

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

**Meeting called to order** at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Griffin

**Invocation** – MOS

Commissioner Ducrou – Present  
Commissioner Hansen – Present (7:10)  
Commissioner Cook – Present  
Commissioner Griffin – Present  
Commission Mere - Present  
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present  
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present  
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

**Others Present:** None

**Minutes** – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou 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 February 2017 financials. Commissioner Cook moves to accept the January 2017 financials. Commissioner Ducrou 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 reads the Fire Marshal's report into the record. Chief Nisbet states in addition to the report, Captain Underwood did a lot of Public Education activity with the fair going on as well. He then reads the Administration Report into the record. He adds that "On our call volume, I did a comparison of data for the first quarter of last year to the first quarter of this year and our call volume reflects a 20% increase just for this year alone. SR 31 is starting to wear us out. We're going up there almost twice a week." Commissioner Cook states "it's busy everywhere; I guarantee everybody's up 20%. I drove south today and it's like, I couldn't wait to get back over here. This is ridiculous." Chief Nisbet states "There was one day last week where we were down to 2 ambulances in the entire county." Commissioner Mere states "there was one point last week they called it county-wide red." Chief Nisbet states "no, this was condition critical. Red is before we get to condition critical. So we moved a Charlotte County ambulance into Hendry County." Commissioner Ducrou states "there are a lot of people here." Chief agrees. Commissioner Mere states "couple questions... what are we looking at in cost for the equipment for Verizon?" Chief Nisbet responds "between \$400 and \$600 I think; depending on where we find it. He's going to tell us what we need. We would purchase it and they'll come and install it." Commissioner Griffin asks "What's that do actually?" Chief Nisbet responds "Right now, because we combined all of our cable,

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internet and phone services into the same provider, when we lose Comcast, we lose everything. It all goes down. I'm not comfortable losing our phones. So what will happen is that digital receiver that's going to be mounted in that room will pick that up with an external antenna, when it senses we've dropped out phone service, it takes our phone numbers, and they'll have a cellular id also, so that we'll still receive calls through the cell phone usage and then as soon as it comes back up, it'll turn back off. I want to say they give us 4 Gigs a month for utilization of it, and we get to bank it, and he said "you'll never go over your \$10 month. Because if you have a disaster, we bring in systems anyway." Commissioner Ducrou asks, "It's only going to be for phone calls, it's not for internet service?" Chief Nisbet responds "correct, strictly for phone calls. My big thing was I didn't like the not having phones, but just the cost of going back to the Embarq phones, and then keeping Comcast separate, we're almost doubling our bill. This was an easier fix." Commissioner Ducrou asks how often it happens. Chief Nisbet states, during rainy season, out here, we have outages out here quite a bit." Office Manager states "the equipment out here on the poles is so old." Commissioner Mere states "it's not even just during rainy season. I've got Comcast at the shop. You will have more phone issues, but if the calls are coming in, it's not going to make a difference anyhow. But if it is, the cellular is going to keep you from going down." Chief states "if you call them, they'll say check your connections, your modems and all that stuff, which we do all the time anyway. And we'll be like "hey the problem's outside. Then they send a technician out, and he checks and realizes it's at the pole and then they have to bring somebody else in and usually it's about 8 hours. And what happens is our phone just rings and rings and rings (for the outside caller) and nobody picks up." Commissioner Mere asks "do we bill the Civic Center for all the personnel out there, volunteer and regular?" Chief Nisbet states "we bill for 6 positions, if a volunteer that's not assigned one of the 6 positions wants to go out there, they can, but we don't bill for that, and we charge them \$25hr for the apparatus. The only reason we don't charge them the full FEMA rate for the apparatus is I have an agreement with them that if we have a major incident, a fire, we can pull the engine from off there." Commissioner Mere asks "How many annual inspections do we do district-wide?" Chief Nisbet responds "about 84. We hit all of our commercial buildings. I would be remiss if I didn't say we might miss one here or there, and go 13 months, but we have 84 commercial buildings we inspect." Commissioner Mere asks "does he use an I pad or something to do the inspections and fill out forms with?" Chief Nisbet states "No, we do it on the straight form; we've looked at mobilized, with prevention stuff, I just haven't been able to take the cost off that yet." Commissioner Mere asks "How expensive are we looking to do something like that? Because it would definitely save time." Chief Nisbet responds "for a majority of what our businesses are and stuff, we're not getting into a lot of processes and things along those lines, they're pretty straight forward; exit lights, emergencies, we go in, it's a straight form. Usually what is time consuming is re-inspections. Getting into re-inspections; we have one commercial business right now that, it's a school that we've had issues

