

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 16, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Commissioner Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: Commissioners Schneider, Kressel, and Shewmaker; Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons, Attorney Pringle, Administrative Assistant Howard, Chaplain Cords, Tim Jones from Local 1826 and several members of the department.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Prayer – Chaplain Cords**

**Amendments to the Agenda** – Under New Business: Renewal of ESO reporting program for fiscal year 2026; purchase of a radio for the Chief’s new staff vehicle; approval to accept a grant for a drone if we receive it.

**Presentations/Awards** - None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the September 18, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

The minutes for the September 18, final budget hearing were presented for approval. Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Account balances at September 30, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$6,252,425.50 ; Impact Fee Account: \$690,034.49 ; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts:  
\$4,500,000

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Chief’s Report:**

- Employees’ annual physicals are complete. We are waiting for the fit for duty notices.

- We have another quote for the concrete work in the pole barn at Station 81. It is below the approved maximum cost, so we are moving ahead with it.
- The new staff vehicle has been delivered. Approval for the lighting and other work needed is in New Business.
- We are working with Ready Rebound to get our account set up. Each shift will have a training session, and we will also provide a video to each board member explaining the services available to you.
- Meetings Attended: Rotary, Lee County Fire Chiefs, Lee County Fire Marshals, Lee County Communications group, Forestry Communications, construction meeting at Stevens Construction, River Hall CDD

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

### **Prevention Division Report**

- New Construction: single family homes Barcelona Ave., Storage King
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe), Hemmingway Pointe, Riverdale High School, Bluwave Car Wash, Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage, River Hall Multi-family homes, Culvers, Sherwin Williams
- Revenues: the division billed \$120 for September for Occupancy Inspections
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals; First Due
- Education: Lithium-Ion Batteries; Dr. Atiyeh in-service
- Inspections: the division conducted 29 inspections for the month including annuals and re-inspections

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Attorney's Report** – Attorney Pringle will have input on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union under Old Business.

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

## **Operations / Training Report**

### **Operations:**

- Items of Interest: Engineers Austin Gee and David Mimbs are now Acting Captains; Strike Team Leader – deployment to Alva; IMT Division Supervisor; San Carlos Park firehouse 55 grand opening; multiple public education events
- Call data: Sept. 1 – Sept. 30 = 218 calls, 307 vehicle responses; Jan. 1 – Sept. 30 = 1896 calls, 2043 vehicle responses
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association Operations & Training Group, Lee County Fire Chiefs Association; regional medical care council with Dr. Atiyeh; Golisano's STARS Program; Pediatric Regional Champions; officers meeting; SWFL Trauma Symposium
- Training: EMS – Trauma Alert scenarios; Vector Solutions Learning Management System; standpipe operations; completed FASD CDM program; annual physicals

### **Training Report**

- 1 Pre-fire plan per Captain and crew; Incident Command; Review and Refresher – EMS; Integrated Development and Evaluation
- A-Shift: FF Dressel working on Eng. Task Book and paramedic school; FF Busbee working on Probationary Task Book and in Confined Space class; Capt. Jones, Capt. Washburn, Eng. Gee, FF Gross in Health & Safety Officer class; Eng. Taylor completed paramedic school and passed the state test; Eng. A. Gee completed Acting Capt. Task Book; FDC and hydrant hook-ups; Capt. Washburn in Swiftwater class
- B-Shift: FFs Robertson and Coleman working on Probationary Task Books; Eng. Mimbs Acting Captain scenarios; Eng. Mimbs and FF Juarez in Legal Issues for Safety Officer class; SOG review; Capt. Pledger and FF Robertson in paramedic school; FF Juarez Acting Eng. Task Book
- C-Shift: FF Floyd in paramedic school; Eng. C. Gee working on FO2; Capt. Clouse, FFs Beauchamp and Schumacher in Health & Safety Officer class; volunteer orientation; pumping and first due engine ops; FF search and rescue; medical training

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

**Public Input on Agenda Items** - None

### **Old Business**

1. Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding with Local 1826 regarding the Longevity Article of the 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

After some discussion, Mr. Pringle said he will bring back an MOU incorporating the Commissioners' input next month for review. Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to table until next month. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

1. Approval for work at Lightning Wireless on the Chief's new staff vehicle for installation of lights and sirens, radios, and other items.

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to approve the work at Lightning Wireless for up to \$30,000. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Renewal of ESO for \$8,903.93

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to approve the renewal. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Purchase radio for Chief's vehicle. \$10,000

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to approve the radio purchase. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Approval to accept grant for drone if we receive it and to decide whether to accept the money and then use it to purchase a drone, or to purchase the drone and submit receipts for reimbursement.

Commissioner Shewmaker approved accepting the grant if we receive it, buy the drone and then submit receipts for reimbursement. If we are awarded the grant we may also need to do a budget amendment, but that can be done once we know. Commissioner Kressel seconded, and the motion passed.

**Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Comments from the Union:** DVP Hunt thanked the Board.

**Comments from Commissioners:** Thanks to everyone!

### **Adjourn**

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