

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 24, 2012

The January 24, 2012 regular Commission Meeting of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was held at Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Station 104, 3102 16th St. SW, Lehigh Acres, FL 33976. The meeting was opened at 4:00pm by Chairman Berndt. Present were Commissioners Adams, Carter, Becker, Berndt; Chief Donald Adams, Captain's Ketron and McDowell, Logistics Mgr Jeff Nickell, Finance Manager Ben VanKlingeren and Administrative Assistant Susan Platas. Assistant Chief Bennett and Attorney Pringle arrived a couple minutes after 4:00pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Berndt asked Chief Adams to give the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Berndt asked if there were any additions, corrections or deletions to the Agenda. Commissioner Carter motioned to approve the Agenda. Motion dies for lack of second.

Commissioner Berndt stated he wanted to add Chief Adams' Contract under New Business. Commissioner Carter motioned to accept the Agenda as amended with a second from Commissioner Berndt. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Fire Board Regular Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2011
- Treasurers Report
- Job Descriptions
FF/EMT; FF/PM; Engineer; Engineer/PM; Paramedic Field Trainer; Fire Inspector

Commissioner Berndt motioned to approve with a second from Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Carter asked for a brief explanation of what the changes on the job descriptions were. Motion carries.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief reported on the following:

- Chief reported on the Multi-purpose room at Station 104.
- Rec'd election ballots for the Captains for District 19.
- SAFER Grant is not open yet.
- Governor Scott issued an Executive Order calling for a review of all Special Districts.
- Chief spoke of an incident that happened at the Gulf Coast Hospital where our ambulance keys were missing.

DVP 6 and 19:

None.

DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY:

None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CERT Program and the US Internal Revenue Code – Chief stated to speed this up, Commissioner Carter has requested that Chief Adams be in charge of this program. This way it would fall under the Department.

During discussion, Attorney Pringle stated there are now three options: CERT is part of the District and falls under the District insurance; have CERT operate on its' own under a 501C3; or have our CERT join another District. Attorney Pringle would have to talk to John Wilson to see if the third is a viable option. Chief stated he would be in charge of Lehigh CERT and Commissioner Carter can help with paperwork. Commissioner Becker stated leave as status quo, but for the attorney to check into combining with another district.

Firefighter Reservist Program – Commissioner Carter would like to keep this listed on our website for a year to see the response we get. Commissioner Carter motioned that we adopt the job description for Firefighter Reservist with a second from Commissioner Adams. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Adams' Contract – Commissioner Berndt stated with all the potential change and items that we're dealing with, he thinks we need to have some consistency at the top. He would like to extend Chief's contract, if he'd accept. He would like Commissioners comments. Commissioner Carter would like to have a performance evaluation on the Chief. She would like to see this done to find out if this extension will be approved. Commissioner Adams stated he just received Chief's contract right before the meeting and would like some time to review this. Commissioner Becker stated the Chief should be adjusted the same as the firefighters. If there's a decrease, he receives a decrease. If there is a raise, he gets a raise. Commissioner Berndt stated we could certainly offer the extension and put a clause to review the Chief's salary once an agreement has been reached with the union. Chief's current contract expires September 30, 2012. Commissioner Berndt motioned that we extend Chief Adams' contract to Sept 30, 2014 with a clause to address his salary when and if we reach an agreement in the process of negotiation. A second was received from Commissioner Becker. Attorney Pringle stated the motion would need to reflect that he (Pringle) would be addressed to prepare an amendment and then allow Chairman to sign. Commissioner Berndt amended his motion to include Attorney Pringle's comments. Commissioner Becker gave a second to the amendment. Commissioner Adams would like to put this off a month to review the document Commissioner Berndt stated if we approve this contract and Commissioner Adams finds an issue, we can review at that time. Commissioner Carter wants to follow the guidelines of the original contract. Motion carries 3-1 with the opposing vote from Commissioner Adams.

Commissioner Carter motioned that we have a special meeting to review items from Section 6 of Chief Adams' contract and have him give a presentation of what has occurred since last evaluation. A Section 6 overview. Second from Commissioner Berndt. Motion carries. February 13, 2012, 4:00pm, Station 104.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy Kruse
Robert Anderson

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Adams questioned what the cost to run the ambulances are. He also asked Ms. Kruse to talk to him.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

Chief wanted to thank Commissioners on his contract extension.

Adjourn 5:16pm.