



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 13, 2009

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Messina, Commissioner Sassano (via telephone), Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Levy and Commissioner Akins

SWEARING IN

Commissioner Schweers performed the swearing in of Commissioner Frank Messina.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY LEE COUNTY EOC

Josh Roberts of Lee County Emergency Management presented a certificate to Estero Fire Rescue and CERT volunteers for their assistance at the emergency shelter at Estero Community Park following Tropical Storm Fay.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Chief Vanderbrook presented FGCU Intern, Mike Harvell with an EFR blanket for his time and service at Estero Fire Rescue.

Chief Vanderbrook and Public Relations Manager Susan Lindenmuth acknowledged Retired Plans Examiner Jerry Vangelder for his dedicated service to Estero Fire Rescue and the citizens of Estero service.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items to be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Levy made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented. Commissioner Messina seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 1. CONDUCT AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE TO OCCUR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING.**

- *Commissioner Akins made a motion to elect Commissioner Schweers as chairperson. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 - *Commissioner Akins made a motion to elect Commissioner Levy as vice-chairperson. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 - *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to elect Commissioner Akins as Treasurer. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 - *Commissioner Akins made a motion to elect Commissioner Sassano as Secretary. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **APPROVE THE UPDATES IN SOG228A.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation and noted that benefits did not change in SOG 228A, only the title of the SOG changed. *Commissioner Messina made a motion to approve the updates in SOG 228A. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 3. **APPROVE THE UPDATES IN SOG 704 (PURCHASING AUTHORITY).** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation and noted that the only changes were on page 3 of 4 to reflect position title changes. *Commissioner Akins made a motion to approve the update in SOG 704 (Purchasing Authority). Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 4. **THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS NEEDS TO SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BOARD TO MEET WITH TRI-DATA DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2009.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Akins made a motion that Commissioner Messina serve as the representative to Tri-Data on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
 5. **THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS NEEDS TO SELECT REPRESENTATIVES (MAXIMUM OF 10) FROM THE COMMUNITY TO MEET WITH TRI-DATA DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2009.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation and broke down the district with the number of calls to date per zone. *After much discussion, Commissioner Messina made a motion that the Estero Historical Society, Estero Chamber, Estero Civic Association, ECPP and ECCL be allowed to choose one representative to meet with Tri-Data during the week of January 20, 2009. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor. After further discussion Commissioner Akins made a motion that each Commissioner ask one person to attend the stakeholder meeting with Tri-Data with the name to be presented tonight at this meeting. No seconded was made. Motion failed. After further discussion Commissioner Akins made a motion that each Commissioner is allowed to select one stakeholder from Estero to attend the Tri-Data meeting and that name be submitted to the Fire Chief to be sure we have not selected the same person. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

WALK ON ITEMS

1. **APPROVE UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve the updated fee schedule with an effective date of December 10, 2009. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- 6% increase year to date on call volume
- ALS Engines and Ladders to EMS calls; condition **RED**
- AT&T Tower at Station 2 - \$1,300 per month; \$15,600 per year; \$468,000 lifetime would have been monies to EFR had the project been able to go through. At this time the project is on hold indefinitely.
- Commissioner Forum – Ken Craft and Tom Wolverton made a presentation on how the automatic vehicle locator system works for closest unit response
- Annual Report – We have started the annual report and hope to have a draft to the Commissioners soon; would like each Commissioner to put together a short paragraph for the report.
- SIP –
 - Received update report indicating a decrease of over payments
 - Contacted Florida Office of Insurance Regulations. They have indicated they have no authority because we are self insured. They regulate TPA's for insurance companies not employers.
 - Contacted Department of Labor and they indicated they do not have jurisdiction either. They indicated there is no regulatory agency for our plan because we are a government. This is a judicial matter and should proceed as a breach in contract.
 - Chief Vanderbrook asked that the Board not take any action this evening; that we come back at the January meeting with General Counsel present and we will lay out everything that has happened up to this date and then the Board will make a decision as to the direction we need to go. Commissioners agreed with this recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Sassano welcomed Commissioner Messina to the Board and wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every one.
- Commissioner Akins stated that she is not leaving the area and will be staying around for a while.
- Commissioner Levy wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Messina stated he looks forward to working with the other Commissioners.
- Commissioner Schweers inquired as to any plans being made with regard to the Open House for the administrative complex. Chief Vanderbrook suggested that Commissioner Schweers head up the planning for the Open House. Commissioners agreed with this suggestion. Chief Vanderbrook also noted that we are looking into the possibility of pancake breakfasts at the stations.

Commissioner Schweers performed the swearing in of Fire Marshal Green.

Commissioner Messina made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary