

MINUTES

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

September 23, 2008

The September 23, 2008 Final Budget Hearing of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was opened at 5:01pm by President Berndt. Present were: Commissioners, Berndt, Hemingway, Guzman, Adams, Barrett; Chief Adams, Assistant Chief's Haugh, and Duncan, Fire Marshal Ken Bennett, EMS Division Chief Mike Pcolar, Administrative Assistant Susan Platas, Bookkeeper Anita Kressel and Secretary Jill Marcolini. Attorney Richard Pringle was also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Berndt stated that this is the Final Budget Hearing for the proposed budget for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Commissioner Berndt read the tentative adopted millage rate and budget that was voted on September 10, 2008 at the tentative budget hearing for the fiscal year 2008/2009. The tentatively adopted millage rate of 2.7517 mills is a 26.93% less than the roll-back rate of 3.7659 mills. The roll-back rate is the millage rate used to generate prior year ad valorem taxes using this year's taxable value.

Commissioner Berndt asked for public comment before the adoption of the millage rate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on the tentative adopted millage rate. None

ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE: Commissioner Berndt read the Millage Rate Resolution # 08-09-03 for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Commissioner Berndt stated that a motion needs to be made to accept the Millage Rate of **2.7517 mills**. Commissioner Guzman made a motion to adopt a resolution 08-09-03, as read by Commissioner Berndt with a second by Commissioner Hemingway. An independent vote was taken.

Adams	aye
Guzman	aye
Barrett	aye
Berndt	aye
Hemingway	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion duly passed and adopted on this day September 23, 2008 by the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Berndt read the proposed budget resolution for the adoption of the budget from the September 10, 2008 tentative budget hearing.

Chief Adams read over highlights of the proposed budget and briefly read the Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS On tentative adopted budget.

Robert Anderson Lehigh resident stated his concern regarding the budget and his opinion of possibly cutting \$300,000 from the total budget.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION: Commissioner Berndt read the Adoption of Budget Resolution #08-09-04 and then stated that a motion needs to be made to accept the Adoption of the Budget of \$26,991,772. Commissioner Guzman made a motion to adopt the resolution 08-09-04, as read by Commissioner Berndt, second by Commissioner Adams.

An independent vote was taken.

Guzman	aye
Berndt	aye
Barrett	aye
Adams	aye
Hemingway	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM