

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2016

*****PENDING APPROVAL*****

Commissioners Present: Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Maurice Gilbert, Thomas McGee, Mike Stange

Commissioners Absent: None

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Special Recognition: Sergeant/Paramedic Bob Wells was recognized by Fire Chief Rick Talbert for his efforts in providing assistance and supplies to many of the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department that were severely impacted by the recent floods that occurred in Louisiana.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Abbit and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Stange, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 15, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners First Public Hearing.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Abbit and seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 27, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners Final Public Hearing.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Commissioner Gilbert read the September 30, 2016 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

Attorney Youell updated the Fire Board regarding uncollected fire impact fees.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Abbit, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's September 2016 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Talbert reviewed the 2016 Emergency Response Report which included Beach Safety Response and the False Alarm Fee History Report.

Chief Talbert reported that SWFD is participating in Fire Prevention Week/Month Activities. "Don't Wait, Check the Date. Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

Chief Talbert announced that SWFD received results from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) inspection. SWFD significantly improved its rating to 3/3X which places

SWFD in a superior category in which are fewer than 10% of Fire Departments in the US.

On September 30, 2016 SWFD's Beach Safety Division completed its 11th year protecting South Walton beaches.

Chief Talbert announced that the Town of Rosemary Beach unanimously voted to enter in negotiations with SWFD to provide Beach Safety/Lifeguard services for the next two years on Rosemary's beach.

On September 28, 2016, SWFD honored and celebrated Lieutenant Troy LaDouceur with a retirement ceremony and SWFD conducted promotional ceremonies for two E-911 Supervisors in addition to a Lieutenant and a Sergeant.

An Emergency Vehicle Technician conditional offer expired October 1, 2016. SWFD has re-advertised the position.

Staff is closing out FY 2015/16 and is currently operating under our FY 2016/17 budget.

SWFD an offer of assistance to the Destin Fire Control District and sent heartfelt condolences for the loss of Battalion Chief Mike Urenda.

SWFD completed new hire orientation for two firefighters as well as two communication operators.

Chief Talbert attended the first annual Firefighter Cancer Symposium at the Florida State Fire College on September 23, 2016.

An appreciation letter regarding the great work and excellent service provided by SWFD members was included in the Board packet.

Staff continues to monitor as well as work on County programs and projects that have an impact on the Fire District such as Event/Special Event Management, Beach Activities and the Parking/Traffic plans.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished/Old Business:

Charlotte Flynt requested an update regarding restructure of the Fire Board Health Insurance or Reimbursement option. Commissioner Gilbert referred the matter to the Finance Committee for review and for the committee to present a proposal to the Fire Board.

New Business: Board Action Item: Non-Emergency Transport Rates

In an effort to provide greater efficiencies in the transportation of non-ambulatory patients, Fire District staff proposed an EMS program enhancement for a stretcher type non-emergency transport service. Chief of Operations Ryan Crawford read in to record

Resolution #16-05 in order to create non-emergency stretcher transport user fees for South Walton Fire District.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #16-05.

Public Comment: A Better South Walton's Leigh Moore and David Bailey requested a letter from the SWFD to be presented to the State of Florida as part of A Better South Walton's municipal incorporation documents. It was suggested by Ms. Moore that the letter include the SWFD would continue to provide the new municipality with the existing level of services without seeking fiscal assistance or payment from the new municipality.

After a lengthy discussion, the Fire Board directed Staff to provide a pros and cons fact sheet to present at the next Fire Board meeting. Commissioner Gilbert suggested that Ms. Moore request to be placed on the agenda of the regular Board meeting on November 14, 2016.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.