

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 11, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Mere

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Commissioner Mere

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

Others Present: None

Public Input Agenda Items – None

Minutes – Review and acceptance of the May 14, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept the minutes. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. With no further discussion offered, vote is called and with all in favor, motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for Review of Financial Reports for May 2024.

Financial Reports – Review and Acceptance of the Financials for May 2024 - Motion made by Commissioner Griffin to accept the financials. Commissioner Cook 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 one inspection. Chairman Mere calls for the Administrative Report.

Administrative Report (attached) – Chief Underwood reads the Administrative Report into the record. Commissioner Ducrou states he thought E-131 was going back to the manufacturer. Chief explains, initially he had that conversation with the insurance company, however, they recommended South Florida Emergency Vehicles as a viable alternative, as they are a REV dealer and Glatfelter has worked with them for other claims. Due to the expense of the transport, which much of that cost would fall on us, and as they have direct access to OEM parts, it was determined it could be handled more efficiently locally since the problems are electrical issues. Commissioner Griffin asks where they are located. Chief responds it's in the industrial park, not far from City station 5. Chairman Mere calls for any other questions. Hearing none, he calls for Union Petitions.

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Union Petitions – None present - Chairman Mere calls for Old Business

Old Business – None Hearing none Chairman Mere calls for New Business.

New Business –

- **Prelim Numbers** – Chief covered those in his Admin report.
- **Set Maximum Millage Rate** – Office Manager explains we need to set the Maximum Millage Rate which the max is the voted cap at 3.5. The question is do we want to lower the rate this budget or keep it at 3.5. It is decided to keep the maximum at 3.5. Commissioner Ducrou moves to set the Maximum Millage at 3.5. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and with vote called and all in favor, motion passed.
- Authorize Office Manager to select dates for Preliminary and Final Budget Hearings after polling Board Members. Commissioner Ducrou moves to allow as stated. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and with all in favor, motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for any other New Business, and hearing none, calls for Chief Items.

Chief Items – Chief wanted to follow up with the Board, notifying them of status of:

The engine is ordered with E-One via the Letter of Intent.

Chief has also spoken with the County Attorney regarding the use of Impact Fees for the purchase, and he has indicated that should be no issue. Chief will follow up with a formal letter to him and get the formal approval. Commissioner Mere asks if it's true that we could have this truck within 10 months. Chief states, no, it's about 2 years and 3 months from his calculations based upon the department that was up there and was anticipating upcoming delivery. With their popularity soaring, it is 2 years, 3 months in the contract, though it could be sooner. Commissioner Mere had heard from someone a timeline of 10 months. He asks if they are putting our final number together now, Chief states the number in the bid was the final number, we are waiting now for some final engineer drawings for final approval and we will probably need to make another trip up there to make sure we didn't miss anything on the specs we've received thus far. Chairman Mere asks if there's any other Chief's Items. Chief states without going into too much detail, he had texted each Commissioner about Engineer Gralinski's incident with the call, he is home and in good spirits. He does have one injury with his knee that could prolong recovery, so we will keep him and his healing in our thoughts and prayers, and we are working with our worker's comp carrier and agent to get him treated as timely as possible. He will keep the Board apprised as there will probably be some legal action between the Work Comp carrier going after this individual and the owner of the vehicle. He continues, he was also contacted by the State Fire Marshal; one of their investigators; and since Engineer Gralinski wasn't hospitalized for more than 24 hours, they won't have to come down and investigate, however, we will have to do our own investigation and provide them with the report. Chief will be working over the next few weeks getting a report out on what happened, and was there anything we could have done differently. Everything he

