

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

FIRE ASSESSMENT FEE WORKSHOP

MINUTES

January 12, 2013

The January 12, 2013 Fire Assessment Fee Workshop 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 9 am by Chairman Becker Present were: Commissioners Adams, Becker, Kruse and Carter, Interim Chief John Wayne and Assistant Chief Ken Bennett. Commissioner Danis had an excused absence. Finance Manager Ben VanKlingeren, Attorney Pringle and Secretary Janis Williams.

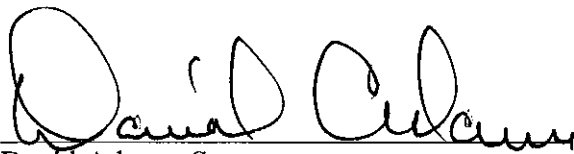
Attorney Pringle gave a brief overview of the Workshop expectations and guidelines to follow. He explained the difference between Assessments and Ad Valorem Taxes and how they each work.

Commissioners and district personnel discussed Assessments and how to pursue this option as revenue for the district. Ben VanKlingeren presented a Fire Assessment Rate Schedule that covered the East Coast of Florida's Fire Districts. This information will be reviewed and researched by Interim Chief John Wayne, to be presented at the next Workshop in February.

Variable Rate or Fixed Rate Assessments were explained by Attorney Richard Pringle. He stated there were two different attorney firms that can assist us with the process and he will get with them to see when they can speak at one of our board meetings.

After much discussion between the board and district personnel it was decided to resume these Workshops monthly while we support Representative Matt Caldwell in his effort to get changes to the law for special legislation. Several commissioners and district staff have information to retrieve and report at the next Workshop. The next Workshop will be in February, Secretary Janis Williams will get with Attorney Pringle to coordinate the date and time.

Commissioner Carter motion to adjourn: 10:55 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Adams", is written over a horizontal line.

David Adams, Secretary