

**JANUARY 15, 2015  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2015

**Location:** Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

**Present:** Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; Anthony Evans, Treasurer; and Commissioner James Cena. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Bounds and Executive Management Assistant, Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Chief Gorski noted that a memo was in their packets listing all current and open Officers/Appointments.

• **Annual Election of Board Officers**

*Commissioner Evans made a motion to nominate Commissioner Durant as Chairman. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*Commissioner Cena made a motion to keep the Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and MCFComA Representatives as they are. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

*Commissioner Marken made a motion to keep the Pension Board Representatives as they were. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

• **Appointed Officers**

*Chairman Durant will leave the Appointed Officers the same.*

• **Other Appointed Officials**

*Commissioner Center made a motion to keep the appointed officers the same. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

• **Chairman Appointments**

All appointments remained the same with the exception of removing Deputy Chief Berry.

- Annual Awards  
Chief Gorski presented Service Awards to the following personnel:
  - \* Lt. Jeff Ryder – 15 years of service
  - \* FF. Todd Pierce – 15 years of service
  - \* FF. Tony Lear – 10 years of service

The Rookie of the year award was presented to FF Jason Hackley. The Firefighter of the year award was presented to FF Brian Godden and the Staff Employee of the year was presented to Debbie Hiser. The officer of the year award was presented to Battalion Chief Chris Gould.

### Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with a revision to December 11, 2014 Minutes (page 1/Public Hearing/from Assessment Appeals to Ordinance 2014-01). Commissioner Cena seconded the motion with the revision and the motion unanimously carried.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

### OLD BUSINESS

- \* None

### NEW BUSINESS

- \* **Scott Air Pack Demo**  
Lieutenant Marc Morgan presented the new Scott Air Packs.
- \* **Update on New Fire Apparatus**  
Battalion Chief Blanco presented an update on the new fire apparatus.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* **Pension Committee**  
Derek Foss gave a brief report on the January 13, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 1. **General Plan Actuarial Valuation GASB 67/68 Supplement.**  
Chief Gorski gave an overview of the GASB 67/68 Supplement.
- \* **Union Report**  
Adam Chevalier reported that there is a committee working on the Directives/Sop's and activating a Health Insurance Committee.

### VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

- 2. Meeting December 1, 2014 Minutes. FYI.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

3. Chief Gorski distributed a memorandum he received regarding the Fire District Ordinances. He asked the Board Members what their direction was on adopting the User Fee changes. The Board recommended waiting a while. He also distributed Customer Satisfaction Surveys to all Commissioners. Chief Gorski reported on the hiring timeline for the three firefighter positions. He then spoke on the open positions. The following motions were made during discussion:

*Commissioner Center made a motion to give the Chief direction to promote two employees to Deputy Chief of Operations and Administration. There was no second, the motion died.*

*Commissioner Center made a motion to approve the position of Deputy Chief of Administrative Finance and direct the chief to evaluate the positions of Battalion Chief. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion. Chairman Durant called for the vote. There were 3 Yeas and 2 Nays, the motion was approved.*

*Commissioner Center made a motion that the position of Deputy Chief that was previously approved be set at the salary of \$95,369.46. There was no second, the motion died.*

*Commissioner Center made a motion to establish a Deputy Chief of Administration at the rate between \$90,000 and \$95,369.46. There was no second, the motion died.*

*Commissioner Center made a motion to establish a Deputy Chief of Administration at the established rate \$95,369.46. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion with discussion. Chairman Durant called for the vote. There was 1 Yea and 4 Nays, the motion was not approved.*

It was decided to start with a new proposal at next month's meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

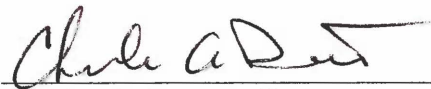
Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

### **COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Center asked if there would be a press release on the Employee Awards. He also asked if significant topics could be added to the agenda. Commissioner Center also asked if the labor attorney was asked about the bonus.

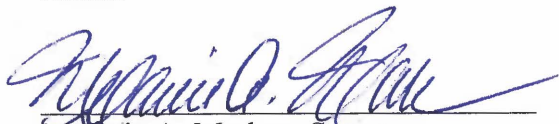
Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be February 19, 2015.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary