

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 20, 2026

Chairman Michael Gatewood 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 Tom Mere
Chief Jeremy Dunn
Assistant Chief John Manson
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich
Union Representative Josh Ballard
Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor

Commissioner Bill Schaible
Commissioner James Land
Commissioner Danny Ballard
Fire Marshal Rick Jones
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Absent: None

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Land

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Land made a motion to approve the March 16, 2026 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. 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 March Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 50% through the budget year, received 95% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 54% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Dunn–

- Discontinued Disaster Petty Cash Policy and deposited cash back into the bank
- Legislature is not showing much movement
- Firefighter Kuhn has completed probation period

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached.
- New Engine is still at Ten-8
- New Brush Truck is at South Florida Emergency Vehicle
- New BC Vehicle is now completed and in service
- Truck Committee will be going to Ten-8 in June to discuss another New Engine
- Lawn Equipment and generators have been serviced
- Station 2 will be housing spare trucks, so we are going to have a cover built

Commissioner Ballard asked where are you having the cover put? In the back over the Asphalt, this is temporary fix until the Pondella Rd. Station is finished.

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

Public Education: We will be presenting an award to The American Red Cross soon for the smoke alarm program, they donate the smoke alarms as well as the hardware and CERT donates the labor to install the alarms. There were no questions or comments.

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

Union: All quiet

Old Business:

- **Update on Pondella Road Fire Station**

Chief Dunn stated that the Architect and his crew are still working on the final drawings and should be finished soon.

- **Approval of Resolution 2026-007 (Cancellation of Contract for Property located at 16321 Slater Road)**

Resolution 2026-007 read by Monique Brooks. **Commissioner Land made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (3)**

New Business:

- **Assign “Unassigned” Fund Balance for Fiscal Year Ending 2025 to Operational Reserve**

Commissioner Mere made a motion to automatically assign the \$1,901,294 of unassigned fund balance for Fiscal Year Ending 2025 to the Operational Reserve at Fiscal Year End. Commissioner Ballard requested to amend the motion to assign the funds to the line item dedicated to a ladder truck. Discussion began regarding the process of line-item transfers. Commissioner Ballard withdrew his amendment. **Seconded by Commissioner Schaible. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

- **Declare 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe as Surplus Equipment and Disposal**

Chief Manson – since the new BC Vehicle is in service, the old vehicle is obsolete.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to declare the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe as Surplus Equipment and to allow Administration to Dispose of it. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – I would like to see us start the process for the purchase of a Ladder Truck. Chief Dunn stated that the Truck Committee will be looking into Ladder Trucks in the near future.

Public Input:

Debbie Ballard asked if the billboard was gone yet? No, they have until May 2nd to remove the billboard.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Charlotte County Fire Department – Mutual Aid Assistance
Herons Glen – Fire Wise Community Day
Swan Lake – Annual Swan Lake Parade
Bayshore Elementary – CPR Training
Joanne Emerson – Thank you to the Firefighters

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. March 16, 2026 Minutes
2. March Treasurer's Report
3. Resolution 2026-007 (Cancellation of Contract for Property located at 16321 Slater Road)