

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2025

Chairman William Schaible called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Michael Gatewood

Commissioner Tom Mere

Commissioner Danny Ballard

Office Manager Monique Brooks

Public Education Officer Christi Fulton

Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

Attorneys Remotely: Hunter O'Connor and Jimmie Banks Hicks

Commissioner Bill Schaible

Commissioner James Land

Chief Ronald Beecroft

Assistant Chief John Manson

Absent:

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos

Union Representative Josh Ballard

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Land

Public Input: None

Swearing in of New Firefighter: Elliot Golden was sworn in as Firefighter by Chief Beecroft.

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the September 15, 2025, Tentative Budget minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (1)

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the September 15, 2025, minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (2)

Commissioner Mere made a motion to approve the September 22, 2025, Final Budget minutes, as written. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (3)

Treasurer's Report: The September Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 100% through the budget year, we have received 103% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 96% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (4)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Dunn—

- Training for Special Ops and Dive Team
- G hosted an IT training course for new software
- House at the Trail Dairy Property has been demolished
- Newly promoted personnel have officially taken their new positions
- State mandated performance goals and objectives have been answered
- ISO report received and we have improved our score
- Attended a meeting with the architect to finalize the design phase
- Monitoring Property Tax Issue
- Annual Christmas Party Announcement

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- Monthly run report attached
- BC Vehicle has arrived
- New Brush Truck has been purchased
- Annual PMI for the Engines are almost complete

Prevention: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. We have finished our weather seminars and CERT is back in full swing. There were no questions or comments.

Training: Report attached. There were no questions or comments.

Union: There were no questions or comments.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **2024/2025 Budget Line Items Transfers**

Monique presented the 2024/2025 Line Item Transfers with the Budget attached.

Commissioner Ballard inquired about a transfer from the Special Ops budget to the Dive Team budget. Monique explained she made that transfer due to the Special Ops Team having money left over in their budget and the Dive Team being over budget. Ballard - Why did you transfer more than what the overage was? Monique - We move in whole numbers and Tuscan prefers that we operate in solid numbers.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the 2024/2025 Line Item Transfers, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-1. (5)

- **2024/2025 Inventory Disposition**

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to accept the 2024/2025 Inventory Disposition as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Mere. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (6)

- **Discussion of Resolution 2018-05 for the purpose of clarification**

Commissioner Ballard made a motion that the absentee policy state that an elected Fire Commissioner shall be allowed three absences in a calendar year, excused or unexcused. Once the three absences are reached, that Fire Commissioner will lose the honorarium pay for the remainder of that calendar year. If the third absence falls in the last quarter of the year, the penalty will be carried into the first quarter of the next calendar year. If a fourth absence happens, that Fire Commissioner will lose attendance and voting rights for the balance of that year or the carryover. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to vote. The vote was 2-3. Motion Failed.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to hear from the attorney on purposed Resolutions with clarification. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to accept the resolution that specifies after the third absence, pay will be eliminated for the remainder of the fiscal year. Seconded by Commissioner Land. Discussion followed and motion failed.

Commissioner Land stated that there needs to be more of a penalty to be carried forward for the absences. Discussion ensued with the attorney and the Board regarding the proposed resolutions.

Commissioner Mere made a motion to eliminate the attendance requirement all together. Commissioner Mere amended his motion to also allow the Commissioners to be able to attend and vote via video. There was not a second.

Commissioner Ballard made motion to table the resolutions and to hold a workshop to address and finalize Commissioners Salaries and Unexcused Absences. Commissioner Gatewood seconded the motion.

**The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All in favor.
The vote was 5-0. (7)**

All parties agreed to hold the workshop at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17th.

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

VFIS Certificate of Appreciation

Thank you note to the Firefighters from Cyndi Parks

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Land. The motion was put to a vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. September 15, 2025 Tentative Budget Minutes
2. September 15, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes
3. September 22, 2025 Final Budget Minutes
4. September Treasurer's Report
5. 2024/2025 Budget Line Items Transfers
6. 2024/2025 Inventory Disposition
7. Discussion of Resolution 2018-05 for the purpose of clarification