

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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
Chief Larry Nisbet - Present
Office Manager - Theresa Sharp - Present
Attorney Ian Mann - Excused

Others Present: Public

Minutes - Review and Acceptance of the

- September 8, 2009 Board Meeting - Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.
- September 15, 2009 Tentative Budget Hearing - Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Klos. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.
- September 29, 2009 Final Budget Hearing - Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Klos. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Ducrou motioned acceptance of the September 2009 Financials. Commissioner Klos seconded the Motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously.

Admin/Ops/Fire Marshal's-Report (attached) – Chief Nisbet covers the Fire Marshal's report and Administrative report.

Petitions before the Board – None

Union Petitions/Discussions – None

Old Business –

- **EMS CAM Agreement** – In footnote to the promise of further development on the CAM agreement being available for the next board meeting; Chief Nisbet announces that he and Commissioner Ducrou met with Commissioner Judah for about 15 minutes and that it went very well; that we had provided a followup letter of what we were requesting and how it compared with the other Districts. Chief states that when he talked with Commissioner Hall about the signage in the District; she had asked how that was progressing; that she is very effective getting response. Chief state that he met with EMS Operations Chief at one of the Chief's meetings and it was very evident that their position is to rectify that we are

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not being unreasonable but there is no clear decision yet as to whether Medic 19 would remain in our District. The actions taken in Lehigh the end of October will be the determining factor as to what units may be moved; and there is potential that Medic 19 would be moved to Lehigh. Commissioner Hall asks that we allow her to remedy through this and she will get back to us. Chief Nisbet states that he is agreeable as long as it is retroactive if the unit stays or the amount of time the unit has been here. Also he requested that if we do lose Medic 19, that we start an ALS program with a Lee County paramedic immediately or as soon thereafter as possible; by placing a Paramedic on our truck like Alva does. Chief Nisbet believes that we should have this resolved by next month, but if not, we may need to meet with more Commissioners and get more heat put on this. Chief Nisbet asks Commissioner Ducrou if he has missed any points.

Commissioner Ducrou states no, and adds that our points were well received and that they seemed reasonable and Commissioner Hall and everyone seemed to be on board; but states his concern is if they move 19, where the closest transport unit might be. Chief Nisbet states he believes they are hanging their hat on the siren program to determine where the calls are and where the units should be placed, and they are looking at sheer numbers of calls. His opinion is, regardless of the number of calls, he has expressed his concern as to what happens when a 50 year old gentleman is in cardiac arrest up off of Durrance Road or Shirley Lane. He adds that they have already determined that West of Slater is busier than East of Slater. He adds that no, our residents don't call a lot, they tend only to call when they really need it, and when we have an accident, most often there is a trauma alert associated with it. Our calls are significantly worse. Still they are having to deal with the potential that Lehigh is dumping their ALS service; and Lee County may have to cover Lehigh. Commissioner Ducrou states that they can't do that without increasing their number of units without hurting everyone else and he has heard that Lehigh is going to cease their ALS transport in 2 weeks. He states that it doesn't make sense though because they receive over a million dollars in billable money from that service. That will hurt them budget wise to do that. Commissioner Klos says he thought that the Garden Street station was in operation now. Chief confirms that it is currently running a truck Medic 31 from there but they are talking dumping these 2 stations and splitting 3, 11 & 7 out here and that would take response from 7 minutes to 10 or more minutes if 11 and 3 are in the station. If not and 7 responds it would be 15-20 minutes or more. He would think they would take 26 before us as that would leave a medic unit north of the river. He states he's staying on top of it but if they remove 19, he's pretty adamant that they get a medic unit on our truck. Commissioner Hansen inquires as to the cost of running a transport unit if we picked up one of Lehigh's. Chief says we would have to add at least 3 new personnel for each shift with medic qualifications. An ambulance unit would run in excess of \$100,00 per year in upkeep. Commissioner Hansen asks what the billable revenue would be. Commissioner Ducrou responds that usually 65-70%. Chief states that studies in Estero came in as high as 85-90% but he would have to agree with Commissioner Ducrou for our District based upon demographics. Commissioner Ducrou goes on to say that while our collection rate is one of the highest in the County and our people would pay, the upkeep and staffing... we would have to hire 2 maybe 3 medics, at least 1 per shift. Common consensus is it would cost too much money. Chief Nisbet adds that we would have to add 1 more administrative person dedicated to EMS service paperwork and compliance. Commissioner Ducrou adds that we would also have to have a Medical Director. Chief Nisbet states that while the Medical Director with only 1 unit would only cost about \$10,000 a year, we would need a Captain, Operations or Division Chief in charge of EMS and they would have to attend all the EMS meetings and