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where they keep locking the doors. So what we've done now is, we've told them they're going to put panic hardware in. We've given them 6 months to put the panic hardware in. We're not going to do this anymore; you're going to put panic hardware in. They don't have a choice. Where Doug's time really gets tied up right now is in the pre-inspection stuff, and the code stuff, and going for development orders and stuff. Those are items that we're currently working on pretty regularly. We have a development order project coming in for Seminole Campground; we were working last week on the Pritchett Road project, we've been putting stuff together for the Babcock Project, and now we had to go out today and do a flow test for Upriver. So we had to do two flow tests today. So those are where a lot of time gets tied up; the Captains themselves do that, but ideally once we get out of doing a lot of the fire reporting stuff I'd like to move everything over to the mobilized is what a lot of people are doing; Is the airport using that or are they still using Firehouse (he is asking Commissioner Ducrou)?" Commissioner Ducrou responds "Couldn't tell you." Chief continues, "But mobilized, it would put everything in to it. But when I do this; and the only reason I haven't done it yet, is because I want to go to the Enterprise site, which we have to dedicate a VPM line to it, so that when we get our calls Dispatch will automatically download our address into our calls and our reports so when the guys get back a lot of that data will already be entered into our reports." Commissioner Mere states "good". Commissioner Ducrou responds "I don't know if they're on there or not; they're not on Firehouse anymore. They gave that up a couple years ago." Chief states they're probably on Mobilized." Commissioner Ducrou states "it's something else, it's not Mobilized." Chief Nisbet states "I think it is called something else on the reporting side of it, but it's all part of the same company." Commissioner Mere asks "What kind of cost?" Chief Nisbet responds "a couple grand; once you get it outfitted and all that stuff. And then the I pads and stuff. It's the same one EMS is using so ideally... that's the other thing too, the County is continuing to apply for grants on that, to get everybody to it so we may get the benefit of that anyway. It's on the priority list but right now my office supplies is, I'm probably going to have to purchase a new copier; even though my office manager says she can clean the glass; but the copier is becoming an issue." Commissioner Ducrou asks if "when the medics run the same call as us does their information transfer over to reports?" Chief Nisbet responds "On the patient care side, no it does not; but their responding unit stuff, I believe that does through the Enterprise site; but I don't think their patient care stuff does." "I think the departments that are using it, and I'm not 100% sure, but I think the departments that are entering information first response, they can Bluetooth it over to their pad so they already have that information. I tell you what; some of the new stuff that's coming out is pretty incredible. The heart monitor will send a cellular signal to the hospital so it'll give them all the 12 lead information and everything; there's a lot of cool stuff going on. A lot of cool stuff going on. And then of course, going into it, the drone, I can really see some benefit to us having a drone here, especially on brush fires with our access; we had a brush fire here the other day on Aqua Vista, and it was a 2 ½ acre fire and we had to access a

