

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

**Minutes – July 7, 2016
Budget Workshop**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
Frank W. Liles – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief
Greg DeWitt – Assistant Chief
Rich Scott – Deputy Chief
Cesar Sanchez – Deputy Chief
Tim Fernandez – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director
Jessica DeWitt – Admin Coordinator

The meeting began at 3:03 p.m.

Chief Daigle noted the overall strategic goals for the 2016-2017 budget year.

Administrative-Finance Director Lisa Gendron gave a [presentation \(link\)](#) that began by explaining the annual budget process and the taxable property values in the District. Total taxable property value in the District was reported at over 9.7 billion dollars. Property values had increased 9.69% from the previous fiscal year. New construction over the past year had increased almost 55% from the year prior.

Ms. Gendron continued on to describe the District's sources revenue, the reserve policy, and the budgeting challenges for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Discussion was had regarding the use of a line of credit rather than an emergency disaster reserve fund. Ms. Gendron noted that there was a possibility that it would be disadvantageous for the District's credit rating.

The Staff recommended that the Board set the "do-not-exceed" millage rate at the current rate of 2.3500. The vote would take place at the following regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 11, 2016.

Chairman Lohan noted that he'd like to safeguard the District from future economic downfalls, possibly paying off the loan for Station Four's construction early.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.