

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road

Destin, Florida 32541

October 8, 2019

Minutes

Commissioners present: Rick Moore, Tommy Green, Bob Wagner, Jack Wilson, and Mike Buckingham

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chiefs Joe D'Agostino, Matt Taylor and Kathryn Wagner; Tammy Peacock

Also present: Attorney Dana "D.C." Matthews, II

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Tentative Budget Hearing of September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019, and Final Budget Hearing of September 19, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for September 30, 2019 stating yearend adjustments are still to be made. After brief discussion, Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. West End of District Station – Chief Sasser stated that there has been no changes to date. Commissioner Buckingham noted the District should be getting funding by December 2019. He also noted that the County is in receipt of approval by the Treasury via e-mail, and staff is awaiting the official letter so bids can be sent out. Once the official letter is received the District's Attorney will work with Okaloosa County's Attorney to draft a lease agreement with the City.
- b. Audit Committee – Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that the Audit Committee met October 2, 2019 to review and evaluate the 2 request for proposals received from CRI and the EFPR Group. Commissioner Wilson stated that the Audit Committee reviewed both companies made the recommendation to stay with CRI. Discussion ensued regarding direct Board oversight with CRI if the Board approves them as the District's Auditor. After brief discussion Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve CRI as the District's Auditor and begin the process to negotiate fees for services, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report - Division Chief D'Agostino reviewed Beach Safety stats and noted that the last day of Lifeguard service is October 27th, 2019.
- b. Training Report - Chief Sasser reviewed training for the month of September and wanted to thank the Sheriff's office for the donated vehicles and Charles DuPlantis for the use of the facility on Airport Road.
- c. Inspection Report - Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report for September and noted that October is Fire Prevention month and the department would be visiting schools and daycares in the area.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that overtime for September was relatively low even with personnel on extended medical leave.

New Business

- a. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) – September 30, 2019 - Division Chief Wagner reviewed the OPEB report prepared by Foster and Foster. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Interlocal Agreement for Beach Safety and Lifeguard Services – Okaloosa County, FL - Chief Sasser reviewed the Interlocal agreement provided by the County. Discussion ensued over the concerns for repair and maintenance to the vehicles and the District's ability to oversee the service of the vehicles. After further discussion Commissioner Green motioned to table the item until the next Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. After brief discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting.
- c. Interlocal Agreement for Beach Safety and Lifeguard Services – City of Destin – Chief Sasser reviewed the agreement and noted the City pays \$100,000 for City of Destin public beach access points, which does not include Norriego Point. After brief discussion the Board recommended Norriego Point be removed from the agreement or to include language stating “services provided to Norriego Point if funding is available from the Tourist Development Department of the County”. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the agreement with the recommended changes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Request for Proposals – Portable Cardiac Defibrillators/Monitors – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the District received 2 request for proposals for the purchase of the monitors; CoreMed and Stryker Emergency Care. After brief discussion the Board recommended to table the item so the District can create a new RFP to include provisions and specifications of new or refurbished monitors.
- e. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Destin Professional Firefighters' Association Local #3158 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022 – Chief Sasser stated the District and the Local have been in negotiations for the last few months and the Local has passed the agreement which is now before the Board for approval. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- f. Property adjacent to 117 Crystal Beach Drive (Station 10) – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the District has an interest in purchasing the property adjacent to Station 10 and thanked Commissioner Moore for his assistance with the research of the property. After brief discussion Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve the Chief to negotiate the purchase of the adjacent lot up to a maximum purchase price of \$65,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Other Comments: Chief Sasser noted that the District will be having a dedication ceremony of the New Engine and Open House Saturday, October 12th and invited everyone to attend.

Chief Sasser stated Firefighter Gatewood and other team members have volunteered their time to have a Firetruck or Treat for our local community and hand out candy on Halloween.

Commissioner Wagner noted that the District should consider an agreement with non-union members of the District to make sure they are adequately compensated and requested this be added to the November agenda.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the regular meeting of the Board will be held on November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.