

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE  
DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2024

Chairman Michael Gatewood called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Commissioner Michael Gatewood  
Commissioner Danny Ballard  
Commissioner Robert Hoke  
Chief Ronald Beecroft  
Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos  
Office Manager Monique Brooks  
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton  
Attorney Remotely: Janette Smith, Esq.

Commissioner Tom Mere  
Commissioner Bill Schaible  
  
Assistant Chief John Manson  
Fire Marshal Rick Jones  
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich  
Union Representative Josh Ballard

**Absent:** None

**Invocation:** Commissioner Mere

**Pledge:** Commissioner Ballard

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the March 18, 2024 minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)**

**Treasurer's Report:** The March Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 50% through the budget year, received 96% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 50% of expenditures (less reserves). Commissioner Ballard asked if there were any penalties on moving money between the Money Market Account and Operating Account. No. There were no other questions or comments.  
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## **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Beecroft–

- Held Shift Meetings last week.
- Flag Retirement Box Unveiling Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am here at Station 1.
- Hosted the Lee County Quarterly Finance Meeting at FineMark Bank.
- We are still looking at properties and Real Estate.
- Lieutenant Cabral has some Special Ops items that he would like to demonstrate to anyone who is interested after the meeting is over. Lt. Cabral thanked the Board for their support of the Special Operations Team.

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached.
- Station 1 and Station 3 soft tones have been installed.
- All lawnmowers at all stations have been serviced.
- Hydrant Maintenance is almost complete.
- All uniforms have finally arrived and been distribute
- New Service truck and Brush 2 are complete and are outside available for viewing after the meeting. Now every station has a brush truck.

**Prevention:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Public Education:** Report attached. Each CERT team has been working on Emergency Plans. There were no questions or comments.

**Training:** Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

**Union:** Have finally received the VEBA documents from the Attorney and will be ready to begin negotiations soon.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Disposition of Surplus Inventory** – We have two 2006 Ford F150 trucks that we no longer use and have met their useful life and purpose and we would like to sell them. One truck we used as a fuel truck (to deliver fuel to the outlying stations for their generators) and the other was used by the Fire

Investigators. Commissioner Ballard asked if we replaced them? No. Commissioner Ballard asked the Attorney if we needed an itemized list to dispose these? No. **Commissioner Hoke made a motion to declare the two 2006 Ford F150's (VIN #'s 1756 and 1755) as surplus inventory and allow administration to dispose of them. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

### **Commissioner Items:**

Ballard –

1. Two years ago there was an issue with his employment at South Florida Emergency Vehicles and he resigned from there. He explained his employment role there and feels the issue has been resolved. Asked his fellow board members if he could go back to working there as a driver/escort? All agreed they did not have a problem with him being re-employed there. The Board agreed to wait on the Attorney's Opinion, but once received Chief Beecroft could write a letter to South Florida Emergency Vehicles and let the Board know in May the outcome.
2. Littleton Road will be closed on Wednesday pm and the water will be off on Friday.

**Public Input:** Mrs. Sally Mere asked what the piece of property on Slater that is being cleared is going to be? Single Family Housing Development.

### **Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

- Letter of commendation for BC Westra, Engineer Sourinha, Firefighters Gibson, French and Triggs
- Citizen
- Mr. O'Malley for PEO Fulton

**Commissioner Hoke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**

Supportive Documents:

1. March 18, 2024 Minutes
2. March Treasurer's Report