

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 21, 2025

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

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Commissioner Michael Gatewood

Commissioner Bill Schaible

Commissioner James Land

Commissioner Danny Ballard

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Public Education Officer Christi Fulton

Fire Inspector Lloyd Adams

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

Union Representative Josh Ballard

Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor and Dirk Smits, Esq.

**Absent:** Commissioner Tom Mere (excused)      Fire Marshal Rick Jones

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Land

**Public Input:**

Firefighter Agrusti thanked off duty Firefighter French for delivering water to an early morning fire scene that two different shifts were working.

## **Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (1)**

At approximately 5:10 it was noticed that the recording device was not working, the issue was immediately resolved and the meeting continued.

**Treasurer's Report:** The June Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 75% through the budget year, received 101% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 79% of expenditures (less reserves). (2)

## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Beecroft–

- Firefighter that has been out with cancer has returned to work
- Union Negotiations have begun
- Firefighter deployed to Alaska to fight the forest fires
- RFQ for Construction Manager has been advertised
- Trail Dairy property will be demolished once training is completed
- Workers Comp reimbursement check will be delivered this week

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached.
- Annual Pump test and PMIs.
- Virtual meeting to review specs for the new Engine

**Prevention:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. We have been involved with several summer camps recently and Conan has been joining us at the summer camps. There were no questions or comments.

**Training:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Union:** We have had one meeting so far and we have another scheduled.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 2024/2025 Budget Amendment:  
Correction of the date made to the original document. Monique presented the 2024/2025 Budget Amendment. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the 2024/2025 Budget Amendment, as presented via Resolution #2025-02. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-0. (3)**
- 2025/2026 Millage Rate:  
**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to set the Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 at 3.5 mills. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-0. (4)**
- Renewal of Legal Counsel Contract:  
Commissioner Ballard asked if we are paying for the attorney to attend virtually? Yes. Commissioner Ballard stated that he does not think an attorney needs to attend the monthly Commission Meetings.  
**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the Contract for Legal Services with Dirk Smits. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 3-1. (5)**
- Approval of Contract with Architect for Pondella Road Fire Station:  
Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing issue of the billboard still being on the property. Attorney O'Conner stated this issue will be resolved and the billboard will be removed from the property.  
**Commissioner Ballard made a motion that the sign be removed from the property. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. Commissioner Ballard amended the motion to have the sign removed within 90 days.**  
Commissioner Schaible asked the architect if the sign being on the property would prohibit the production of drawings? No. There was no second on the

amended motion. Motion did not pass. **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the Contract with the Architect with his recommendation of building a two-story Fire Station.** There was not a second, motion did not pass. **Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the contract with Architect Christopher J. Lee as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-0. (6)**

### **Commissioner Items:**

Ballard – Recommend that the Commissioners should be involved in the search for future real estate. No other comments.

**Public Input:** None

### **Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Email about A and C shifts

Thank you letter to Firefighter French and Firefighter Hubbard

**Commissioner Land made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. June 16, 2025 Minutes
2. June Treasurer's Report
3. 2024/2025 Budget Amendment
4. 2025/2026 Millage Rate
5. Renewal of Legal Counsel Contract
6. Approval of Contract with Architect for Pondella Road Fire Station