

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

Minutes – February 17, 2016

Special Meeting:

Public Town Hall Meeting for Proposed Site for Hickory Blvd. Fire Station

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Fred Forbes – Secretary/Treasurer
James Murphy – Commissioner
Patrick McCourt - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Frank Giuliano – Deputy Chief
Rich Scott – Deputy Chief
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director
Nicole Hornberger – HR Coordinator
Jessica DeWitt – Admin Coordinator

1. Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Chairman Lohan explained that each person requesting to give public comment would receive one four-minute opportunity to speak. He requested that if anybody's point had already been made, that it not be repeated for sake of time. He then stated that the meeting's purpose was solely to discuss the property that had been proposed as a donation to the District, located at the corner of McLaughlin Blvd. and Hickory Blvd.
4. Chief Daigle presented a [Response Report](#) for the area being discussed. His presentation began by explaining the District's emergency operations and reviewing Lee County EMS's process of determining the level of response that a patient would receive.

The Chief gave an overview of the current response issues, which included inadequate response times on the Beach and a non-ideal deployment of the boat to MERT calls. Chief Daigle stated that a fire/rescue crew of three at the proposed site could reduce emergency response times by 50-80% on Hickory Blvd. and that water rescue deployment could be reduced by 17-20 minutes. He stated that the District currently met the response time goal of six minutes or less on Big Hickory and Little Hickory Islands 14% of the time.

5. Twenty members of the community spoke in opposition to the District accepting the land donation.
6. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to reject the property donation and Commissioner Kosilla seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.