

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 2025

Chairman William Schaible called the North Fort Myers Fire Control and Rescue Service District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:21 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Michael Gatewood
Commissioner Tom Mere
Commissioner Danny Ballard
Chief Ronald Beecroft
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Union Representative Josh Ballard
Attorney Remotely Hunter O'Connor

Commissioner Bill Schaible
Commissioner James Land

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Inspector Lloyd Adams
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich

Attorney Scott Black

Absent: Assistant Chief John Manson Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Gatewood

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to approve the August 18, 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. (1)

Treasurer's Report: The August Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 92% through the budget year, received 103% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 90% of expenditures (less reserves). (2)

Commissioner Ballard asked Monique, if only our liquid assets are in our checking and savings? Yes. There were no further questions.

Chief's Report:

By Chief Beecroft—

- Promotional exams are complete and Bobby Gross is promoted to Lieutenant and Dustin Sorenson is promoted to Engineer
- New Battalion Chief is Raymond Raymon
- Admin participated in a stair climb as a 9/11 tribute
- Pre-construction meeting with the county, and the only concerns raised were water and sewage main lines
- Impact Fee Study shows an increase to \$477.00 per single family residence
- Chief Manson's monthly run report was attached

Prevention: Report attached. Commissioner Land asked if ground breaking for the Wawa is still scheduled? Yes. There were no further questions or comments.

Public Education: Report attached. CERT has been busy, we have also spent more time at North High. There were no questions or comments.

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

Union: The Union contract has been voted on by the members and accepted.

Josh Ballard thanked the Chief for all that he has done for the Department.

Old Business: In regards to the conversation last month regarding absences, Commissioner Ballard stated that in the Commissioner Manual, Resolution 2018-05 does not state that the absence of a Commissioner must be consecutive in order to not receive pay and that contradicts what was said last month and he would like this noted for the record.

New Business:

- **Ratification of 2025/2026 Union Contract**

Commissioner Land made a motion to accept the 2025/2026 Union Contract, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (3)

- **Resolution to Increase Inspection Fees**

Resolution 2025-005 read by Monique Brooks. **Commissioner Land made a motion to increase the inspection fees, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the Board. All were in favor.**

The vote was 5-0. (4)

- **Discussion and Action regarding legal action on Pondella Road**

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion that the legal team send a letter to Compass One and Lamar giving them 60 days to resolve the issue or we enter into litigation to have the sign removed. Seconded by Commissioner Land.

Ballard – Do we want to pursue litigation when we have other potentially large expenses that will arise with the development of the new Fire Station, when we have been told by Lamar they would remove the sign by December 2026?

Gatewood – We need to let Lamar and Compass that we are serious about removing that sign. I do not want to spend anymore money but we have to move forward. We do not have anything in writing from Lamar saying they are going to move the sign by a set date.

Commissioner Gatewood withdrew his motion. Commissioner Land withdrew his second.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to have our legal team send a demand letter to Compass One and Lamar requesting a date that they will have the sign removed by our next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The motion was put to vote, and approved by the board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

- **Review and Approval of Preconstruction Contract with Construction Manager for Pondella Road Fire Station**

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the contract for Stevens Construction as the Construction Manager. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. No questions or comments. The motion was put to vote and approved by the board. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. (5)

Commissioner Items: None

Public Input: None

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

- North Fort Myers High School
- Stuart Rosenthal

Commissioner Mere 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. August 18, 2025 Minutes
2. August Treasurer's Report
3. Ratification of 2025/2026 Union Contract
4. Resolution to Increase Inspection Fees
5. Approval of Preconstruction Contract with Construction Manager for Pondella Road Fire Station