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house to protect a mile up the road on Pioneer and follow it all the way up and around and then to get on the other side of the fire we had to come in off Sabal Palm. So that type of vehicle would benefit, even if we just take it up in hover mode and take it up 150 feet; but the big thing that we don't want to have happen with that is, and that's why Forestry held the meeting, is we don't want to have their aircraft or the Sheriff's office aircraft coming into the airspace with our drones in the air, so that's what we're working on." Commissioner Mere states "yeah, and you have to have licenses you have to get for each operator." Chief Nisbet continues "but, there's an academy in Jacksonville right now that for \$3,500 you send 3 of your people up to get certified, you get the drone which is a T4, I don't know who makes it, which you let go of and it goes into hover so you won't crash it, but you send 3 of your people up there, they get trained, you get the commercial drone license and everything and it's like a weeklong class and you come back and apply for the tail number because being a government agency we'd have to apply for a tail number because you'd be a registered aircraft." Commissioner Mere states "they work well with arson investigation too." Chief Nisbet states "we actually used them some down in Collier after their aircraft veered off we were able to, even in some night operations we were able to use the drone in it, helped us immensely, figure out some ways to get some trucks into some areas; especially right behind the swamp buggy park." Commissioner Mere states "until the helicopter doesn't see it and drops water on it." Chief Nisbet states "one thing I did find out though, if you knock one out of the sky, it's the same as downing an aircraft. It's a big deal. So, don't ever try to knock a drone out of the air." Commissioner Mere adds "like the lady who was shooting at it." Multiple Commissioners states "don't fly it over my house" Chief Nisbet states, "if it violates private property that's the one thing, we talked about that too." Commissioner Ducrou asks "Google maps, you guys use that right now?" Chief Nisbet responds "yes we do." Commissioner Ducrou states "because honestly, that's the most up to date for accuracy." Chief Nisbet responds "yes, and it's great, funny you brought that up, actually, when we were in Collier, we had a report of an invalid gentleman that was trapped inside the house and the fire was burning in on him, and the street we were on, all the mailboxes were already melted and we couldn't see the addresses so I typed in his address on my phone to Google map and it took me right to the end of his driveway. And we went in there, his front door was open and we searched it with our crew and San Carlos Engine 51, tried to find the guy, he wasn't around; at that time the propane tanks around the back of the house bled off, literally bled off and it was one of those things that I probably had to change clothes after wards, but yeah, that Google Maps, and that's the other thing too is the MDCs are now coming down in price; you can now get a iPad Rocket which is the communications device to the CAD, a Bluetooth key board, and the antennae for about \$1,800. So, when we first started this out, you know we had 2 given to us by North Fort Myers, but those units out there were \$6,000 when they put those in. So my hope is to get an MDC by the end of the year into B-132 which is running rescue because it is a lot lower profile, and one into my vehicle, and the

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new GIS mapping and all that stuff, the overlays and all that, we have all of our hydrant locations on there; and then if we go into..., like if we go to the Civic Center it'll have a tab underneath it you pull it up and it will have a site map for the Civic Center and everything in there where you can see all the stuff. Commissioner Cook states "Pretty slick stuff; pretty cool." Chief Nisbet agrees, "it makes you wonder, but you know what always worries me about technology; is going back to the old school when it fails; making sure you have map books and everything, in case you have to." Commissioner Ducrou states "you can save the maps even, so if for some reason you can't upload them, there's ways to save the maps on the drive on the computer itself so." Chief Nisbet states "actually what we do is when we update our map book, we call down to Amy Hoyt down at GIS and what she does is pulls up our entire, it used to be by section township and range, now it's by GIS grid, she pulls up the entire grid, each page is a grid, and she pulls it up and we get a, the front index page tells you what page it's on, and we get 2 sets of maps; one which is just a basic white map of hydrant locations on it, and if you go to the same corresponding page, you go to like a Google map overview. As a matter of fact, I used that on the Aqua Vista fire to see what kind of fuel loads we had in the area. We get updated from her and she does our station wall maps and stuff, about once a year; and the county doesn't charge us for it. It's provided, and then they give us a disc." Commissioner Ducrou states "cool."

Vice-Chairman Griffin states " we'll move on, and show Commissioner Hansen as present, for the records", and he calls for Petitions/Public Input.

**Petitions before the Board/Public Input –None**

**Union Petitions** - None Chief Nisbet states "The DVP is home and kind of quarantined as his children have strep throat. He felt it was kind of good not to come in." Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for any Old Business.

