

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 19, 2023

Chairman Robert Hoke 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 Robert Hoke	Commissioner Michael Gatewood
Commissioner Bill Schaible	Commissioner Danny Ballard
Chief Ronald Beecroft	
Assistant Chief John Manson	
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos	Office Manager Monique Brooks
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh/Joshua Ballard	

**Absent:** Commissioner Tom Mere  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones      Public Education Officer Christi Kulwicki

**Invocation:** Commissioner Ballard

**Pledge:** Commissioner Gatewood

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the May 15, 2023 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. 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 May Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 67% through the budget year, received 99% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 59% of expenditures (less reserves). (2)

## Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft –

- Preliminary Ad Valorem values are in, and currently we are looking at a 4.6% decrease in revenue. FRS contribution rates are increasing 4.84%, and our General Liability Insurance premium is estimated to increase approximately 30%. Those are all the numbers we have so far.
- Hurricane Ian FEMA claim – we have our close out meeting with FEMA this week. Commissioner Hoke asked if all damages have been repaired? Yes.
- Due to recent changes to FRS – Assistant Chief Manson will not be retiring in November, he will be staying a few more years.
- Still Researching properties for a new station.
- Administration is beginning to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.
- Received an extremely nice and sincere thank you voicemail from a citizen, regarding Firefighters Cavanaugh and Clifford.

By Chief Manson –

- Run report attached.
- Chiefs vehicle is complete
- Renovations and repairs at Station 2 are complete
- All Gear Extractors have been serviced
- Report from Truck Committee –  
(1) Currently Engines are taking 3-4 years to arrive from time of ordering. The committee does not have solid numbers from two vendors (only estimates), and until we receive the final contract number, we do not want to make a decision. However, due to constant price increases, he would like the Board to approve administration to issue a Purchase Order on whichever truck they pick.  
Commissioner Hoke asked: What are the rough estimates? \$850,000 - \$1,000,000.00. Chief Manson noted the Pierces are more, but a very solid truck.  
Commissioner Ballard asked: (1) The Pierce is approximately \$150,000 more than the Sutphens? Yes (2) Does the Pierce have the L10 motor? Yes. (3) At that price? Yes

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to give the two Chiefs and the Truck Committee the latitude to pick the best Engine for our needs and order one. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

(2) Financing of Engine: You save 2% of the purchase price by paying for the Engine when you place the order. However, the majority of Districts, are putting the money in a CD account, and making more on the interest than they would save by paying up front, and then paying for the Engine when it comes in. We will come back to you with that once the Engine has been picked.

(3) Ladder Truck: Currently a Ladder truck is about 3 years out, and approximately \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000.00; as of now.

Commissioner Schaible asked where are we on the New Rescue trucks? The cab and chassis part is here, but we are waiting on the boxes. The two new Rescues will replace the current Rescue 1 (a longer frame) and Rescue 3.

Commissioner Ballard asked if the new rescues were single cab? Yes

Commissioner Hoke asked how many reserves would we have as rescue trucks? Possibly two, if you were to count Service 1.

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

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

**Training:** Report attached. The Bus has been delivered to Bayshore Fire, and they will begin training soon. Also, the old Wal Mart has been issued their demolition permit, so they are going to do some training in there beforehand. There were no questions or comments.

**Union:** Jarrett Slaybaugh announced he has retired as Union DVP, and that Joshua (JD) Ballard is the new Union DVP.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- **Petty Cash – Disaster Policy –**

Office Manager Brooks explained she had worked with Auditor Jeff Tuscan on the proposed policy and guidelines, and explained the need for a Disaster Petty Cash

**Policy. Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the Petty Cash – Disaster Policy, as written and presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.** Commissioner Ballard would like to see the quarterly report showing it was balanced. **The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (3)**

- **New Engine** – covered under Chiefs Report

### **Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Ballard –

1. He knows that at last months meeting, it was said that the recent arbitration decision issue was a dead issue, but it is not. He would still like to know the exact amounts of money spent on the issue. And if he is not able to get it, he will contact PERC or hire an Attorney to get the information. Commissioner Hoke said to do whatever you have to do, because at last months meeting the Board said this was a closed issue. Chief Beecroft stated that at last months meeting he asked the Board if all the tedious work needed to be done, and they said No. You have been given all the information and have it available to you at any time.
2. The panel on the garage door at Station 2 has been repaired. Was that due to an accident or something? Yes.

**Public Input:** Debbie Ballard stated we need a ladder truck. Commissioner Hoke replied we need a station to house the truck first.

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. May 15, 2023, Minutes
2. May Treasurer's Report
3. Petty Cash – Disaster Policy