

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mere

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Commissioner Hansen

Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Absent
Commissioner Hansen – Present
Commissioner Cook – Absent
Commission Mere – Present
Chief Doug Underwood – Present
Office Manager – Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Present

Others Present: Some Staff

Public Input Agenda Items – None

Minutes – Review and acceptance of the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – Motion made by Commissioner Hansen to accept the minutes. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. With no further discussion offered Chairman Mere calls for Review of Financial Reports for March 2024.

Financial Reports – Review and Acceptance of the Financials for March 2024 - Motion made by Commissioner Griffin to accept the financials. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Chairman Mere calls for any discussion. Hearing none, he calls for vote and with all in favor, motion passed. With no further discussion offered Chairman Mere calls for Fire Marshal Report.

Fire Marshal Report – Chief Underwood states Fire Marshals report is as in the packet with some annual inspections and some model home inspections. He is also speaking with some about projects that are in the works that have not yet come out of the ground. MW Horticulture is completed with their settlement agreement with the county with the property cleared. In speaking with Jennifer Gutmore with the County, she stated there were people out there looking at the property. He does not know if it is for sale at this point, but if it does sell, our lien is known. Chairman Mere calls for the Administrative Report.

Administrative Report (attached) – Chief Underwood reads the Administrative Report into the record. Chairman Mere calls for any questions. Hearing none, he asks what the 50/50 grant was used for. Chief states one was for the pump motor on Brush 132, the winch for R-131, and some Forestry nozzles and adaptors for B-132. Commissioner Mere asks if we have any idea what the wiring harness will run us? Chief responds we were quoted \$3,500; they have to pull ½ the side of the motor off and a few sensors are going to be replaced along with it. It's quite

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an in-depth process. They were able to give us a quote because they just did the same thing for San Carlos for the same exact motor. Commissioner Mere states it's not as bad as where he thought we were going with that. Chief states it may be another \$400-500 due to the pulling the EGR valve apart also. He calls for any other questions and hearing none he calls for Union Petitions.

Union Petitions – NONE Hearing None, Chairman Mere calls for Old Business

Old Business –

- **Fence & Security Cameras** – Chief Underwood states last week he sent the commissioners an e-mail with the updated quote for extending the fence to the creek. He is still less expensive than his competitors, so we just need to get an approval on that and get a timeline as to when we can get the clearing done in prep for that. He has located enough property markers to get that straight shot back to the creek. There is some discussion about the clearing and the neighbor's desire (or lack thereof) to have the clearing done, but we will work to remain on our side of the property line, unless the neighbor permits us to remove all the exotic invasives. Chief hopes they will grant us permission to remove all the invasives from the area to keep maintenance minimal. Commissioner Mere asks about the security cameras stating there is quite a difference in the two quotes. One being nearly ½ the other, he asks if there is a significant quality difference. Chief Underwood responds, he does want to look into that deeper, he states Uniview and Hikvision are the two most popular, most commonly used cameras in commercial. Both are well established for nearly 20 years. He continues, the Uniview had better features in one aspect, but the Hikvision had better panoramic view, providing more coverage with the 180° cameras. So, he wants to work with Interlink to get a better, more comparable quote. Frankly, he feels either would accomplish our purposes. Commissioner Mere agrees, we have to take into consideration our needs whereas, under different circumstances, something more high-tech might be beneficial. Chief agrees, there are good purposeful color vision, with good night vision; without going to all the pan-zoom, tilt, motion sensors, bells & whistles. Those get very expensive. He's looking for good quality, with companies that have been around for a long time; something we can easily build on to and get parts and support for. Commissioner Mere asks if the fence quotes include the gate opener. Chief states they do. He asks about the wiring for the opener. Chief states we have to do that, from the building over to the gate opener, everything else is included. Commissioner Mere asks if he is looking for a decision tonight or is he waiting on more quotes. Chief says that is all the quotes, he is seeking direction from the board as to whether to accept the quote or if they want him to go to the property owner and let them know what we are planning, or where they wish him to go from here. Commissioner Mere suggests they are probably 6-8 weeks out on the fencing schedule. Chief agrees, they probably are; and since we ordered a cantilever gate a little over 30' that will be a custom build, but it will prolong the longevity of the motor. Commissioner assumes the gate will have

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some sort of by-pass on it in case we lose power or there is a problem with the motor? Chief assures, it has. Commissioner Hansen asks about the decisions on the cameras. Chief says we can move forward on the fence and proceed to investigate the cameras. Commissioner Hansen moves to proceed with the fence and get with the neighbors. Commissioner Griffin seconds the motion and vote called, and with all in favor, motion passed. (We are holding on the security cameras for the third quote and some direction on the equipment is decided. Commissioner Mere calls for New Business.

New Business –

- **Local 1826 District 12** – Chief states he sent the commissioners the information regarding the issue with the PERC filing and Local 1826; he briefly explains; the Captains are not covered under that PERC filing, the rank was Lieutenants; he has not yet heard back from PERC; the Attorney for the Local that filed did not include requesting a new District; nor did it request it be added to this District; but rather it is allowing PERC to make that call based upon the job description and what the Captain's responsibilities are. PERC is very busy and we are not the only District or Union in the County or the State with this situation. He was advised it would be at least 6-8 weeks. It shouldn't be an issue for us; if it turns into a new District, we will have 2 DVPs. Our Captains act as Battalion Chiefs, dealing with scheduling and time off; supervisor duties beyond the normal Company Officer role, it's a potential new Bargaining Unit to the District, Chief assures he will keep the Board informed as he is notified either by the Local or the Local's attorney.
- **New Engine Purchase** – Chief states he just wrote the third grant application for an engine, and we're really getting to the point where we need an engine; we're spending a lot of money trying to maintain E-131 which really should be at reserve status now. Unless we go buy something that's very basic coming off the line, a demo unit; to order a pumper right now, you're looking at a minimum of three years. With station 2 on the horizon; in the 3-5-year plan, I'd like to start specking out a truck. Most likely going to be E-One because as of right now, E-One is the only manufacturer that is going to offer the L-12 which is a little bit higher horsepower than the L-9. The L-9 is being discontinued by Cummins to meet the new EPA regulations. The new motor from Cummins is the X-10 which would be a prototype, which Chief is not comfortable with being a Guinea pig. It will probably require 2 DEF systems to reduce the knocks to meet EPA standards, as well as that exhaust being run through a new filter system. Being a brand-new concept, he is concerned how many hours it will be down getting the kinks out. He prefers to get the L-12 which is the same as the L-9 so he would like to get our name in the hat in hopes they will produce one with the L-12 for us. Commissioner Mere asks if that will obligate us to take it. Chief states it is the only manufacturer that won't lock us into it. Sutphen or Pierce will want us to do financing right now; and we're not there yet. We won't get preliminary numbers until June and with this being down the road; E-One will finance when it is getting close to being delivered. He's asking the Board to permit him to sit down with E-One and get more in depth and he can piggy-back off the Sheriff's Association on the E-One, and he can still get the other quotes. Commissioner Griffin moves to go ahead and start the

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process. Commissioner Hansen seconds the motion and with all in favor the motion passed. Commissioner Hansen asks for an idea as to the cost. Chief states that at the conference in January he was speaking to an E-One Rep who stated he had not sold one for under \$850,000 in the last year. There might be a possibility of getting a Spartan chassis instead of having E-One build that portion. For the FL Sheriff's Assoc. last year, E-One's bid was in the \$600,000 range; which you'd have to add to because it is a much smaller pumper than what we have regarding the compartment space and the rescue body; which we need the rescue body since we run rescue out of it. He figures we will be well into the \$800,000s and the L-12 adds another \$25-30,000 to the price versus the \$125,000 for the X-10. Commissioner Griffin asks when Chief thinks we'll be at a point where we can lock in price. Chief states he will have that conversation but we can probably lock in price now, but we'll have about 2 years before we will have to pay something if we back out. Our current engine was \$325,000 back in 2008 but now it's \$800-900,000 for base model with manual windows and no automatic locks, a bare basic pumper. With no further discussion offered, Chairman Mere calls for Chief Items.

Chief Items – None. Hearing none, Chairman Mere calls for Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Items – Commissioner Griffin asks if Chief's heard anything about widening of Bayshore Road. Chief states he has no info on that. They were supposed to start the 31 project in 2020. They are planning to do the interchange first, in 2025 which will be the diversion diamond, once they are nearing completion on that they're supposed to start widening Bayshore and acquiring the properties they need to acquire. They are currently surveying, for the last 3 months. Commissioner Griffin states he heard on the news they were going to start 6-laning and it was going to be done in the fall. Commissioner Mere states in all their drawings; none were 6-lane; they were all 4-lane with round-a-bouts. Chief hasn't seen anything since last year. With no Commissioner Items offered Chairman Mere calls for Public Input.

Public Input – None - Chairman Mere calls for Motion to adjourn.

Adjournment – Commissioner Griffin moves to adjourn and motion is seconded by Commissioner Hansen and with none opposed, meeting is adjourned 7:30 p.m.