

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
May 21, 2020
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Apperson called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Kimball, Apperson, Ragen, Detzel, and Schneider. Also in attendance were Chief Dowaliby, Deputy Chief Rewis, and Attorney Pringle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Presentations/Awards

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 2020 were presented for approval. Commissioner Detzel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bank account balances for the month of April 2020:

The operating account opened with \$3,324,983.54. There were deposits of \$73,800.11, expenditures of \$249,968.75, and an ending balance of \$3,148,814.90.

The impact fee account opened with \$1,025,909.29. There were deposits of \$69,368.39, no expenditures, and an ending balance of \$1,095,277.68.

The 4-week C.D.A.R.S. opened with \$1,250,000.00. There was interest credited in the amount of \$1,439.18, and the ending balance was \$1,251,439.18.

The 13-week C.D.A.R.S. opened with \$2,500,000.00. There were no credits or debits and the ending balance was \$2,500,000.00.

The 26-week C.D.A.R.S. opened with \$2,000,000.00. There were no credits or debits.

The ending balance in C.D.A.R.S. was \$5,751,439.18.

The total ending balance in all accounts was \$9,995,531.76.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Chief's Report

Items of Interest

- The station lockdown continues.
- The site plan for the FPL property has been sent to FPL.
- We are going to talk about Station 2 in New Business.
- We will have an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss union negotiations.
- The contract for the Verandah property is signed.
- The coronavirus has the men becoming acquainted with a new way of responding to calls for service delivery.
- We submitted for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. It took a village, and I would like to thank Administrative Assistant Howard and Deputy Chief Rewis for their participation.
- FMSFD, Tice FD, Alva FD, and Bayshore FD updated our automatic mutual aid agreements.
- Deputy Chief Rewis and Chief Kuhn were on the Strike Team for the recent Golden Gate Fire. It was a long day with them getting home at 2:45 am.
- At 6:30 pm Deputy Chief Rewis and Engineer Simmons were on the Strike Team for the MW Horticulture Fire.
- The annual physicals will be completed next week.
- May birthdays to celebrate this month; Administrative Assistant Howard's husband, Engineer Swindle's oldest son, Firefighter Mimbs' daughter, and Firefighter Austin Gee's daughter. Happy Birthday!
- No wedding anniversaries this month.

Meetings Attended

- Lee County Fire Chiefs Association

- Monthly Officers meeting

Training Attended

- Daily shift training continues.
- Personnel continue to work on AS and BA degrees.

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed

Fire Prevention Division Report

- Current Construction: Race-Trac
- New Construction: None to report
- Projects Completed: None to report
- Revenues: None to report
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association – remote phone conference; Lee County Communications Committee
- Prevention Education: EVOC – Emergency Vehicle Operators Course completed for all shifts
- Inspections: The division completed 2 various fire inspections for the month.
- We did several birthday parades with LCSO.
- There are several projects in the development order stage with the county.

Commissioner Kimball made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

1. Discussion about Station 2. Chief Dowaliby has spoken with the county. A development order is good for six years. As we look toward the future, if building increases as we are hoping it's going to as the economy begins to come back, I would like the Board to seriously consider moving forward with Station 2. We will know more as we get our ad valorem numbers on July 1st and as

we get closer to the election. We have started doing some projections on what the training facility will cost as well as projecting increases in call volume and growth in the District. After looking at all of that, it seems like it would be a disservice to the community not to build Station 2 first. Next month I will have more of a presentation and we hope to have a lot more information about what kind of a station we will need. It will probably be a two and a half year process from the development order until the station could be built. I think that we will be able to staff a second and if we get the SAFER grant we would definitely be able to maintain that staffing. There are some other things we are thinking about for long term planning as the State Road 80 expansion moves forward. There is no action necessary tonight, but we will continue to bring more information to the Board.

New Business

1. Resolution 2020-04 for Election of Commission Seats 1, 2, and 3 in the November 2020 election. Attorney Pringle reviewed the resolution and the procedure for qualifying for the election. He then read the title into the record:

RESOLUTION #2020-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ORDERING AND CALLING AN ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-04. Commissioner Detzel seconded and the motion passed by roll-call vote as follows:

Commissioner Kimball – Yes; Commissioner Detzel – Yes; Commissioner Schneider – Yes;
Commissioner Apperson – Yes; Commissioner Ragen – Yes

2. Appoint District's negotiating team for Union Negotiations

Commissioner Ragen asked if commissioners are allowed to attend the negotiating sessions.

Attorney Pringle responded that the sessions are conducted publicly and noticed in the newspaper. Chief Dowaliby noted that Commissioner Kimball has attended some of them in the past.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to appoint Chief Dowaliby and Attorney Pringle as the District's negotiating team. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Union Report:

Everything is good. The shifts have been participating in a lot of birthday parades with LCSO.

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Apperson thanked everyone for the parades for birthdays and graduations. She said that she has heard from friends and neighbors how much the community appreciates it.

The other commissioners said thanks to everyone and stay safe.

Adjourn

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ragen seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.