

MINUTES

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

BUDGET WORKSHOP

August 11, 2010

The August 11, 2010 Budget Workshop of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was opened at 4:00pm by Chairman Berndt. Present were: Commissioners Berndt, Adams, Barrett, and Hemingway. Chief Adams, Assistant Chief Watson, Fire Marshal Ken Bennett, Deputy Chief Liedtke, Finance Manager Ben VanKlingeren and Administrative Assistant Susan Platas. Attorney Pringle is also in attendance.

Commissioner Berndt stated that this is the first Budget Workshop for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

Chief Don Adams started the meeting by presenting to the Board a brief overview of the decline of ad valorem taxes over the past couple years. He then reviewed a powerpoint presentation. Chief stated the budget they have before them is the budget he is proposing for 2010/2011.

There was discussion on several items:

- Increase of paramedic supply – due to increase of personnel
- New roof for Station 2 – pros and cons of fixing vs. re-roofing
- Communications – combining the costs to one company
- Maintenance Contracts – SWS Environmental
- Web Site Maintenance
- PEER Fitness
- Training – bringing in outside instructors to provide leadership, management and fire administration to supervisory personnel.
- Administrative Office – ALS licenses for vehicles
- Administrative Office – Florist – sympathy flowers
- Commissioner Adams questioned if any admin personnel were being hired. Chief said no.
- Training Supplies – Replacement parts for training manikins and other training props.
- Five Year Plan – Is the cost too high. This number will be reduced.
- Legal Fees – Commissioner Hemingway questioned the amount
- Commission Salary – Consideration was given as to whether this should be re-implemented.
- Community Outreach
- Volunteers

- Interest on Credit Line – we do not have any interest listed

Commissioner Berndt suggests that we walk the proposed 2010/2011 budget on the Agenda and add it as an Agenda item and cancel the budget workshops for August 17th and 26th. All Commissioners agree.

Adjourn 5:43pm.