

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2018

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.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 11, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

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

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

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

Several staff members attended the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Annual Conference in Orlando, June 11-14, 2018.

Contract negotiations between South Walton Fire District (SWFD) and the South Walton Professional Firefighters Association (SWPFFA)/Local 3516 began June 20, 2018 with multiple additional dates scheduled for July.

Chief Talbert attended the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs (SEAFCA) Leadership Conference June 25 – 28, 2018.

The Walton County Board of County Commissioners voted on the beach activity ordinance where language was approved providing for the Fire District's authority to declare that emergency conditions exist to close the use of the beach and adjacent waterways.

SWFD participated in the National Firefighter Safety Stand Down which highlighted critical safety, health, and survival issues for the fire and emergency services.

Three firefighter applicants have been vetted and have received conditional offers of employment. An orientation is scheduled for July 16, 2018.

Chief Talbert and Chief Crawford will be attending the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA) Executive Leadership Conference July 12 – 17, 2018.

SWFD's new DES (employee intranet) has been implemented.

Chief Talbert recommended rescheduling the September Fire Board meeting from September 10, 2018, to September 11, 2018, at 4pm allowing for the First Public Hearing of Tentative Ad Valorem Taxes and Budget 2018/2019 to follow at 5:01pm. On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Abbit, the Board unanimously approved to reschedule the Board regular meeting on September 10, 2018, to September 11, 2018, at 4pm.

SWFD provided medical support for the Sandestin Blue Marlin Classic and participated in the Seaside 4th of July Parade.

Included in the Board packet was the proposed 2018/2019 Budget Calendar for planning purposes.

Included in the Fire Board packet were recognitions complimenting the excellent services received from SWFD members.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, August 13, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Flynt reported the pension board will hold a special meeting on July 27 to discuss choosing a custodian of funds to replace Morgan Stanley who is leaving the arena of public pension funds.

Unfinished/Old Business: Commissioner Stange requested a current breakdown of expenditures for the Fleet Maintenance/Logistics and Training Tower Project. SWFD's Fiscal Officer shall email all commissioners a breakdown of SWFD's commitment in addition to current expenditures prior to the next regular Board meeting.

New Business:

Fiscal Officer Carole Martin presented a Board Action whereas staff respectfully recommended that a millage rate of 1.0000 be set by the Board for inclusion in the required Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice and a First Public Hearing be held September 11 at 5:01 pm. Martin reminded the Fire Board that once the rate is published, it cannot be raised, only lowered. Following a lengthy discussion, on a motion duly made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Flynt, the Board unanimously approved that a millage rate of 1.0000 be set by the Board for inclusion in the required Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice and a First Public Hearing be held September 11 at 5:01 pm.

In order to continue progress with the previously Fire Board approved loan for the Fleet Maintenance/Logistics and Training Tower Project, staff recommended, with concurrence from Attorney Youell, that the Board adopt Resolution No. 18-04 stating its intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures with the proceeds of future tax-exempt financings.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2018-04 Tax Exempt Financing.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.