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coordinate all the aspects that unit would require. He adds that while it would be nice, if we take another cut next year, it just isn't possible to support the program. If we tried to do the rural Community EMS grant on our own we would have to get our own certificate of need for our own licensed agency, there is a state training & equipment grant that would provide for us to go ALS, but Lee County EMS would have to support our endeavor. Commissioner Ducrou explains the difference of the ALS Transport which allows billing for the services. Chief Nisbet states that our goal if we started in a co-operative capacity would eventually be to move toward an independent operation. Having our own program and medical director would enable us to be more progressive and innovative.

- Williams Road Quarry – Chief Nisbet states he met with the Concerned Citizens of a Better Bayshore and explains that the Quarry's permit does not allow for dump trucks to come South on Williams Road; they must go around to 31, and the project is not actually on the County line but is actually 1 mile north of the County line. Consequently there would be very little impact, if any, on the District with regard to public safety. Water Management and Corps of Engineers said that sheet flow would actually be improved by the quarry, not worsened. Also they would not be allowed to do any off pumping they will have to be self contained.

New Business

- **Line Item Moves of 2008-2009 Budget** – Chief Nisbet points out that we ended up under budget and that most of the moves are within the same operational category. Commissioner Ducrou Motions to accept Transfer #Two. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion. Vote called. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Nisbet explains the Resolution 2009-07 to accept the Grants and re-appropriate the unencumbered funds. Commissioner Ducrou motions to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Klos seconds the motion. Commissioner Ducrou asks for clarification of the net zero but budget reduction effect of the Disaster and Accumulated Vacation appropriations and is satisfactorily answered by the Office Manager and Chief. Vote is called. Motion passes unanimously.
- **Possible Donation to Department of a Ladder Truck** – Chief Nisbet announces that South Trail is surplussing a 1992 FMC Pumper with a 55' ladder which Chife McMahon & Chief Lombardo had offered to loan to us until sold; however Chief Nisbet declined since he didn't wish to get the unit only to have it pulled so South Trail is possibly going to donate it to us if they don't get a buyer. The 1990 E-One has seen better days. Commissioner Hansen inquires as to whether we could surplus the 1990 and if Impact Fees had gone to purchase the new pumper. Chief Nisbet clarifies that we can surplus the 1990 pumper and that Impact Fees went to the Tender. Commissioner Ducrou adds that if we get the grant for the new engine we will have to surplus the old one for replacement. Chief Nisbet confirms. Chief Nisbet clarifies that he has already looked into the timing of the disposal of the one applied for replacement and timing doesn't impede the appropriation. It carries 500G which we will loose 250G but pick up the ladder versatility. It has 96,000 miles but the ladder has probably only seen 5 fires but has been used for training and frequent checks. Chief explains it would be great to have for our larger single family homes and stilts. Commissioner Klos inquires as to the expense of putting our guys through arial training. Chief responds that he is an arial instructor so it wouldn't cost us anything. Commissioner Ducrou asks if South Trail would be offended if we used it as a trade in. Chief Nisbet doesn't believe it would. He does state that if we take it he would discontinue to insure the other to keep costs down which would reduce the other pumper to

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scrap value. There is inquiry as to the closeness in age of the 2 units and Chief expresses the maintenance the '92 has received and how well it runs in comparison to the '90. He also states that the ladder was just tested also this week. He says their mechanic came out and went through the truck and they jacked and extended the truck in 45 seconds. Commissioner Hansen says go ahead and asks other Commissioners' opinions. Everyone seems in agreement.

- **Wildland Fire Blitz** – Chief Nisbet announces that we are participating in the Forestry Wildland Fire Blitz November 14 & 15th placing door knockers on all residences in the District that present wildland fire fuel sources outlining what should be corrected. Just as friendly notices to help us protect the District residents and property. Chief adds that our drought index rose 200 points in one week. Commissioner Klos asks if Forestry is providing the hangers. Chief acknowledges they are providing the hangers & we are going to help with the printing expenses. He then advises the District has received \$350 in funds from the partners in prevention program to help pay the printing.

Public Input – Commissioner Hansen calls for any other input. None received he calls for motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Griffin, Seconded by Commissioner Klos. Vote Called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.