

NORTH FORT MYERS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 17, 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

Commissioner Bill Schaible
Commissioner James Land

Chief Jeremy Dunn
Office Manager Monique Brooks
Inspector Lloyd Adams
Admin Specialist Emily Grgurich
Attorney Remotely: Jimmie Hicks

Assistant Chief John Manson

Assistant Chief of Training Eric Klos
Union Representative Josh Ballard

Absent: Chief Ronald Beecroft
Public Education Officer Christi Fulton

Fire Marshal Rick Jones

Invocation: Commissioner Mere

Pledge: Commissioner Land

Public Input: None.

Minutes:

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the October 20, 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 October Treasurer's Report was presented. At this time, we are 9% through the budget year, received 52% of revenues (including carryover) and spent 10% of expenditures (less reserves). There were no questions or comments. (2)

Chief's Report:

By Chief Dunn—

- Condolences to Chief Manson for the unexpected loss in his family
- Trail Dairy property has been completely cleared
- Annual Christmas Party reminder

By Asst. Chief Manson-

- PMI's and Pump Test are now complete
- Secured annual garage door maintenance program
- Diesel tanks had water in the fuel. We had all tanks cleaned and secured a maintenance program for those tanks also
- Moving forward with the new Brush Truck and BC vehicle

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

Public Education: Report attached. Monique stated that collection of toys for the toy drive has begun.

Training: Report attached. We have the keys to the old Publix to start training there now that the Trail Dairy house is gone. There were no questions or comments.

Union: All good. There were questions or comments.

Old Business:

- **Update on Pondella Road Fire Station**

Chief Dunn – Stevens Construction gave us an approximate cost of \$8,000,000.00 to build the new Fire Station. We meet with our auditors and two banks to discuss financing. Chief Dunn asked the Board to set a limit on the project.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues with the potential removal of Property Taxes and the Pondella Road Property. Chief Dunn stated that he will be attending a legislative conference in January and hopefully he will be able to gain insight into possible revenue for the District.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to table the request until the December meeting to cap the project until we have an estimated cost of utilities.

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

- **Reschedule of Workshop to discuss Commission Parameters for Payment of Salary to District Commissioner (Resolution 2018-05, Section 3)**

Workshop rescheduled to Monday, February 23rd at 2:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Commissioner Schaible asked Commissioner Ballard if he spoke with Jeff Tuscan regarding his concerns with the line items transfer that Monique made. No, I called but received no call back. Commissioner Schaible stated he would like Commissioner Ballard to apologize to Monique for the threatening tone he used towards Monique. Commissioner Ballard stated it wasn't a threatening tone and he will not apologize.

New Business:

- **Employment Agreement with Jeremy Dunn**

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept the Contract presented as written. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. Commissioner Land stated he was not in favor of the terms. Discussion ensued between the Board and Chief Dunn regarding different term limits. **Commissioner Land made an amendment to Commissioner Ballards motion to make the terms of the Contract 3 years. Seconded by Commissioner Ballard.** Discussion ensued regarding different term limits and what terms other Departments have in place. Commissioner Ballard asked Commissioner Land to withdraw his amendment. No.

The amended motion to accept a 3-year Contract was put to vote, and the motion failed 2-3 (Commissioner Schaible, Commissioner Gatewood, Commissioner Mere). The motion to accept the Contract as written was put to vote, and approved by the Board. The vote was 4-1(Commissioner Land). (3)

Commissioner Items:

Ballard – would like to make a recommendation to get a price on a microphone and speakers for the classroom.

Land – stated that if we are going to have to reduce the size of the Station we should not proceed with building on this piece of property. Mere – stated concerns with the remaining billboard issue. Land – asked the Attorney if there was any resolution on the billboard. No. Ballard – it might be beneficial for the District to sell the Pondella Property or use that property for an Admin building instead. Land – requested that Chief Dunn have an estimate of the utilities by the next meeting. Gatewood – stated he does have concerns also, but as a reminder this Station was meant to be a Satellite Station.

Public Input:

Debbie Ballard – is the elevation included in the cost. Yes.

Community Goodwill & Thank You:

Letter from Inspector Brooks recapping a phone call from a civilian thanking B-Shift on 10/06/25

The North Fort Myers Neighbor

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 5:58 p.m.

Supportive Documents:

1. October 20, 2025 Minutes
2. October Treasurer's Report
3. Employment Agreement with Jeremy Dunn