

**Fire Commission Meeting
Immokalee Fire Control District
Board Meeting
June 16, 2016**

These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape. The minutes will follow the order of the Agenda.

Present Commissioners: Goodnight, Brister, Halman, Keen and Olesky. Chief Paul Anderson, Deputy Chief Michael Choate, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Captain Devan, Alma Valladares, Lt. Horbal, Jay Roth

1) **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm by Commission Chair Goodnight

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Commissioner Goodnight

3) **Moment of Silence**

Lead by Commissioner Goodnight

4) **Proof of Publication**

Copy of publication for annual schedule

5) **Establish a Quorum**

Quorum established by Commissioner Goodnight

6) **Approval of Agenda**

Chief Anderson mentioned to move item 11. 4 to 11. 1

Commissioner Brister motioned to approve the Agenda with the changes and seconded by Commissioner Halman. Motion carries unanimously.

7) Approval of the minutes of the following meeting:

A. May 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Halman motioned to approve May 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

8) Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Brister motioned to approve Treasurer's Report and Commissioner Keen seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

9) Consent Agenda

Commissioner Keen mentioned that she wants to discuss Chief Anderson's hours at work this week, saying that he is still spending a lot of extra hours and she thought the Deputy Chief was supposed to help the Chief work less hours. Chief Anderson mentioned that he was preparing a spreadsheet for the presentation of the Fire Assessment Fee along with the budget, spending many hours on each. Commissioner Keen would like to reserve the comments on the payroll contract changes until we have heard the Audit report.

Commissioner Halman motioned to approve Consent Agenda with the exception of the payroll contract and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

A. Fire Marshal's Report

B. Chief's Report

C. Status on Current Contracts

10) Union Report

Bryan Horbal, Union President mentioned that we are currently not up to date on our inspections and that is what keeps them alive when they go into buildings. It's a safety issue. Another thing is the fleet maintenance is also something we need. The union supports the inter-local agreements with North Collier to help catch up on those items. He is thanking the board for their support.

11) Business of the District

A. New Business

1. Inter-local Agreements for Functional Operations

Fire Prevention/Plans Review/Inspections and Fleet Maintenance/Training:

a. Public comment

Commissioner Keen motions to accept the Fleet Maintenance/Training Inter-local Agreement As is and the Fire Prevention/Plans Review/Inspections Agreement without section 14 and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously. Fleet Maintenance/Training Inter-local Agreement is approved to be signed by Chair Goodnight; Fire Prevention/Plans Review/Inspections Agreement will be sent back to North Collier for revision, followed by signature by Chair Goodnight.

2. Presentation of Annual Audit Report

Jeff Tuscan and Lisa McKenzie presented the Annual Audit Reports to the board

a. Public comment

None

Commissioner Halman motioned to approve Annual Audit Report from Tuscan and Company and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Recess from 8:50pm – 9pm

Commissioner Keen approved for Jeff Tuscan to meet with Mr. Higginbotham and not to exceed 10 hours and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Keen motioned to have a special meeting to negotiate a contract with accountant Higginbotham not to exceed 90 days and \$10,000 until the end of the year and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously. Commissioner Keen made a motion to Amend her motion and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Methodology and Rate Scenarios

Chief Anderson discussed with the board

a. Public comment

None

Commissioner Halman approved the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Availability Methodology and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Exemptions

Chief Anderson discussed with the board

a. Public comment

None

Attorney Thompson interrupted the meeting to mention that we are approaching 10pm and to wave the rule of 3 hours for a meeting has exceeded from 7pm to 10pm.

Commissioner Olesky made a motion to wave the rule and Commissioner Halman seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Jeff Tuscan mentioned that before you go out there and take your one shot at getting it passed, you should just wait and see if the PA can get you that data because this is a hard thing to resell if it fails the first time. Commissioner Halman mentioned that having just one choice is not enough, we need to do more research. Chief Anderson mentioned that he would rather wait until we have more data and other options rather than having it on the ballot as it is and fail with the voters. Commissioner Goodnight also agreed to wait and do more research and also find out how much it would be for a special election.

Commissioner Brister motioned to table the ballot referendum for the time being until we have more information and a plan in place to sell this to the community and Commissioner Halman seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Old Business

1. Status of Collier Emergency Services Task Force (County-wide Fire and EMS Merger/Consolidation); Dates for Joint Board Meeting

Chief Anderson discussed with the board that the group now wants to meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, which is after business hours and will take all evening for him to attend. Chief advised that the group said they were doing this so more Commissioners could attend. When Chief explained that Immokalee Commissioners would not be able to attend at that time more than they are currently able to, so it would not do Immokalee any good to change to that time, they disregarded his comments and agreed to that time anyway. The general discussion was that it doesn't benefit us to go. Commissioner Halman and Commissioner Goodnight agreed for the board and Chief Anderson not to attend the meetings anymore. Board agreement was unanimous.

- a) Public comment
None

2. Status of Fire Station 31 Construction

Chief Anderson mentioned that it's 90% complete and ready to start construction on September 4th. Attorney Thompson mentioned to bring the cost of site plans back to board.

- a) Public comment

3. Status of Fire Station 32 Property and Construction

Chief Anderson mentioned that he had a meeting with Barron-Collier and they agreed on a parcel of property, however the County is not ready to budget for construction.

- a) Public comment
None

12) Concerns of Commissioners

Commissioner Brister mentioned that the inventory has to be done and presented in July's meeting. That way if the state comes in we can tell them that we are on it.

13) Public Comment

None

14) Adjourn Meeting at 10:48pm

Next Scheduled Meeting(s):

- **Regular Board Meeting: May 19, 2016 at 6pm, Immokalee Fire Control District Station 30, 502 New Mkt. Rd. E. Immokalee, FL 34142**