

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tentative Budget Hearing September 15, 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 - Absent
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Griffin - Present
Commissioner Klos – Present (7:15)
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann - Absent

Others Present: Captain Underwood

District Identity is announced

Rollback Rate is announced – 4.2965

Percentage Increase/Decrease in Millage over Roll Back Rate - announced as: 18.5383
BELOW the Roll Back Rate – therefore no reason is given as to the increase in Ad Valorem revenues, but rather the announcement is made that Ad Valorem revenues will actually be **BELOW 2008-2009 Ad Valorem revenues by \$280,901.00**

Budget Covered – All commissioners having reviewed the proposed budget beforehand Chairman Hansen requests Chief explain the format of the budget columns and their representation. Chief explains that after many variations of the budget the plan “Freeze – No Holiday” represents the concessions the bargaining unit made with their contract with the District, as well as all the cuts to the other significant line items. He goes on to explain that the column “2008-2009 Original Budget” represents the original adopted budget for 2008-2009 before any adopted changes during the course of the year. The column “Difference 2008-2009 2009-2010” represents the difference between the 2 aforementioned budgets. He continues that the “2008-2009 CURRENT” outlines the current budget for 2008-2009 with adopted changes to date and the “Difference 2008-2009© 2009-2010)” represents the differences between the current Proposed “Freeze No Holiday” budget and the 2008-2009 budget with adopted changes. After clarification of the “Total Reserves” represented as \$209,240.60 which will be the total reserves if the proposed budget is adopted, plus the addition of any adjustments the auditors determine is carried over from the 2008-2009 budget which will be a future amendment by the Board, to the new proposed budget; once that amount is certain. Chairman Hansen asks the Board for any questions or clarification they desire with regard to the budget. Commissioner Ducrou states he has already had all his questions answered and would like to thank the administration for the detailed format of the budget this year which will make it more clear in future years as to where the funds are actually allocated. The only question Commissioner Ducrou has is with the Accumulated Vacation increase of approximately \$10,000 over last year despite the loss of a senior employee, when he had

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anticipated it going down. Engineer Lemieux explains that several staff members had hit their anniversary of 5 years which qualified them for higher accrual rates. Office Manager adds that those that had hit their 1 year anniversary also took an increase in their accruals. Commissioner Hansen also observes that the accruals are often earned at one level and a new level changes the obligation accordingly. Chief explains that it was actually higher except that we had determined not to budget the full amount since the vacation buy-backs we will be paying in December will reduce the obligation for the remaining fiscal year so that amount has instead been calculated into the wages where it will actually be spent from. Commissioner Griffin asks what the Leave Coverage line is for. Chief Nisbet explains that that is the budgeted amount set aside for the overtime coverage of anyone who takes vacation. Chief Nisbet states that he had cut that number significantly. Commissioner Ducrou adds that that would only be used if more than 1 person was out on shift. Chief adds that also he expects a very dry season due to continued low water tables and lack of rain. He will do what needs to be done to cover the District should the season prove as dry as he anticipates. If he's at 3 and we get a significant event – he will call in. Commissioner Griffin asks aren't we paid for the Special Events. Chief Nisbet draws attention to the income line that offsets it. Commissioner Ducrou states he thought all the income wasn't used to pay the men for the detail. Office Manager states that there's about \$2 an hour difference. Commissioner Ducrou states he's not happy with \$2 an hour if we have an engine sitting down there. Chief explains that when the engine stands by like for the Fair, we bill \$25 per hour. He adds that the County Fee Schedule allows for \$55 per hour but that is a dedicated engine and when we are at the fair, if we have an incident within the District, they allow us to pull the fire crew provided we have the 2 EMTs there and the Medic crew on-site. Commissioner Ducrou asks if there's a term to that agreement. Chief states that he is going to meet with them about reviewing the rates. Commissioner Ducrou says he'd like to treat it like the CAM agreement – what's fair is fair. Chief advises that Lee County EMS' standby rate he believes to be \$140 per hour for the Medic unit and 2 EMS personnel and he believes the cost to the Agency is \$168, so they are actually losing money. Commissioner Ducrou disagrees the accuracy of the statement. Chief Nisbet states he got that info from the Ops Chief. Commissioner Ducrou explains that that is probably the cost of the ALS unit combined with the employees as the employees wouldn't cost more than \$50 per hour combined. He asks what Estero charges. Chief Nisbet replies around \$28 per hour and everything is BLS with no distinction of rank. Commissioner Ducrou asks about the engine charges. Chief says no, if someone wants an engine, they get it; unless it's a hazmat or fire prevention type activities it's \$55 an hour that the County charges. He states he has a meeting coming up with Alta but that he wants to maintain our relationship and Alta is very supportive. He states they gave us \$3000 last year for the Haunted House which was more than our fair share and have asked for our involvement again this year. He also says they are discussing the ticket pricing for the fair now. They are entertaining raising the price. He says it's a pinch everyone is feeling, but it's unresolved yet. He's getting to it next week. Commissioner Ducrou says "ok". Chairman Hansen asks for any other questions regarding the budget. Commissioner Griffin asks whether the Accounting & Auditing line is the same. Office Manager responds that while they are allowed a 10% increase each year, they have held their rate to the same as last year. Commissioner Griffin says he was wondering about the "Accounting & Auditing" being the same as "Auditor Expense" and Commissioner Ducrou explains that the gray bands are headings and a total of all lines in that category. With no more questions, Commissioner Ducrou asks if we set the millage first. Chairman Hansen replies millage first, then budget. Commissioner Ducrou motions to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate at 3.5 mills. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Chairman Hansen calls for discussions if any. With no discussions offered he calls for the vote. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman

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Hansen calls for motion to accept the Tentative Budget. Commissioner Ducrou motions to accept the Tentative budget as presented. Commissioner Klos seconded the motion. Chairman Hansen asks for discussion, if any. Commissioner Hansen interjects his agreement with Commissioner Ducrou's earlier comments, stating that he really appreciates the efforts by the staff, firefighters and bargaining unit getting this put together, that we are way ahead of where we normally are. DVP Lemieux adds "way ahead of other Districts". Chairman Hansen agrees. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously. (Resolutions 2009-03 and 2009-04 are executed).

Chairman Hansen asks for any Public Input and with none received he calls for Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Klos motions to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Vote called. Motion passed Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.