

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE  
SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2020

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Commissioners: Mike Gatewood  
Robert Hoke

Danny Ballard  
Thomas Mere

Chief David Rice

Asst. Chief John Manson

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Public Education Officer Kulwicki

Union Representative Slaybaugh

**Absent:** Commissioner Leroy Nottingham (excused)  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Invocation:** Chief Rice

**Pledge:** Commissioner Ballard

**Public Input:** Debbie Ballard said the CERT Picnic was wonderful, and Chief Rice thanked the Ballard's for their hard work, cooking the food for the Picnic

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the February 24, 2020 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (1)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The February treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 42% through the budget year, received 92% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 45% of expenditures (less reserves). (2)

Commissioner Hoke asked about a recent large amount check that he signed for Engine 2? Chief Manson explained that it was involved in an incident, which caused damage. Commissioner Hoke asked if we had an SOG on drug tests post accident? If not, he suggested we do.

There were no other questions or comments.

### **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Rice-

- Working closely with Department of Health and Lee County EMS regarding the current COVID 19 issues. We are looking at lowering our response levels; however, we are using our universal precautions and PPE (mask, goggles and gloves). Commissioner Hoke asked if we have responded to any cases yet? Yes, some.
- CERT Picnic was great, and extra thank you to Christi Kulwicki and the Ballard family

By Chief Manson-

- Run report attached
- Working on getting the Public Education Tahoe in service
- The A/C for Brush 1 is on the way
- Generators are all filled up
- The pumps for the Rescues came in, however, they were damaged in shipping
- Load testing of all station generators begins this week

**Fire Prevention:** Report attached. The Paradise Isle project is at a standstill, as their Development Order was denied. We had been talking with the developer about assisting us in the purchase of an Aerial. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Union:** The MDA Boot Drive has been postponed. There were two nominations for DVP for Union Representative -- Josh Ballard and Jarrett Slaybaugh, and voting will be at the end of the month

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Commissioner Items:**

**Ballard** – The Merchants Crossing project (demo/rebuild) will be discussed at the Board of Commissioners meeting tomorrow

**Hoke** – Regarding the Fire Chief's position – where are we and we need to move forward. Commissioner Ballard asked when was Chief Rice retiring? April 27, 2021. **Commissioner Hoke made a motion that the Chief's position be open to the Battalion Chiefs and Assistant Chief, and the Board will interview the candidates. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. Commissioner Ballard made an amendment to the motion, adding that letters of intent/resumes need to be turned in by the May Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

**Gatewood** – wanted to thank Firefighters Crutchfield and Smallwood for responding to a close family friend recently, and what a great job they did. Thank you.

**Public Input:** None

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Herons Glen

Teresa Moran (Thank you to Firefighters Huang and Smallwood)

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. February 24, 2020 Minutes
2. February Treasurers Report