

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 22, 2024

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 Michael Gatewood

Commissioner Danny Ballard

Commissioner Robert Hoke

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Public Education Officer Christi Fulton

Attorney Remotely: Dirk Smits, Esq.

Commissioner Tom Mere

Commissioner Bill Schaible

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

Union Representative Josh Ballard

Absent: Chief Ronald Beecroft

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the December 18, 2023 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 5-0. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 26% through the budget year, received 92% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 28% of expenditures (less reserves). Monique noted that we should be fully using our new Bank Account in February. Commissioner Mere asked if we needed to amend the budget to reflect the interest for that account? Yes, we will do that in July. There were no other questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Asst. Chief John Manson on behalf of Chief Beecroft in his absence—

- Terminated one of the recent new hires and hired the next available candidate on the list.
- Lee County Charter Review Committee update – they approved the language for the Amendment and will have 3 public meetings on the change and then will go for a final vote.
- House Bill 7013 – approved in Ways and Means Committee last week, with removing the 10 year requirement for Special Districts to go to referendum.
- State Mandated 4 hour Ethics training will be available online soon and must be completed by 12/31. Commissioner Balard asked if the training through FASD was online only or in person also? It will be available both ways.
- Had an informal planning meeting with the Chiefs from the other North and East Lee County Fire Districts.

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached
- Annual Mako system maintenance has been completed
- Preparing for upcoming brush fire season.
- New Rescue (Rescue 4) has been placed in service and we are now running two rescues out of Station 2. Commissioner Mere asked how many EMS runs out of each station? Manson will have to get the exact number, but the highest call volume is in Station 2's zone and that is why we put the second rescue there.

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

Public Education: Report attached. Christi also noted that the American Red Cross donated Hands only CPR kits to us. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. It was requested that a thank you letter be sent to Bayshore Fire for hosting the School Bus Training. There were no other questions or comments.

Union: Everything is going well. The Union has their first meeting in February in preparation for Union Negotiations.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Election of Officers for Board-**

Chairman: Commissioner Hoke nominated Commissioner Gatewood for Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Mere.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Gatewood nominated Commissioner Hoke for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Mere.

Treasurer/Secretary: Commissioner Hoke nominated Commissioner Schaible for Treasurer/Secretary. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood.

- **Resolution 2024-001** (Authorization of Chairman to Execute documents for purchase of 2189 N. Tamiami Trail) was read by Monique Brooks. **Commissioner Schaible made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-001, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**
(3)

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: Tim Jones from Local 1826 was in attendance.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

- Brotherhood Ride
- North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts Kindergarten class
- Letter for Christi Fulton

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. December 18, 2023 Minutes
2. December Treasurer's Report
3. Resolution 2024-001