

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

January 25, 2016

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

**Present were:**

Commissioners: Leroy Nottingham	Mike Gatewood
Robert Hoke	Danny Ballard
Tom Mere	

Chief David Rice	Assistant Chief John Meredith
Office Manager Monique Brooks	Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Absent:** Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Gatewood

**Minutes:** Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the December 21, 2015, minutes, as presented . Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was unanimous. (1)

Commissioner Nottingham asked that Christine Brady, Assistant County Manager be able to address the Board. She presented a Draft of a lease agreement, to be looked at, with suggestions and questions directed to the Chief. She also handed out a market analysis comparison. She stated that when both parties (us and Lee County) have a signed lease agreement, then they can move forward with the construction project. Once they begin, the project should only take 6 months, from start to finish.

Commissioner Ballard asked, if our Board approves the lease, then their Board says No, what happens next? Ms. Brady replied that it is already in their CIP budget, so that is not an issue.

Commissioner Mere asked what our current land use is? Ms. Brady replied that our current land use is AG2, that's why the properties presented are AG2, because they are comparable.

She introduced Damon Grant, Director of Facilities for Lee County. He briefly stated that they are looking at the drainage and water issues with the property.

**Treasurer's Report:** The December treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 26% through the budget year, received 87% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 29% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions. (2)

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

By Chief Rice-

- Monthly report attached
- Presented a really rough draft of a flyer he would like to use, to promote the millage increase.
- Would like to have an Attorney do our resolution and the ballot language to make sure everything is correct. The Board agreed that the proposed ballot language looks good.

By Assistant Chief Meredith-

- Monthly run report attached. We broke the 10,000 mark last year, with 10,288 calls.
- Finished truck maintenance.
- Hose and ladder testing is coming up

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached. He has finished inspections on the Assisted Living Facility, and they should be accepting patients, during the beginning of March. There were no questions.

**Public Education:** Report is attached. Commissioner Mere asked who taught our CERT classes? Firefighter Frank Rizzo, Chief David Rice, Lieutenant Jim Maguire, Engineer Jeremy Cameron, and two citizens of our community, Dr. J and Bruce.

There were no other questions.

**Union: None**

**Old Business:**

Millage Increase – discussed under Chiefs Report

EMS Project – discussed at beginning of meeting

**New Business:**

Election of 2016 Officers –

Commissioner Ballard nominated **Robert Hoke for Chairman**.  
Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. All were in favor.

Commissioner Ballard nominated **Michael Gatewood as Vice Chairman**.  
Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. All were in favor.

Commissioner Hoke nominated **Danny Ballard for Secretary/Treasurer**.  
Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. All were in favor.

**Commissioner Items:**

Ballard- Should we have a workshop to discuss our wants and desires for the EMS building? Chief Rice responded that they have \$500,000 budgeted for the project, and they are probably going to go over that, but, they do not think that is a problem. He says we can do a workshop in the upcoming months, if need be.

**Public Input:**

Why couldn't the modular units that the Lee County School Board be used for the EMS project? Because this is being paid for by the Lee County Government, and they are using brand new.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Old Bridge Village Donation

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. December minutes
2. December Treasurers Report