good growth, that increases the tax base. If they are meeting out of the sunshine, then we either get our attorney involved or we meet with the county's attorney, and say, number 1, you can't utilize these crazy people because they don't represent us. Number 2, they are violating the statute. Commissioner Hansen adds that the papers they use to represent us are papers that were drafted 15 years ago to stop the mine out here and were meant for the mine only, and they are saying this is who we represent. Chairman Ducrou states he feels we can get the whole board behind us working on that.

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

**Motion to Adjourn** – Commissioner Cook motions adjournment. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. With no discussion and none opposed, meeting is adjourned at 8:07pm.