

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes – October 14, 2019
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Jeffrey Maturo – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Richard Scott – Deputy Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin. Finance Director
Chrissy Stoker – Admin. Coordinator

Fire Commissioners Absent:

Steven Slachta – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Absent:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chaplain Chitwood gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no public comment on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the August 12, 2019 Executive Session Minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion with a correction made to paragraph two: striking all minutes after the first sentence, “Article 18 regarding wages was discussed extensively”. **The motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the August 23, 2019 Executive Session Minutes and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. Commissioner Kosilla corrected the minutes to read that he proposed a 3/3/3 wage increase in the contract, not Chief Daigle. **The motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Tentative Millage & Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Maturo made a motion to approve the September 24, 2019 Final Millage & Final Budget Hearing Minutes and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the September 2019 Financials and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.** Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the Budgeted Purchase Orders over \$10,000 and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Chief DeWitt presented Fire Inspector Worth Anderson with a pin for five years of service.

Deputy Chief Scott presented Phoenix awards to BC-Paramedic Jason Brod, Lieutenant-Paramedic Manny Hernandez, Firefighter-EMT Jacob Driskell, Firefighter-Paramedic Calvin Payne, Lorenzo Hogans (LCEMS), and Jeremy Collins (LCEMS) for an incident on 4-25-19 and Captain-Paramedic Kelli Wilson, Lieutenant-Paramedic Nick Araica, Firefighter-EMT Cary Coburn, FF-Paramedic Andrew Ctvrtnik, Erron August (LCEMS), and Beverly Spates (LCEMS) for an incident on 9-6-19.

COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS

Commissioner Kosilla summarized a letter he received from Fort Myers Beach Fire Department requesting support for the clean water initiative, "Call to Action". Commissioner Maturo stated that episode two of his television program *On the Line* will be released soon. The episode will focus on hurricanes.

NEW BUSINESS

2018-2019 Budget Transfer #2

Assistant Chief DeWitt explained the reasons for the transfer. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the budget transfer and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Resolution 19-08-02 Amending GERS – Addition of PLOP/DROP Option

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

EVT Job Description and Pay Scale

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the job description and pay scale, and Commissioner Maturo seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

Auditor Selection

Commissioner Murphy explained how the Auditor Selection Committee evaluated the proposals that were submitted and stated that the committee recommends Ashley, Brown & Company. After some discussion, Commissioner Murphy made a motion to award the contract to Ashley, Brown & Company with the understanding that the District will try to negotiate a lower rate, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Assistant Chief Greg DeWitt

Assistant Chief DeWitt reminded the Board about the upcoming FASD meeting and informed the Board that the USAR Team will be completing a mobilization drill at the Lee County Civic Center on October 16.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Grantt addressed the Board for public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.