

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2018

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Brian Christenson

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Gilbert read into the record the National Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation, proclaiming May 20 – 26, 2018 as Emergency Medical Services Week in South Walton in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the community, citizens and visitors safe. Members of SWFD EMS Division were present.

Commissioner Gilbert read a proclamation into the record, proclaiming June 3-9, 2018 as SWFD Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Week in South Walton. Commissioner Cooper confirmed that SWFD is preparing to protect the South Walton community and its visitors regarding scuba and diving ventures at South Walton's artificial reef locations.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Abbit, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 9, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Commissioner Flynt read the March 2018 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

Included in Attorney Youell's report was discussion of an ongoing litigation between Sandestin and the Reeves family regarding Reeves Road (private road) emergency access whereas the Reeves family has contacted SWFD Fire Marshal for assistance. Commissioner Cooper recused himself from the discussion and stated that as a Fire Commissioner he encourages Attorney Youell to thoroughly investigate facts from all involved parties. A lengthy discussion followed. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner McGee, SWFD shall send a certified letter addressing life safety concerns to the Reeves as well as send copies to attorneys of both parties. If no response is received by the Fire Board's regular June meeting, there will be further discussion. Commissioner Cooper abstained from voting.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's April 2018 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

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

Sergeant, Lieutenant and District Chief Promotional exams were conducted in April.

Chief Crawford is currently working with WCSO on county-wide safety assessments on all county schools.

SWFD staff will be attending the May 15, 2018, Walton County Board of County Commissioners meeting to monitor the results of the public hearing and subsequent vote on the Beach Activity Ordinance.

EMS Captain Jason Cotton attended the State's Hurricane Exercise at the State EOC.

SWFD's Beach Safety Division co-hosted the Sandy Wheels wheelchair event at Ed Walline Public Beach Access.

SWFD provided event support to the Sandestin Winefest.

As directed by the Board, staff selected Progress Bank with whom they are securing a loan. There will be no pre-payment penalty.

Chief Talbert and Chief Crawford attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 24-28, 2018.

Chief Talbert attended a Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Board of Directors meeting April 19-20, 2018, in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

SWFD shall attend the Blessing of the Marketplace at Good News United Methodist Church on May 16, 2018.

Chief Talbert informed the Fire Board that a Labor Negotiations meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018. Chief Talbert asked the Board if they would like to schedule an Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations Procedures with Educational Management Consultant Services, Inc., prior to the June 20th meeting. The Board decided to reserve scheduling Executive Sessions to discuss open articles.

Included in the Fire Board packet was a recognition from a citizen complimenting the excellent services they received from SWFD members.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, June 11, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Flynt reminded the Fire Board of a Pension Board Meeting scheduled for June 4, 2018 at 2:30pm.

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Crawford presented a Board Action whereas Staff identified One (1) 2005 Ferrara 77' Aerial (Apparatus) as equipment that is obsolete and/or has outlived its usefulness to the Fire District. Staff recommends the approval of Resolution 2018-02 Surplus Equipment and to proceed with disposition sale of this apparatus in an open, transparent, and cost-effective manner.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2018-02 Surplus Equipment.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.