

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 24, 2015

The March 24, 2015 regular Commission Meeting of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was held at the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Station 104, 3102 16th Street SW, Lehigh Acres, FL 33976. The meeting was opened at 5:00pm by Chairman Becker. Present are: Commissioners Adams, Carter, Smith and Kruse; Fire Chief Wayne, Assistant Chief Craft, Division Chief Nickell, Finance Mgr Larry Tibbs and Administrative Assistant Platas and Secretary Williams. Attorney Pringle was also in attendance.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the fire department Chaplain gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Becker asked if there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Agenda. With none noted, Commissioner Carter motioned approval with a second from Commissioner Smith. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015
- Treasurers Report

Commissioner Carter motioned to approve with a second from Commissioner Adams. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION- Former Commissioner Award Presentation to Jackie Danis was postponed.

PRESENTATION by Tuscan & Company, P.A. – Jeff Tuscan gave a presentation of the fiscal year 2013/2014 annual audit. An overview of assets, liabilities and general funds were reviewed. A statement of grants (handouts) was given along with the basic financial statements and the reports from the independent auditor. General questions from commissioners were asked and answers were given along the way.

Commissioner Carter motioned to accept the 2013/2014 audit as presented, Commissioner Kruse seconded, all in favor. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Wayne spoke on the following items:

- Pg 8 Transport Fees are at 51%
- Pg 20-21 Electronic Submitted glitches
- Pg 27 Emergency Ops Reports

- EMS patient contacts & transports are up 23% from last year
- Ambulance transports
- Pg 29 Response times
- Pg 31 EMS Training Report
- Pg 32 Fire Training & Hose Testing
- Pg 34 Life Safety Update
- Pg 35 Financial Data
- Pg 37-40 Chief Nickell
- Union Negotiations- All previous dates were canceled. March 30th was rescheduled to March 25th
- 7 Layoff letters were given out on March 7th and that number was updated to be 3 at this time.
- Sun Trust gave us their annual rebate check from the credit card rebate program we have with them
- Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged for the month of March
- Letter from Lehigh Community Services regarding the "Eagle Project" requesting the district to sponsor students for backpacks Chief would like the district to sponsor 10 students, this costing the district roughly \$150.00 Commissioners gave their approval.
- Chief read a thank you letter that was written about fire fighter/ paramedic Esposito
- Chief Craft gave an update of the specs on the 3 new Rescues being purchased
- Commissioner Becker thanked Chief Nickell for all the hard work he had done for the parade

ATTORNEY REPORT: NONE

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Carter stated she was recently recertified on Skywarn and thanked all involved with MDA this year.

Commissioner Kruse had question on the movement of 2 line items and questioned Chief Craft on the new engines.

Chief Craft gave an update on the new committee for the new engines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Assessment Fee

Resolution# 15-03-01- Attorney Pringle stated there was a representative with GSG is here for any questions the board may have. Attorney Pringle stated that there are 2 resolutions tonight. The first is the Fire & Rescue Assessment Procedural Resolution; Resolution # 15-03-01 after reading the resolution Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Resolution as read by Attorney Pringle with a second by Commissioner Kruse; Roll call vote:

Commissioner Adams	aye
Commissioner Kruse	aye
Commissioner Carter	aye
Commissioner Smith	aye
Commissioner Becker	aye

Motion Passed 5/0

Resolution# 15-03-02- Attorney Pringle read Resolution # 15-03-02 Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection and Emergency Rescue Services and gave an explanation of this procedure. Commissioner Carter questioned partial exemptions. After much discussion Commissioner Kruse motioned to approve the Resolution as read by Attorney Pringle with a second by Commissioner Adams; Roll call vote:

Commissioner Adams aye
Commissioner Kruse aye
Commissioner Carter nay
Commissioner Smith aye
Commissioner Becker aye

Motion Passed 4/1

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Layoff/Safer Grant Employees- Cathy Kruse, Fire Commissioner –

Commissioner Kruse stated it was a surprise to hear that the layoff letters went out. Commissioner Kruse is asking for SAFER grant information to see if we can't save the jobs of the 3 employees scheduled for layoff. Chief spoke on the reasons why we are where we are at this time and where we will be as of October 1st. Commissioner Kruse made a motion to the board to find a way to keep the 3 employees slated for lay off. Motion fails for lack of second.

Policies/ Procedures- Cathy Kruse, Fire Commissioner-

Commissioner Kruse asked about the policies & procedures being updated. Chief stated he has been working on this for the last 6 months and most are SOP, SOG's and it's a work in progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Yasin

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Adams thanked all for coming out and a special thank you for everyone that worked on MDA. Commissioner Kruse thanked everyone for being here tonight and thanked everyone who worked so hard on the recent house fire. Commissioner Carter thanked the ladder crew that worked on the broken ride at the Lehigh Spring Festival. Commissioner Becker thanked Tuscan and GSG for coming out and presenting and answering questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

Chief Wayne thanked all who came out for MDA and kudos to A shift for a call they had, they will be acknowledged in the July awards ceremony. Once we get this assessment fee in place we hope to have a better future.

ADJOURN: 7:28 p.m.



Commissioner David Adams, Secretary