

# **SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

## **Special Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2018**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL\*\*\***

**Commissioners Present:** Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt (arrived 3:07 pm), Maurice Gilbert, Mike Stange

**Commissioners Absent:** Mark B. Foley

**Call to Order:** 3:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports:** The Human Resources Committee met December 17, 2018, prior to the Special Meeting held on the same day. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Fire Chief Talbert's retirement announcement during the December 10, 2018, regular Fire Board meeting and to discuss a recommendation for his successor.

**Unfinished/Old Business:** Representing the Human Resources Committee, Commissioner Abbit stated that SWFD has had a succession plan in place for years and that they recommended Assistant Chief Crawford be offered the position of Fire Chief. The committee further recommended that upon the Fire Board's approval, Assistant Chief Crawford take over all Fire Chief responsibilities effective immediately. Chief Talbert will remain Fire Chief until February 28, 2019. Chief Crawford will officially become SWFD Fire Chief on March 1, 2019.

Chief Talbert handed out the succession plan to Fire Board.

There was further discussion of salary and a contract.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Stange and seconded by Commissioner Flynt, the Board voted unanimously to offer the Fire Chief position to Assistant Chief Ryan Crawford.

A motion was made by Commissioner Abbit to authorize Chairman Gilbert to offer the Fire Chief position to Assistant Chief Ryan Crawford. The motion was modified to authorize Chairman Gilbert to enter into a contract to secure the position and seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Gilbert requested Assistant Chief Crawford's presence in the meeting. Chairman Gilbert offered Chief Crawford the SWFD Fire Chief position which he accepted pending contract negotiation.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.