



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 10, 2009

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Messina, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Schweers were present. Commissioner Levy was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board agreed to move public comment to be included in Administrative Agenda item 4.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

No items to be pulled for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-10 as presented. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **APPROVE REVISED SOG 719 EMERGENCY PAY PRACTICE.** Chief Vanderbrook provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda item 1 as presented. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
2. **AUTHORIZE LIFESCAN TO PERFORM ANNUAL PHYSICALS FOR 09/10.** HR Director Conway provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda item 2 as presented. Commissioner Messina seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
3. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM COMMISSIONER BARBARA AKINS; DECLARING SEAT 5 AS VACANT.** *Commissioner Messina made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda item 3. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*
4. **APPOINT SOMEONE TO FILL COMMISSION SEAT 5.** Commissioner Schweers allowed each applicant to speak before the Board with questions from the commissioners. Mark Miller, John Goodrich, Kenny King, Fred Partin, Michael Connolly, Bruce Philp and Sean James. (Larry Mason was not present).

Commissioner Schweers called for a recess at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Schweers reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

At this time, Commissioner Schweers allowed for public comment on the open position.

John McNamara of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf of Sean James.
Nicholas Batos of Estero, Florida provided suggestions to the Board.
John Ruehl of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf of Sean James.
Kate Fontaine of Estero, Florida spoke on behalf of Sean James.

After discussion, Commissioner Messana made a motion to appoint Sean James as Commissioner, Seat 5. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

WALK ON ITEMS

No walk on items.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Vanderbrook provided preliminary information regarding the possibility of an outdoor classroom “chikee” at Station 44.
- Giving Back to the Community at Wildcat Run – Chief Vanderbrook apologized for not notifying the Commissioners prior to the event and notified the Commissioners of the generous contribution made to the Safety Fund.
- Consolidation Study
 - The 5 year plan for EFR should be done and here within the next week or so
 - January 20, 2010 is the tentative date for the joint meeting between Bonita Springs, Estero and San Carlos to present the cooperative consolidation study.
- Boat Grant – Chief Vanderbrook noted that the motor has come in and we should take possession of the boat by the end of October
- Admin Complex cleaning, employees have taken over the responsibilities, please pick up after yourselves when you use the building
- Storage facility has been emptied and boxes have been moved to admin
- HR Director Linda Conway completed her Bachelors Degree
- Thank you for the brunch provided by the Commissioners for the admin staff

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Schweers noted the emergency traffic signal at Station 42 and US41 should be operational by November 1, 2009

Commissioner Schweers performed the swearing in of Sean James as Commissioner, Seat 5.

Commissioner Messana made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary