

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

*Minutes of February 20, 2018
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Larry Jennis, George Harris, Randy Cooper, David Bishop and Al Robinson. 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.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Move New Business item 9a after Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Attorney General Opinion:* District Attorney Jim Dye was here to address the opinion of the Attorney General's Office as to whether the statutory exemptions from ad valorem taxation also apply to the levy of non-ad valorem assessments. Discussion followed. Commissioner Cooper motioned to have our legal counsel look into proposed language to revise our enabling act concerning exemptions and suggested language at the statute level; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motioned passed unanimously.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *Administration Building Update:* Chief Sousa stated that the current contract with realtor Dan Douglass expires today and it would need to be voted on to extend the contract for an additional year. He currently is working with a client that is looking at financing and hopefully will be putting an offer in soon. We have found a temporary lease across the street at the church for about \$3,500 a month. Commissioner Robinson motioned to extend realtor contract for another year; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation Report:* Chief Sousa presented a copy of the actuarial valuation report for informational purposes.
- B. *MOU Paramedic Incentive Pay:* Battalion Chief Rigney reviewed the MOU and the directive on requirements to receive the incentive pay. Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve the MOU Paramedic Incentive Pay; seconded by Commissioner Harris. Discussion followed. Motioned passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Sousa stated he would like to do a workshop in April prior to the Board meeting to go over previous 6 months of budget and preliminary budget for next year. We will also present the annual report. All were fine to meet at 5:00 pm on 4/17/18 prior to regular monthly meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Harris stated that he was very excited about getting our ALS unit up and running today.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm; motioned by Commissioner Robinson; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.



Chairman



Secretary

