

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2020

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

Commissioners Present (via video conference): Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Mark B. Foley, Maurice Gilbert, Mike Stange, Rick Talbert

Commissioners Absent: None

Call to Order: 4:07 p.m.

Commissioner Gilbert announced a quorum was present.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Stange and seconded by Commissioner Talbert, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 2020, Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Flynt read the June 2020 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's July 2020 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Crawford reviewed the Emergency Response Activity Report which included Beach Safety Responses.

On July 22, 2020, with single red flag surf conditions present, crews were dispatched to Beachside Drive on Sandestin Resort for a water rescue involving multiple victims. A child was successfully rescued by lifeguards; tragically, the older male was unable to be resuscitated.

On July 25, 2020, crews were dispatched to a home that was struck by lightning on Blue Mountain Road. Crews arrived to find an active fire in the attic space which was quickly extinguished.

Also, on July 25, 2020, crews were dispatched to a fully involved RV fire on Payne Street, Miramar Beach with structures threatened. Crews quickly extinguished the fire. Unfortunately, the RV was a total loss.

On July 28, 2020, crews were dispatched to Sandgrass Blvd in Santa Rosa Beach for a garage fire. Crews quickly extinguished the fire that was determined to have been caused by an electric golf cart charging in the garage.

In the overnight hours on July 18, 2020, SWFD's Beach Safety shed at the Santa Clara beach access was vandalized. Lifeguards arrived the following morning to discover that the lock to the storage shed had been cut and the contents to include an ATV and medical equipment had been stolen. The incident remains under investigation.

SWFD has engaged DAG Architects to provide conceptual designs for future stations prior to the end of the FY.

SWFD has completed the internal promotional testing process for Sergeant candidates. Chief Crawford stated that he was very proud of all the candidates. Chief Crawford acknowledged Assistant Chief Anderson for organizing yet another very successful testing process.

SWFD continues to support the Walton County Department of Health sponsored drive thru Covid-19 testing. The drive thru test sites are being supported by all career fire rescue organizations in Walton County. The next large-scale South Walton detail is scheduled for August 25, 2020, from 3–6pm at the South Walton Sports Park behind Dune Lakes Elementary School.

Staff is reviewing a line-by-line itemization and summary of work loss dates on the Fleet Maintenance and Training Facility which contributed to the extended construction duration from Lord & Son Construction. The summary will be included in the September regular board meeting board packet.

SWFD plans to host a Pierce Manufacturing/Ten 8 Road Rally later this fall at the SWFD Fleet Maintenance Facility. Pierce Manufacturing is the primary manufacturer of SWFD fire apparatus. Firefighters from around the region will have the opportunity to have hands-on experience with some of the newest apparatus available in the industry where they can participate in demonstrations and interact with product experts. Staff feels this is an opportunity to highlight and showcase the capabilities of SWFD's new Fleet Maintenance and Training Facility to fire service vendors and partner agencies from across the region.

SWFD began advertising for future firefighter candidate testing to create a hiring eligibility list for 2021. The candidate testing is tentatively scheduled for early November.

Chief Crawford reminded the Board of the following virtual meetings:

August 25, 2020, at 2pm	FY21 Proposed Budget Public Workshop
August 31, 2020, at 2:30pm	Pension Board meeting
September 8, 2020, at 5:01pm	First Public Hearing for the FY21 Proposed Budget
September 21, 2020, at 4pm	Regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting
September 21, 2020, at 5:01pm	Final Public Hearing on the FY21 Proposed Budget

SWFD Administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020, in observance of Labor Day.

Commissioner Cooper stated that clearly there was misinformation released by another agency about the Sandestin drowning. Commissioner Cooper suggested a roundtable discussion take place prior to the release of any messaging. Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Cooper made a motion for Staff to research the feasibility of a Public Information Officer (PIO) position for inclusion in the FY 20/21 Proposed Budget. Commissioner Talbert seconded the motion with a unanimous vote to follow.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business:

Board Action: Surplus Equipment Resolution 20-02

Assistant Chief Marc Anderson presented a Board Action whereas Staff recommended the approval of Resolution 20-02 Surplus Equipment and to proceed with disposition of the following:

1. Two (2) storage sheds – purchased approximately in 2000
2. Eleven (11) Panasonic Toughbook computers. Model CF-19 – purchased in 2006
3. Four (4) positive pressure ventilation fans – all purchased between 2000-2008
4. One (1) search camera – Purchased in 2008
5. Four (4) confined space air mask systems – Purchased in 2007

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Talbert and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 20-02.

Public Comment: None

Roll call votes were practiced during this meeting.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.