

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Special Meeting
Board of Fire Commissioners
Main Station
848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

September 29, 2017

Minutes

Commissioners present: Rick Moore, Tommy Green, Jack Wilson, and Bob Wagner
Commissioners absent: Mike Buckingham
Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chief Kathryn Wagner, Marie Wilbur
Present: Attorney Dawn Stuntz

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 11:17 a.m.

Public Comment on the Agenda

None

Review, Discussion and Action on Workers' Compensation Insurance

Division Chief Wagner stated that due to escalating premiums the decision was made to go out to bid for workers' compensation insurance for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The three main reasons for the increase in premiums was the State of Florida instituting a 14-1/2% increase in workers' compensation across the state, an increase in claims experience and increased payroll. Four invitations to bid were sent out and the bid was also publicly posted for other brokers to quote. Chief Wagner stated two bids were received. One was from Florida Municipal Trust quoting an amount of \$142,039 which is an increase of 42% over last year and the other from Acentria Insurance, a broker for Preferred Government Insurance Trust, in the amount of \$126,676 with a two-year lock in price.

Chief Sasser and Division Chief Wagner recommended a change to Acentria's Preferred Government Insurance Trust (PGIT) which will show a \$15,000 savings in the first year with additional savings anticipated in concurrent years. Also, agent Mr. Kussro of Acentria will provide brokered service, overseeing and assisting with all claims.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he not only uses Acentira Insurance but also has personal relationships with personnel in the company and will need to recuse himself from voting.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the Acentria Insurance bid of \$126,676. Commissioner Green seconded.

In discussion, Commissioner Green stated that he also uses Acentria Insurance in his business but does not have any personal relationships with personnel of the company. He did not think it was a conflict. Attorney Stuntz agreed with his determination.

Commissioner Moore stated that he liked the two year price lock and the fact that there were many supportive references from area businesses. He questioned Division Chief Wagner as to the number of workers' compensation claims filed in 2016-2017. She stated there were eight (8), which is not a common occurrence. The average would be more like five (5) to six (6) occurrences.

With no further discussion, Chairman Moore called for a vote on the motion: Three (3) "Yes" votes (Green, Moore, Wagner); One (1) "Abstain" vote (Wilson). The motion carried.

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.