

**LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 25, 2023 - REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The July 25, 2023, regular meeting of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was held at Station 104, 3102 16<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Lehigh Acres, FL 33976. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the President/Chair, Commissioner Cooper. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Comm. Cooper gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Melissa Barry, Debra Cooper, Linda Carter, Robert Bennett, and Lucia Sherman, Fire Chief DiLallo, Deputy Fire Chief Naranjo, Assistant Chief Ketron, Finance Manager Kressel, PR Officer Heck, Attorney Marc Lawson, Attorney Richard Pringle, Administrative Secretary Reith, and Administrative Secretary Perez. Mr. Tim Jones, VP of Local 1826 was in attendance. There was no one from the press.

Comm. Cooper welcomed the attendees. She explained the meeting's purpose and protocol. She gave encouragement and general instructions for public participation and comment in two segments of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**COMM. CARTER MOTIONED TO APPROVE/ADOPT THE AGENDA. WITH A SECOND FROM  
COMM. BENNETT, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RECESSED TO PUBLIC HEARING 5:05 P.M.**

**RETURNED TO REGULAR MEETING 5:15 PM**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

FIRE CHIEF – Chief DiLallo reported on various topics:

1. The Final step in completing our development order with the county on St 107 will take place on Aug 3. Wright construction expects to start building in mid-August.
2. Training on the new Ladder truck is going well. The truck is almost fully equipped now. We are Planning a Housing Ceremony for the Truck on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> @ Station 102.
3. The Contract with Lee Health for the sale of our land is still going well. They are in their inspection and due diligence phase.
4. We are back to having our Life Safety Day at Veterans Park on the Bus ramp on October 7<sup>th</sup>. After more consideration we believe the one location will still work better for our organization logistically.
5. We completed the Lieutenant promotional process and have accumulated a good promotional list for station 107. Our training division did an excellent job with the process.
6. Chief Naranjo and I attended the Florida Fire Chiefs Executive Development conference in Naples Last week. It was a great conference and very beneficial in many ways.
7. We are expecting to receive a clearing permit for the training facility property hopefully in November.

8. Our truck committee is traveling to 10-8 in Wisconsin next week to conduct a pre-con on our aerial apparatus for St 107.
9. The crews continue to stay extremely busy.

Staff Report - Chief Ketron stated that Chief DiLallo gave a thorough report, nothing else to add.

No one else had any comments.

DVP 6 AND 19 – No report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – Mr. Pringle stated that we are in the 90-day inspection period on the Lee Health Contract. He hopes to get the Title Insurance Commitment and the Joint Access Use Agreement finished; it's all looking very good.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

All Commissioners held their comments to the end.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**COMM. CARTER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. WITH A SECOND BY COMM. BENNETT, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DISTRICT REVENUE SOURCES – Mr. Pringle had nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LIFE SAFETY FEE SCHEDULE**

Asst. Chief Bennett began his presentation by distributing and explaining Exhibit A- Schedule of Fees. After a brief discussion, the Board made the following motion:

**COMM. CARTER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #23-07-02 WITH MODIFICATIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMM. BENNETT. AND A ROLL CALL VOTE FOLLOWED:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Comm. Barry- aye**

**Comm. Carter- aye**

**Comm. Bennett- aye**

**Comm. Sherman- aye**

**Comm. Cooper- aye**

**THE MOTION PASSED, 5:0.**

Comm. Cooper read aloud, for the record- Resolution #23-07-02.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**COMMISSIONERS' CLOSING REMARKS**

Comm. Bennett thanked the troops for their excellent work.

Comm. Barry echoed Comm. Bennett's sentiments and asked everyone to be safe.

Comm. Carter thanked our firefighters for doing a fantastic job. Carter reminded everyone that school is starting soon and to please be careful with extra traffic and watch out for our school children and keep an eye on safety.

Comm. Sherman echoed all the Commissioners and expressed thanks and gratitude to everyone for continuing to elevate the level of service to the community and making Lehigh one of the best departments in the county.

Comm. Cooper echoed all of the Commissioners as well. Comm. Cooper commended PR Officer Heck for all the educational information she puts out to the public and thanked Chief DiLallo for pursuing more awareness and knowledge on mental health for our troops.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSING REMARKS**

Chief DiLallo thanked the Commissioners for their support on the agenda item and the non-ad valorem assessment. He thanked the Public in attendance and the staff for all of their hard work.

Chief Naranjo thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

Assistant Chief Ketron also thanked the Commissioners for their support.

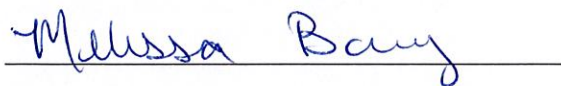
Assistant Chief Bennett thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

Mr. Pringle thanked the Commissioners for adopting the Resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

**Date Approved: September 26, 2023**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Barry". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

**Melissa Barry, Secretary/Treasurer**