**Old Business** – Chief Nisbet states "Commissioners, just an update on some old business, Babcock, I did go up and meet with them with Captain Underwood again, their plan is moving along and has met the need for submittal for Lee County, so it's going to go in front of the Lee County Planning Commissioner next month and then hoping to go in front of the County Commissioner in June. They did come back and felt that within the Bayshore Fire District the Impact Fees is 1.7M is what they're projecting on the impact fees and they've offered a fire station site location with clearing, the pad laid, the utilities brought in, all that ground work and stuff, but they want us to use the impact fees for the construction and the apparatus. My concern is the ability to meeting what we would need to maintain the ISO rating and the station construction costs. We're pulling some numbers together and we'll meet again sometime in June when we get close to that getting done, but I will be bringing in June or July, some discussion points back to you to see how you want me to proceed. But, actually,

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their Board of Directors said that they would go ahead and promise the 1.7 now if we needed to purchase the apparatus for the project now, and I'm like... slow down, let's wait and see, but their plan is still to have Phase I completed by the end of 2019 and probably having multiple phases being built at the same time, I'm thinking, depending on how quickly they get moving, it might be more along the lines of the Spring of 2020 but I do know also from their discussion is the one component they were worried about was the ballfield attraction, The Perfect Game, and from what I'm understanding, that is pretty much locked in. It's just a matter of getting the approval for the Development Order." Commissioner Griffin asks, "That restaurant up there is that on our side or Charlotte County?" Chief Nisbet responds "everything is on Charlotte County side right now. And right now we are getting a KNOX Box Key for the Charlotte County portion and they are going to be scheduling training in the upcoming future here at the solar plant where we are going to go up and train on any fires that happen on solar array facility and stuff, because I guess there's some personal hazards along with that. So FPL is going to provide that training. From what they're telling me, it's moving right along. If you get a chance to go up and sit in the restaurant I'd say guys, go up and enjoy it. It's kind of a limited menu right now but it's really starting to look nice. Even what little bit they have done. But I think, last I heard they have about 35 homes coming out of the ground right now in different locations in the project. Yeah, our traffic on 31 and Bayshore right now has just tripled." Commissioner Mere asks "Is that school still going along?" Chief replies "yeah, the school is going to open this fall. Yeah, the charter school. And I know Lee County School District is meeting with them about the school location on the Lee County side." Commissioner Mere asks "Does Charlotte County have enough fire and rescue there to take care of the school and stuff there too or is that going to fall onto us?" Chief Nisbet replies "Everything right now in Charlotte County they're going to provide. Charlotte County has about 2/3 of the project; they're looking at putting in three stations." Commissioner Mere asks "yeah, but what's going on right now that's being built, especially with the school opening up...?" Chief Nisbet responds "Well our call volume in Charlotte County has dropped significantly. From what I understand they've increased their staffing for the most part on Engine 9; I mean we're still going up here quite a bit if they need us to, but that's only here and there. But I know they're going to be putting an ambulance out there in the fall. But that station that's currently out there; that's got to be re-located in the project because that's going to be another entranceway where the station sits right now. If you all don't know, Bill Van Helden who used to be Chief at Cape Coral and Lee County EMS, he's the new Charlotte County Fire Chief and he take effect in, I believe, the first week in May. He's already discussed wanting to re-visit our inter-local agreements and wants to maintain a partnership and specifically we're going to talk about Babcock too. Commissioners, when you get to new business, I do have one item." Vice Chairman Griffin calls for anything else in old business. Commissioner Ducrou asks "Have they said anything about the impacts on our roads?" Chief Nisbet responds "No, I know that County has been dealing with that and stuff. I know that it's in the Development Order. I know

