

**FEBRUARY 18, 2016  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, February 18, 2016

**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; and Commissioner James Cena. Anthony Evans, Treasurer was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Deputy Chief Robert Bounds, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, 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 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation/Pledge**

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

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- Demo on Smith Detection Equipment  
Battalion Chief Gould gave a demo on the new HazMat equipment from Smith Detection.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- \* **Approval of 2015 Audit**  
Deputy Chief Bounds gave an update on the 2015 Audit. *After discussion, Commissioner Center motioned to accept the 2015 Audit with changes. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*
  
- \* **Request for Proposal – Insurance Broker RFP2016-01 Results**  
Chief Gorski reported on the final statistics of the RFP for Insurance Broker. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Gehring Group as the Districts Insurance Broker. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- \* **Budget Amendment Discussion**  
Chief Gorski presented some options to the Budget Amendment he is working on.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

\* **Pension Committees**

Deputy Chief Bounds gave a brief report on the January 12, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting and the February 3, 2016 General Plan Meeting.

\* **January MCFComA Meeting – January 25, 2016**

Commissioner Cena reported on the meeting.

\* **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reported that he, along with staff, met with the Gehring Group. He is also holding meetings with the membership to get ready for negotiations.

**VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

1. December 23, 2015 Minutes  
FYI

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

2. Chief Gorski presented Station 4's Land Sale closing documents. *Commissioner Marken motioned to accept the closing documents for the land at Station 4 sale to Manatee County. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Chief Gorski gave a brief overview of his report. Chief Gorski also reported that yesterday we had our first administration of Narcan with a positive result. Deputy Chief Bounds reported that we are working with Harbor Community and Bank of America on our loans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Center inquired on the carryover amount; are the prepaid expenses included in the 2015/2016 budget? Chairman Durant asked about the status of the First-In Alerting system.

Chairman Durant reported that the next meeting will be March 17, 2016.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.**

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Charles A. Durant, Chairman

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Melanie A. Marken, Secretary