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has found out so far; confirms the guys were doing the right thing by shutting the Interstate down. Ambulances, our fire truck, Tice's fire truck, and our rescue truck were all on scene; all three lanes were blocked; and this individual went into the emergency lane which is where our Engineer was hit. Fortunately, Firefighter Bilderback was traffic control and saw the driver in time to warn responders and that gave Eng. Gralinski time to straighten up and jump up a bit, avoiding a direct impact. Commissioner Griffin asks where the incident was. Chief responds, on I-75 Northbound, just past Bayshore exit about mile marker 145. Commissioner Ducrou asks if anyone's dashcam or bodycam caught it. Chief responds to the negative, stating law enforcement had not yet arrived on scene. The medics were first on-scene and had called for additional resources, law enforcement and ALS and such; as there were multiple vehicles involved, with people off the road, and drivers swerving trying to evade the bear, but law enforcement had not made it on scene yet. Once the report came out that a firefighter had been hit, there were plenty of law enforcement on scene. Commissioner Cook states his son said he had heard multiple requests for law enforcement. Chief states yes, as it was quite chaotic with drivers going everywhere, which is why we shut down the Interstate. The driver was intoxicated. He was arrested with 4 different counts, and went to jail. They gave him a \$5,500 bond and he's still sitting in jail. Commissioner Ducrou states he didn't have a license, right. Chief confirms that is correct, no license, no insurance. Commissioner Ducrou states that's how he lost his license; by not having insurance. Commissioner Cook states he heard he was illegal. Chief confirms that to be correct, he didn't have legal documentation and he had ID for a foreign country, but no license for here. Chief states he has no other Chief Items. Chairman Mere calls for Commissioner Items.

Office Manager requests an item; stating the County, for the AG Expo, deposited the money for the detail into our Impact Fee Account instead of our Depository account, she is requesting permission to transfer the \$22,715.27. She states she has explained to them the Impact Fund is only for Impact Fees. Commissioner Ducrou asks how they got the wrong account number. Office Manager states we have two vendor numbers with them due to EMS rent and the Impact Fees, and she explained to them any other money such as details and EMS rent are to go to the Depository Account. Commissioner Ducrou motions to move the money from the incorrect Impact Fund to the correct Depository Account. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and with all in favor, motion passed. (She gives Commissioners letter permitting transfer for the required two signatures.)

Commissioner Items – Commissioner Ducrou asks what is going on with the Unit determination on the Captains. Chief states he hasn't received anything on the Engineers. On the Captains, the hearing examiner has submitted a request back to the PERC Commission to agree with the joint support letter we sent in and now it is in for their approval to send back for the vote. He doesn't know where they are at with the Engineers. That's just to add a clarification amendment to the PERC filing. The guys have done their job and the Local has done their job on their side. He expects it will be just like the Captain's which has already been a 2-month process because they are so far behind due to so many similar throughout the state. It will be a couple months before we hear anything. Commissioner Ducrou states, so it's been submitted though? Chief states, he

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believes so. He says the guys locally have submitted their paperwork; he doesn't know if PERC has received it yet, or what that process is. The Local is aware of it, they have signed the paperwork here, the three Engineers here have signed the paperwork, so now it's in the lawyers' hands. Commissioner Ducrou asks if they are going to pick their own representation for this negotiation since Lewie can't? Chief is uncertain how that is going to work; probably somebody from downtown coming in to assist with the negotiations this go around. We can go the route where we can say, either pick a representative from the Firefighter's rank or have down town; and go ahead and do a good-faith negotiation based on all of the union impact and go through that process... Commissioner Ducrou states downtown can come no matter what, they can always be a part of the negotiations, but they are usually representing that District Vice President, which would be somebody from the Engineers and Firefighters along side them. They sent the paperwork off, but they should probably vote and pick somebody; and those two need to get together; Lewie and whoever, and come up with a plan, before you have to start negotiations, and not after it starts. Chief states he will have that conversation with them; he is not sure what the Local has in mind, they already started that conversation today. Commissioner Ducrou states that's all he had. Commissioner Mere asks if we've heard anything lately on that lawsuit over the horticultural waste facility. Chief states the lawsuit was settled between the County and the property owner; he doesn't know if the property owner is going to sue. They have not filed suit with MW or Denise and Mark, that he knows of, so when the property does sell, we'll still have the lien there. We have to renew it each year to keep it active and current. Chairman Mere calls for any other Commissioner Items. With no Commissioner Items offered Chairman Mere calls for Public Input.

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

Adjournment – Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn and motion is seconded by Commissioner Griffin and with none opposed, meeting is adjourned 7:29 p.m.