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that this year they have to start 31, the project, but there's some discussion about how they want to proceed with that without the bridge construction. Now, I do know that the State is increasing their timetable on replacing the Wilson Pigott Bridge. I guess they're going to put a single span bridge over it. Kind of like what's down at Fort Myers Beach. Probably not as high, but that type of bridge." Commissioner Ducrou asks "Anything on four-laning from 31 to where it four lanes here?" Chief Nisbet responds "There has not been any discussion about Bayshore Rd. but I have a feeling they're going to start talking about it soon. Because the way that Mr. Kitson and the Kitson Partners, they want their community to use Palm Beach to 31 as their access; major road-major road; but as we all know, people are going to use Bayshore Road especially coming from the north, they are going to get off at Bayshore and take it...well, we're already seeing it, so we just need to get... I imagine it's going to come up, but I haven't heard anything additional yet, but it's probably coming. A lot of things going on; trying to keep up with them all, been a little busy." Commissioner Ducrou asks "Nothing up in our neighborhood though, so this project's going to break ground really fast..." Chief Nisbet states "Last meeting we were told 60-80 days and we just did an updated flow test on it at the Pritchett and Bayshore for the tie in and stuff because Seminole Campground is building a new clubhouse and an apartment for an on-site manager and stuff; because of the amount they're changing the building they now have to have a hydrant in Seminole Campground. So they are coordinating with that project with when to tie in because that's the way their water currently comes in to Seminole Campground. It doesn't go up Wells Road then down, it actually comes across underneath that creek and goes in the back part of Seminole Campground that way. The funny part behind that one is the County doesn't even know how they got tied in. And they said "well it had to be us because it's our valve, but we don't know how it happened because they have to put in a minimum of a 6" line in there and right now they have a 2" line. But, Seminole Campground is nice now. It's not the same park it was ten years ago. Not by any means." Commissioner Cook states "It's real nice. I stay there about once a year." Chief Nisbet asks "Really." Commissioner Cook states "every Halloween. They have a big huge party there. Right now, you can't get in there for less than \$60 a night; well; right now you can't even get in there. You won't find a spot." Commissioner Mere states "I was always afraid I'd need my hep-c shot before I went in there." Commissioner Cook states "There was a time; it wasn't even that long ago, it was bad." Chief Nisbet states "ten years ago, that was our rough area. That's where we ran a lot of nasty calls. Now, we're very rarely in there." Commissioner Cook states "That's one of our nicer places around here." Chief agrees "It is, they've really done a nice job cleaning it up." Commissioner Mere asks "Did ownership change or ..." Commissioner Cook and Chief Nisbet both say yes. Chief continues "yes, new owners and they've invested; I think right now they've got almost 3M dollars tied into this place." Commissioner Cook states "He's got paved roads in there now; every site's got concrete and stone..." Chief Nisbet states "put a brand new pool, water fountain, and slide and all kinds of stuff..." Commissioner Cook states

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“beautiful pool.” Chief Nisbet continues “so really the last piece they need to do, and then they want to expand; they want to go on the other side of their concrete bridge. Which if they do that they’re going to have to take another hydrant out a little bit further.” Commissioner Cook states “I don’t know if you’ve ever been out there but they’ve already kind of expanded.” Chief Nisbet states, “yeah, we had to address that last year.” Commissioner Cook states “There’s quite a few sites over there. There’s what, fifteen? Ten? Chief Nisbet states “Yeah, but they were supposed to move everybody back over. It’s only supposed to be industrial storage back in there now.” Commissioner Cook states, “That’s more permanent people down there too. They stay all year.” Chief Nisbet states “A lot of the ones up front are the motor coaches.” Commissioner Cook states the ones in the back, where the Halloween party is, those are people that are here all year.” With the discussion finished Vice Chairman Griffin calls for new Business.

**New Business** – Chief Nisbet states he has one item – “As you remember in the budgeting process, I budgeted \$10,000 for wildland gear; or Brush gear and boots, I applied for a 50/50 grant from Florida Forest Service and we were approved for a 50/50 grant for \$9,000, so I’d like authorization to accept that grant so I can order some brush gear.” Commissioner Ducrou moves to accept. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and with none opposed the grant is accepted.

**Commissioner Items** –With no Commissioner Items offered for discussion, Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for Public Input.

**Public Input** – As there is no Public presence Chief Nisbet takes this opportunity to present a plaque to Commissioner Ducrou for 10 years of service, and one for Commissioner Hansen for 15 years. Chief Nisbet notes that the dates are 2014 and 2015 as we didn’t present awards those years but we wanted to make sure we captured those milestones in appreciation of our board members. Commissioner Ducrou states “Thanks for talking us into it.” Chief Nisbet states “Hey, when I go, you can go”. Commissioner Ducrou states “You don’t have too much longer to go, so that’s not too bad.” Chief Nisbet notes “4.3 years.” Commissioner Ducrou states “I know I’m not going to make five years, no way.” Chief Nisbet asks him how far in is he now. Commissioner Ducrou replies “two I think” There’s a bit more discussion on drop time and attendance and Vice-Chairman Griffin calls for motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment** - Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn. Commissioner Ducrou seconded the motion, and with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m.