



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2011
7:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 19:00. COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. INVOCATION LED BY COMMISSIONER GORRIS.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Gorris requested to add NFP1710 to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item; Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2011; approve the minutes from the budget workshop on April 6, 2011 and April 26, 2011. Commissioner Gorris made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the April 12, 2011 meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Gorris made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the April 6, 2011 budget workshop. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Gorris made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the April 26, 2011 budget workshop. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item; Letter of Commendation to Firefighter/Paramedic Maggiano, Lt. James Madarena and Battalion Chief Christina Perkins. Chief Kanzigg presented Firefighter Maggiano and Battalion Chief Perkins with a Letter of Commendation for their performance and participation in the treatment and live saving of a four week old infant. Lt. Madarena was not present due to an emergency of his own. The three team member's efforts skill and knowledge played a large part in the successful resuscitation of a four week old infant who is safely recovering at home with his parents. The Midway

Fire District is grateful for their dedication and hard work. Commissioner McPherson added that it was such a reward for them as commissioners to be able to witness the fruitful efforts of the MFD.

Commissioner Szymanski requested that the discussion of the sprinkler ordinance be moved up to next on the agenda.

Agenda Item; Discussion to amend Sprinkler Ordinance. Commissioner Lynchard from Santa Rosa County has come to request of the Midway Fire District board to please reconsider **Ordinance No. 001 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems**. The current ordinance requires any new construction large than 3500 sq. ft. to have automatic fire sprinkler systems installed for added fire protection. Commissioner Lynchard sited that the MFD's ordinance was a cast difference than surrounding agency's ordinance on sprinkler systems based on the square footage and that MFD was only agency with its own separate ordinance rather than using county guidelines. Commissioner Lynchard felt that the ordinance was stifling commercial growth in the area due to the cost associated with installing such a system. Commissioner Gorris stated that he wasn't against looking into making needed changes to the ordinance but wanted to explain the reasoning behind the ordinance was to improve the ISO rating which would in turn result in a saving to insurance rates for the property owners of the district.

Commissioner Gorris made a motion to begin taking action to repeal **Ordinance No. 001 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems** to be voted on at the June 2011 regular board meeting. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item, Treasurer's report. Commissioner Gorris referred to the April 2011 Balance sheet and Income statement; \$150,000 estimate in ad valorem still remaining to collect to stay in line with budget, nothing else significant for April 2011 to discuss. Commissioner Gorris also distributed a spreadsheet with projected carry over balances reflecting an estimate of \$445,000 in reserves as of November 1, 2011. Commissioner Szymanski mentioned that he had been speaking with the Department of Revenue as well as many other avenues trying to think outside the box to find any and all options for going forward to sustain. He thought trying to find someone to purchase station 35 and then lease back to the district at lower rate could be an option. He mentioned the idea of a special assessment for the ALS/BLS service provided.

Missy Scarborough presented print outs from the Department of Revenue website that showed from 2007 to 2010 a comparison between the adopted millage rate, the roll-back millage rate and the majority vote maximum millage rate for each year. There were also printings that showed those comparisons in actual dollars.

Commissioner Isakson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item; Discussion of millage referendum. The commissioners agreed that this item was covered and encompassed in the Treasurer's report.

Agenda Item; Chief's Report. Chief Kanzigg discussed the operational business of the district for April 2011.

Addition to agenda; NFPA1710. Commissioner Gorris mentioned that he was researching further and wanted to bring attention to the standard response time, per Nation Fire Codes, for fire service industry as well as ALS service was 8 minutes.

No public Comment

No further items were presented. Commissioner Isakson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:58.

Dave Szymanski, Chairman

Date:

William Eaton, Secretary

Date: