

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

**Minutes – January 11, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Fire Chief
Richard Scott – Assistant Chief
Eric Madden – Deputy Chief
Janet Washburn – Fire Marshal
Lisa Gendron – Admin – Finance Director
Anna-Marie Waller – Admin Coordinator

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 MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the December 3, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes, and Commissioner Slachta seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the December 2020 Financials, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$10,000.00

Commissioner Maturo motioned to approve the Purchase Order to install the Remi Halo A/C disinfecting system at all stations. The funds should be reimbursed thru the CARES Act. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Madden presented The Phoenix Awards for a call on March 5, 2020, at the Dog Track. The recipients include Lt. Ernest Williams, Firefighter Austin Beaudette, Firefighter Michael Burkard, Jr., Firefighter Raymond Perez, Firefighter Daniel Platas, and Firefighter Richard Willson. Michael Karcher and Lester Molina from LCEMS were not present to receive their award.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

There was no Commissioners' business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the Disposal of Assets, and Commissioner Kosilla seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Greg DeWitt

Chief DeWitt gave the Chief's Report:

- Remarkd that the Toys for Tots Campaign helped 720 area children, double the number from last year, and collected 1,245 pounds of food for the Bonita Assistance Office.
- Submitted a request for reimbursement of approximately \$420,000 from the Cares Act and doesn't see any indication that we won't get it.
- Stated due to COVID-19, our call volume declined from last year; however, this year's beginning sees the call volume going up, probably due to more people returning to the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexander Grant presented the Board his thoughts on how the District might participate in distributing COVID-19 vaccinations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.