

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 6, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou Immediately following the preliminary budget hearing. There is no change in attendance between the two meetings.

Awards – Chief Nisbet explains that on August 16, 2011 Medic 19 was coming back from Charlotte County with a patient and requested we support with a rider for a ride into the hospital. The lady was 9 months pregnant and in full labor. Chief Nisbet goes on to say that about the time they reached the Caloosahatchee Bridge, she decided to deliver; and Shawn was on the receiving end for the delivery of the new baby boy. Since we don't often get to deliver babies, Shawn has now been officially inducted into the Loyal Order of the Storks, so we have a Stork Award and Stork pin for his uniform. Commissioners ask to see the awards and thank him for his work. He thanks the board and Chief for the award. (Staff departs)

Minutes – Review and Acceptance of the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Hansen 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 2011 Financials. Commissioner Cook motioned acceptance of the August financials. Commissioner Hansen seconded the Motion. With no questions or discussion, and none opposed, motion carries.

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet reads Fire Marshal report and Administration reports into the record. He adds that last week we received several batteries donated by Duracell due to their fire fighters use campaign commercial. Chairman Ducrou calls for questions or discussion; hearing none he inquires of the grants for the automatic vehicle locators; as to the ultimate goal, should Lee County be awarded that grant. Chief Nisbet replies closest unit response and unified dispatch methodology. He continues, for example say we have a vehicle already on a call and unavailable for mutual aid, the system automatically moves to the next closest unit in the mutual aid agreement for response. He continues that with the MDCs everything is automatically downloaded on computer aided dispatch, pre-plans, call updates, map program, and a GPS locator. Commissioner Ducrou inquires if it is 8 departments that are in the grant (Chief Confirms that to be correct) and if the intent is to provide county wide automatic closest unit response, as he does not see that happening. Chief Nisbet confirms that is the intent of the Fire Chief's Assn. because right now we have six different dispatch methodologies being handled at Lee Control, and consequently the average time between receipt of the call by dispatch and the tones being dropped is anywhere between 1 and 2 minutes. It is there intent to get as close to possible to a single system dispatch. He continues that right now, every department south of the city is already in it. Commissioner Ducrou asks if he is saying everyone south of the city is in it, because airport is not. Chief Nisbet replies that the Port Authority and Page Park, due to their uniqueness of services, may remain the exceptions. Chief Nisbet adds that if the grant is awarded, our share will be \$5,386.00, which is less than the cost of one MDC/ADL unit. Commissioner Cook says the grant can't be much. Chief Nisbet replies that the grant is \$437,000. He continues that since we are in that 10% window, our contribution amount for that grant would be \$5000 and change, and all the trucks would have MDC & ADL. Commissioner Cook inquires if Chairman Ducrou and Chief were able to figure out how the property appraiser does his thing. Chief Nisbet states that 4 years ago Lawhon's was appraised at \$700 and some thousand and now

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it's down to \$149,000 this year. There is a lot of discussion about how everything is all over the place. Several present say theirs went up this year. One present who put in a pool, says his went down this year. There appears to be no clear method of calculating what's going on. Chairman Ducrou states it is their intent to have a meeting with the property appraiser and other past property appraisers and accountants and get to the bottom of the formula being used. He explains it is very difficult to find the problems with the system being used if you don't know the system. He predicts at the rate we're going, we are going to be living in a county that is going to make Detroit look like Naples. They are running our county down. Those people who think that lowering property values every year is a good thing, that when they go to try to get money out of their place, or sell their place and realize they don't have fire service, EMS service, and the roads are bad, we just have a terrible community, and we are on our way there. He explains that for us as a district, we have a huge bubble that's going to pop without the SAFER grant, we're going to lose half of our station, and we're looking at 11 years, even if we maxed out in growth to get back where we were. He goes on to say that the county is the same way. Every year they pull another \$30 million in reserves. He can only hope that we can collectively take a stand and try to help this situation. Discussion ensues again about the lack of sense in the system of valuation. Discussion weans and Chairman Ducrou calls for Old Business.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Old Business –

- **Update on Engine 133 –** Chief Nisbet provides the board with the results of the further evaluation of Engine-133 with two additional quotes of \$75,000 with only the major issues being addressed. Both proposals qualify their proposal with statements that they are only quoting what they can see and what they can not see, they can not estimate at this time. Both companies (Hall-mark and Elite Fire Safety) would require the truck for 6 months, anyway. They actually said that the pump on the front end would be the easy part, the electrical is the nightmare; and some of the stuff that goes around the control heads in the engine. He continues that he has put in for an Assistance to Fire Act Grant for the pumper, that closes next month, so he hopes to have an answer by the end of the year; and if we are approved, we'll be able to buy a pumper for \$13,000; if not, we are where we were, and we have to do something about this truck.

New Business –

- Ratification of the 2011-2014 Union Contract. Chief Nisbet has prepared an overview of the changes, which was included in the commissioner's packets. He briefly reads those changes. There is some discussion over the difficulty in negotiations and the reasoning behind the District's position. Commissioner Ducrou calls for motion to adopt the contract. Commissioner Cook motions to adopt. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for discussion and hearing none, calls for opposed. With none opposed, motion carries.
- Chief Nisbet requests of the board on behalf of the administrative staff for the same 3% increase to wages offered the Bargaining Unit. Chairman Ducrou opens for a motion to

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grant the 3% increase to the administrative staff, and adds that due to the obvious commitment from the Chief, he offers that if Chief Nisbet desires to do so, he may work the 10 hour day – 4 day work week as offered to the Office Manager, so long as the work gets done. Commissioner Hansen motions to accept the offer of the 3% increase effective October 1, 2011 and Chief's option of the 4/10s work week if desired. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for discussion and hearing none, he calls for opposed. With none opposed motion carries.

- Resolution Establishing a Fund Balance Policy (GASB 54) – After some discussion over the necessity of a Resolution to adopt the Fund Balance Policy Commissioner Cook motions to adopt Resolution 2011-04 Establishing a Fund Balance Policy. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for any discussion and hearing none, calls for opposed. With no opposed, motion carries.
- Chart of Accounts – Commissioner Cook motions acceptance of the new chart of accounts. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for discussion and hearing none, calls for opposed. With no opposed, motion carries.

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 Griffin seconded the motion. With no discussion and no opposed, meeting is adjourned st 8:14pm.