

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of July 17, 2018
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Larry Jennis, George Harris, Al Robinson, Randy Cooper and David Bishop. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were followed by the administration of the oath to all present. Chairman Jennis announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment on any of the agenda items should fill out a Comment Card located at the table by the door and hand them in to the Chief.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve consent agenda; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *Administration Building Update:* Attorney Blucher for Oasis Middle School Inc. was present to discuss the status. They are requesting an additional 30 days to provide proof of financing. The additional 30 days would be from this meeting date. Commissioner Bishop asked if our counsel had reviewed. Chief Sousa stated he had. Commissioner Robinson inquired if permitting is going o.k. and he was told it was. Commissioner Bishop motioned to extend the addendum as presented until August 17, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Cooper; motion passed unanimously.
- B. *Non-ad Valorem Assessment Exemptions:* Chief Sousa reported there is no update. Chairman Jennis requested to remove from agenda at this time.
- C. *Merger:* Commissioner Harris stated that Cedar Hammock Fire is the keystone for this as Southern Manatee Fire is not contiguous with our district. He stated he reached out to Cedar Hammock's Chairman and stated he was committed into looking at it. Commissioner Harris also stated that he will meet with other Cedar Hammock Commissioner's along with their challengers to discuss the idea of merging.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Resolution #2018-05 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement:* Chief Sousa this was an update to the current agreement. We participate in the Statewide Emergency Response Plan and if there is a disaster we can send resources outside of our area and if we were in need we would also receive assistance from outside resources. Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt Resolution #2015-05 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Sousa reported that the first public hearing for the budget will be at the August meeting. Chief Rigney stated that we currently have 3 medics riding with EMS for their final ride times; 1 that will be doing his state testing on Thursday; 1 will be completed with school in December and 2 that will be starting school in August. Chief Sousa also reported that we are planning on having our next ALS unit at St. 2 by October 1st. Manatee County EMS is possibly starting a pilot program in October and will shut down 5 ALS transports at night for 12-hour periods and reallocating the resources for daytime. Commissioner Harris stated that this is not o.k.; this affects our people.

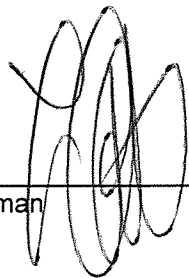
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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Harris stated we need to keep tabs on what is going on with the EMS program. Commissioner Cooper stated that our citizens in the West Manatee District will be well taken care of. Commissioner Bishop looks forward to working with the other Commissioners that ran unopposed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm; motioned by Commissioner Harris; seconded by Commissioner Robinson; motion passed unanimously.


Chairman


Secretary

