

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

November 10, 2020

Minutes

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

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chief Matt Taylor, Division Chief Joe D'Agostino and Division Chief 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.

Employee Recognitions

Chief Sasser recognized new hires Firefighters Brian Ostos and Dave Garner. Chief Sasser noted that due to public gathering limitations other employee recognitions and accomplishments would be held at a later date.

Public Comments

Destin residents Jason Klosterman and John Green provided public input on the West End Fire Station.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for October 31, 2020. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on updates on the fire boat. Chief Sasser advised that he is requesting the Board allow for an adjustment to two (2) current expenditures; 1) an additional \$15,000.00 for the fire boat bow thrusters and 2) an additional \$50,000.00 for the TRT truck. Discussion continued between the Board and Chief Sasser on the expenditures. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve both additional expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. West End of District Station – Chairman Moore noted that he was very disappointed that the District and City of Destin could not work out the lease on the Clement Taylor Park property. Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board that he has a contract to present to the Board

for consideration to purchase property on Calhoun. Commissioner Buckingham reviewed some of the properties attributes and requested a recess to allow Board members time to individually review the proposed contract. Chairman Moore called for a ten (10) minute recess at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Moore reconvened the meeting at 6:13 p.m. at which time Board members and Chief Sasser discussed the contract presented. Commissioner Buckingham requested that Commissioner Wilson work with Chief Sasser on funding avenues if the contract is accepted by the Board. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the contract for the purchase of the property with Destin Bay House, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Green noted concern about the District's liability on a lease back. Attorney Matthews stated he would assure the District is covered. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Insurance – General and Workers' Compensation – Division Chief Wagner reviewed key points in her analysis of the quotes received from Florida League of Cities and our current providers VFIS and PGIT and reviewed the disparities in the coverages. After brief discussion between the Board and Division Chief Wagner, Commissioner Wilson motioned to stay with our current providers VFIS and PGIT, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report – Division Chief D'Agostino reviewed the Beach Safety report for October 2020.
- b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for October 2020.
- c. Inspection Report – Fire Marshal Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for October 2020.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that the overtime was due to hold overs from the storm for October 2020.

New Business

- a. Staff Scale Adjustments – Chief Sasser reviewed the proposed position scales, adjusting the scale to give full credit for time in position. Commissioner Green motioned to approve the proposed adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Interlocal Beach Safety Agreement with County – Chief Sasser informed the Board that the agreement is the same as past years with minor adjustments. Discussion ensued between the Board, Chief Sasser and Attorney Matthews regarding the modification and customization costs for the apparatus. Attorney Matthews stated he would clarify the County's responsibility for the costs mentioned to assure it is enforced. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Interlocal Beach Safety Agreement with City – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the agreement with the City of Destin should be available for Board approval at the December meeting.
- d. Ratification of Selected Articles (5) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Destin Professional Firefighters' Association Local #3158 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022 – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the agreement was opened to discuss paramedic class participation and to ensure current employees attending paramedic school would be allowed time off to go to class. Chief Sasser also discussed other adjustments to the agreement for Board approval. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the agreement and to make it retro from October 1, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sasser requested the Board also make Staff adjustments retro back to October 1, 2020. Commissioner Green motioned to make the Staff adjustments retro to October 1, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.