

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 2025
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. In attendance: Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Shewmaker, and Kressel, Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons, Attorney Pringle, Administrative Assistant Howard, Captain Swindle, Engineer Janey, Firefighters Gross, Dressel, and Salyers, and Engineer/DVP Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Amendments to the Agenda –New Business – Approval for First Bank to give Chief Rewis online banking access.

Presentations/Awards - None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for June 2025 were presented for approval. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at June 30, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$7,688,861.58 ; Impact Fee Account: \$664,835.63 ; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: \$4,500,000

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

Chief's Report:

- Negotiations have been going well; we will review some of the information after tonight's meeting during the executive session so I can get your input. We have 1 more day scheduled for negotiations at this point, we will determine then if we think we will need additional days.
- The July 1st numbers came out showing the district received a 4.72% increase. This was a slight increase from the June figures.
- The volunteer coordinators have completed interviews for new volunteers. The applicants have been notified , and they are in the process of getting their physicals and background checks completed before we get them started.

- We looked up the requested information for the maintenance costs on Engine 83, and we also wanted to compare them with the other units.

○ Unit	2024	2025	
○ Engine 81	\$4,283.66	\$2,938.70	
○ Engine 82	\$3,145.22	\$7,130.99	
○ <u>Engine 83</u>	<u>\$8,785.64</u>	<u>\$17,054.15</u>	
○ Engine 88	\$2,242.36	\$30,938.24	(Reserve)
○ Engine 89	\$786.31	\$1,448.00	(Reserve)

- Meetings attended: Weekly Rotary meetings; Lee County Fire Marshal's and Inspector's Association; Lee County Fire Chiefs; Local 1826 Union Negotiations
- Education: Region 6 Domestic Security Task Force; LCEMS CPR Pit Crew update

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

Prevention Division:

- New Construction: Single family homes on Barcelona Ave.; Storage King
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe); Hemmingway Pointe; Riverdale High School; Bluewave Carwash; Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage; River Hall multi-family homes; Culvers; Sherwin Williams
- Projects Completed: None
- Revenues: The division billed \$1,450 for June: fire alarm acceptance test; fireworks tents; fire flow tests
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshal's & Inspector's Association; BIA
- Inspections: The division conducted 108 inspections for the month including annuals and re-inspections.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Attorney's Report – Attorney Pringle reviewed the process for choosing the millage rate for the DR-420 and for the budget hearings.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed.

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Items of Interest: Engineer testing; structure fire on Carva Ln (A-Shift Captains Washburn and Swindle); Strike Team leader; IMT Division Supervisor; Egg Drop at Olga Community Summer Camp (thanks to FMFD); Water Day at Manatee Park Summer Camp; Paramedic graduation is tomorrow – we have three personnel graduating
- Call Data: June 1-June 30 = 208 calls generating 244 vehicle responses. January 1 – June 30 = 1,202 call generating 1,476 vehicle responses.
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association, Training & Ops group; EMS Protocol subcommittee, training and QA Subcommittee; Region 6 RDSTF; Water Rescue training/planning; Union negotiations
- Training: New Rescue 81; EMS in-service with Dr. Atiyeh, altered mental status; Engineer test – practical; water supply and delivery drills; positive pressure ventilation; AAR (After Action Review) of Carva Ln. fire

Training

- July Training: 1 Pre-Fire Plan per Captain and crew; SOG review: #23, #28; Ventilation & Incident Command; Dr. Atiyeh in-service Altered Mental Status; Marine/Boat Operations & HAZMAT; Target Solutions
- A-Shift: FFs Gross, Dressel VMR Tech; FF Dressel working on Engineer Task Book; Probationary Task Book with FF Busbee; Eng. Taylor finished paramedic school and working on Acting Captain Task Book; Florida Boater Safety; Eng. Austin Gee working on Acting Captain Task Book
- B-Shift: FF Sackman finished paramedic school and waiting on state test; Probationary Task Books with FFs Robertson and Coleman; Eng. Mimbs finished Acting Captain Task Book; NAUI Rescue Dive training
- C-Shift: Eng. Peterson paramedic school; Eng. Casey Gee working on FO2; FF Beauchamp working on Pump Operator; Volunteer FF training; pumping and first due engine ops; FF search and rescue; station maintenance

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the Training Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items - None

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Approval of preliminary millage rate for the DR-420 form.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve a preliminary millage rate of 2.500 mills.
Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Set date, time, and location for the preliminary budget hearing.

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to hold the preliminary budget hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Station 1. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Approval of boat insurance policy for fiscal year 2026 with VFIS.

After discussion of the policy and options available, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve the basic policy with the pollution coverage for a total of \$1,828. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Health insurance policy comparison for fiscal year 2026. Lee County/Aetna plan vs. Florida Blue/Humana with Trans United secondary.

After discussion of the policies and premium rates, Commissioner Detzel made a motion to remain on the Lee County plan. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

5. Approval to authorize First Bank to give Chief Rewis access to the online banking system.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve online banking access for Chief Rewis.
Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items - None

Union: DVP Hunt – Union negotiations are ongoing. We appreciate that you are staying with Aetna insurance.

Comments from Commissioners: Thank you to everyone.

Adjourn

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.