

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

June 21, 2021

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:**

Commissioners: Mike Gatewood

Danny Ballard

Tom Mere

Robert Hoke

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Public Education Officer Kulwicki

**Absent:** Commissioner Leroy Nottingham (excused)  
Union Representative Jarrett Slaybaugh

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Ballard

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the May 17, 2021, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. 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 treasurers report was presented. At this time, we are 67% through the budget year, received 99% of revenues (including cash brought forward) and spent 62% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

## Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft -

- Retired Captain Steve Goff passed away, and as arrangements are made for a service, we will keep everyone updated
- Commissioner Nottingham is currently having some health issues, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers
- Commissioner Hoke lost his sister this past week, we are very sorry for your loss
- Traffic light at Slater Road – the preempt will cost approximately \$30,000 and this is a cost we would have to pay. Commissioner Ballard asked how much is the cost for Barrett Road? We are still waiting on that figure. Commissioner Ballard recommended waiting on the figure to come in for Barrett Road, before they make a decision. Commissioner Gatewood asked why do we have to pay? Because we are the ones requesting it. Commissioner Hoke asked if we have called any other Districts to see if/what they have paid? No, but we can/will. Chief Beecroft replied that he would contact County Commissioner(s) Pendegrass and Hamaan.
- Commissioner Pendegrass is the liaison between the County Commissioners and the Fire Districts, and Chief and AC Manson recently met with him to discuss some issues.
- Brooks Road Property – It is sold and the closing has been completed

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Run report is attached.
- Remodel and renovation of Trail Dairy is complete
- Due to the current problems in buying vehicles (they simply are not available) we would like to be able to go ahead and issue a Purchase Order for a new administration vehicle and a new Brush truck, and at least that will get us on the list for new vehicles. Commissioner Ballard noted that the Ford's did not work for Rescue trucks so why would they work for a brush truck? Manson replied that we really want a Dodge for a brush truck, but at this point we almost have to take whatever truck were to come along. Commissioner Gatewood asked if we had to buy from the state bid list? Not as long as we receive competitive bids. **Commissioner Mere made a motion authorizing administration to issue a Purchase Order to order**

**two trucks. Seconded by Gatewood. Commissioner Ballard amended the motion for administration to come back to the Board if no Dodge's are available, because he is not sure about the Ford's. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**

Commissioner Gatewood suggested that we look at Internationals. Commissioner Ballard says he likes the Kodiak by Chevrolet.

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

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

**Training:**

- Walkthroughs at local businesses
- Safety gear checks
- EMT training

**Union:** FF Agrusti stated that the whole contract is open this year, and negotiations should begin soon

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**2020/2021 Budget Amendment** – Office Manager Brooks presented the budget and the various line items. Commissioner Ballard asked if the \$20,000 for Building Improvements was planned for? No, this is an additional project that we would like to complete (complete painting of the Trail Dairy station). **Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-01, which amends the 2020/2021 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. (3,4)**

**Commissioner Items:**

**Ballard** – (1) the 2002 Dodge (Brush 2) was used as a rescue truck for 10 years, then has been used as a brush truck for the past 9 years, and he feels it has major problems (transmission and body damage) and it is not

worth the money it costs to repair it, and would like to sell the truck as is. Chief Beecroft replied he would like to keep it, put a flatbed on it and keep it for a back up brush truck. It will cost approximately \$2,500 - \$3,000.00 to fix it. Commissioner Ballard asked where would you keep it? We are looking at options. Commissioner Ballard said he would like to know the dollar amounts before we fix it. He also asked how many personnel at Station 2? 4-5. He also suggested that we ask forestry what they have? They do not have little trucks. Commissioner Gatewood suggested a larger cooler for transmission for Brush truck.

(2) The excess fees that we have spent due to the USPS is not acceptable. He would like us to look into a class action lawsuit against the USPS, possibly with other Districts; as well as how much money we have spent on excess fees due to this issue.

**Public Input:** Debbie Ballard asked if there were any arrangements for Steve Goff yet? No, we are still waiting on the family to decide.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Taylor Family  
Drouin Family

**Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Supportive Documents:**

1. May 17, 2021 Minutes
2. May Treasurers Report
3. 2020/2021 Budget Amendment
4. 2021-001 Resolution