



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

February 9, 2010

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Messana, Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Philp and Commissioner James were present. Commissioner Sassano was absent.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Promotion Recognition – Engineer John McDougall

5 Year Pin – Lt. Roberto Medina

20 Year Pin – Lt. Glen Brownlee and FF Shane Sells

25 Year Pin – Lt. Brent Althouse and Lt. Dave Ott

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Chief Vanderbrook asked that Consent Agenda Item 5 be pulled from the agenda. *Commissioner Messana made a motion to remove Consent Agenda Item 5 from the agenda. Commissioner Philp seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. **APPROVE VOLUNTARY RETROSPECTIVE CALCULATION OF OT FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND ASSOCIATED COSTS WITHOUT ESTIMATES.** Finance Director April White provided a brief explanation. *Commissioner Philp made a motion to approve Administrative Agenda Item 1. Commissioner James seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.*

WALK ON ITEMS

No walk on items.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Division Chief Green explained Light Frame Truss Type
- Division Chief Green informed the Commissioners that a traffic signal, in conjunction with the Mid Towne Estero project, will be installed in front of Station 43 at no cost to EFR.

- Recent Incident Review by Assistant Chief Wahlig
- Chief Vanderbrook reviewed upcoming dates:
 - Tri-Data Report – January 26 at 6:30 pm at EFR
 - Celebrate Estero and Chili Cook-off at Miromar Mall on February 13 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm
 - Annual Banquet on March 20 from 6:00-10:00 pm at Pelican Sound
 - Skip Coleman Leadership Training with Bonita Springs and San Carlos at EFR on February 1-3.
 - Production Training on January 27 and 28
 - 175 Retirement Workshop tentatively scheduled for April 13 from 1:30-4:30 pm at EFR (prior to the regular board meeting at 5:00 pm)
 - Budget Workshop in July – email Admin. Asst. Poli with dates that work for you
 - Annual Report – email Admin. Asst. Poli with your paragraph for the 2009 Annual Report
 - Commissioner Portraits – please complete by January 31, 2010; Admin. Asst. Poli will provide the Commissioners with the contact information

Chief Vanderbrook asked for a 5 minute recess. Commissioner Schweers called for a recess at 5:50 pm. Commissioner Schweers reconvened the meeting at 5:59 pm.

- Chief Vanderbrook noted the Tri-Data consolidation feasibility report. All Commissioners agreed clarification is needed. Chief Vanderbrook noted the staff from each District met to discuss the report and are compiling their findings to provide to the Commissioners prior to the January 26 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Commissioner Philp noted Lee County Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson will be at the ECCL meeting on Friday, January 15.
- Commissioner Schweers noted the completion of the traffic signal at Station 42 and the installation of the fire station signs on US41.
- Commissioner Schweers addressed the age of staff vehicles and asked Chief Vanderbrook to provide more information as to the status of vehicles. Chief Vanderbrook asked for direction as how the Board would like him to proceed with the replacement of vehicles. ***After discussion, Commissioner Messana made a motion to move forward to purchase a vehicle for Chief Vanderbrook and provide more information to the Board. No second was made, motion failed. After further discussion, Commissioner James made a motion authorizing Chief Vanderbrook to provide a proposal for vehicle replacement over the next 2-3 years. Commissioner Philp seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Messana noted the proposal needs to prioritize the vehicles, with Chief Vanderbrook's vehicle at the top of the list.***
- Commissioner Schweers noted Commissioner Sassano's absence from tonight's meeting and proceeded to read her resignation letter which had been submitted to him and Chief Vanderbrook on January 6, 2010 with an effective date of January 31, 2010. Commissioner Schweers recommended the Board move forward to fill the vacant position. Commissioner Schweers also noted advertising in the News Press is somewhat costly and recommended the position be advertised on the web site and via word of mouth. Commissioner Schweers would like the previous applicants from October and November to be notified and provided the opportunity to

speaking at the February meeting along with any new applicants. Commissioner Schweers noted he would like to fill the vacant seat at the February 9, 2010 meeting. *The Board agreed to move forward to fill the vacant seat and advertise as recommended; applications must be submitted to HR Director Conway by February 1, 2010 and the seat would be filled at the February 9, 2010 meeting.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Philp, Secretary-Treasurer