

Iona McGregor Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

April 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners – Present are Commissioners Andersen, Barbosa, Louwers, Walker. Commissioner Langford has excused absence.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance observed

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda – none

Public Input on Business Agenda Items – none

Public Recognition – none

Business Agenda Items (Agenda Items Requiring Action)

1) Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2021

Motion (5781) to approve minutes of March 17, 2021 made by Commissioner Barbosa, second Commissioner Louwers... carried.

2) Financial Report – March 2021

CFO Winzenread stated that report was submitted prior to meeting. Commissioner Walker questioned the revenue received to date to which CFO responded that we have received approximately 95%. Hurricane Michael FEMA reimbursement was finally received which is found money. We have not received the CARES Act funding to date. May ask for budget amendment when monies are received. Following discussion, **motion** (5782) to approve financial report of March 2021 was made by Commissioner Andersen, seconded by Commissioner Walker... carried.

3) Readoption of Interlocal Agreement

Attorney Pringle addressed this item as an oversight during the codification process. The County Code states that the interlocal agreement must be in place in order for the County to collect our impact fee revenue. Commissioner Walker questioned how this was noted and CFO Winzenread replied that there is a new requirement for audit purpose. He suggests readopting the interlocal agreement. **Motion** (5783) to reinstate/re-adopt Interlocal Agreement pertaining to Impact Fees made by Commissioner Barbosa, second Commissioner Andersen... carried. **Motion** (5784) by Commissioner Walker to direct attorney to speak with county attorney to negotiate the fee collection system imposed to the district second Andersen... carried.

4) Surplus Items

Commissioner Walker questioned the value of the apparatus and where it came from. CFO Winzenread researched surplus resale website to obtain value. Chief noted various means of disposal of the apparatus including closed bid auction, donation to another agency. Commissioner Louwers noted several apparatuses were compared that came up with the estimated value of vehicle. CFO Winzenread informed of a similar vehicle that was showing a value of \$180,000.00.

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Commissioner Walker received phone call and informed the Board that he must leave. Commissioner Louwers wished to state on the record, "Commissioner, this is out time; and I feel that our time as commissioners, its our obligation not to be interrupted during our meeting. This is, I feel disrespectful during a meeting to get a phone call and say that you have to leave." Commissioner Walker interjected, "I'm sorry, I have an emergency...". Commissioner Louwers continued, "if you have an emergency, that's fine, but several times in the past it didn't seem like emergencies." Commissioner Walker replied, "Well, it doesn't matter." Commissioner Lowers added, "and personally, I'm offended by that. This is my time; this is the commission's time to do our jobs. Commissioner Walker responded by stating this is your time, referencing Commissioner Louwers, and you just stay in your seat and you do not have to worry about mine. What you should be concerned with is that we have some policy for selling this type of equipment." Commissioner Louwers added, "and I believe we do. I'm just stating that I feel, several times, that you're not taking this position, in my opinion, serious enough. It's our time; we have a quorum here and we will do our job. So, I don't bring my phone in here, just for that. When I get out of here, I'll answer the calls. Commissioner Walker left the meeting room. Commissioner Louwers exclaimed, "that phone call is public record, counselor, so anything that happens in this room is public record."

Chair Andersen called for a short break beginning at 6:31 pm. The meeting resumed at 6:46 p.m. whereby Chair asked for another roll call. Present were Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Barbosa, and Commissioner Louwers. Chair Andersen stated, "please let the record show Commissioner Walker is not here at the reconvening of the meeting. So back to where we left off is the surplus of engine 79."

Commissioner Louwers stated that there were conversations about doing due diligence and comparing other apparatus. This is just an estimate, and we're going to get as much as we can. He then asked CFO Winzenread to describe the capital assets, and how capital asset depreciation works. The reply was that the pumper and all related equipment was purchased for \$237,736.60, and using the 20-year depreciation schedule, the current booked value is \$169,387.00. Should we receive more than the book value, it is a gain, less is a loss. Following brief discussion, a **motion** (5785) to deem 2014 Sutphen Commercial Pumper (Engine 79) along with the two Black Max 7980 intake valves and authorize Chief to dispose of in accordance with FS 274.05, and if not successful then resort to FS 274.06 was offered by Commissioner Louwers, seconded by Commissioner Andersen... carried.

5) Executive Report

Chief stated that the report has previously been submitted, adding a thank you to Commissioner Andersen for participating in the recent Strategic component of the Accreditation process. He thanked all others that have assisted and participated as well. In addition, it was noted that our mid-year insurance renew will take place virtually and if any commissioner is interested in participating, let him know. Commissioner Andersen requested that he receive a Teams invitation. **Motion** (5786) to accept Executive Report made by Commissioner Andersen, second Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

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6) Attorney Report

Mr. Pringle noted that he, Chief Howard, and Assistant Chief Comer continue to work on items. **Motion** (5787) to accept attorney report made by Commissioner Andersen, second offered by Commissioner Louwers... carried.

7) DVP Reports – Districts 7 & 25

DVP Tansey thanked the administration for allowing so many bargaining members to participate in the Strategic Plan. DVP Mascarelli shared in this with “ditto.” **Motion** (5788) to accept District 7 & District 25 DVP reports was made by Commissioner Andersen, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

Public Input on Non-Business Agenda Items – none

Commissioner Comments -

Commissioner Andersen would like to state for the record that a commissioner is elected by the residents of the District to do business for the District; and I find it very disheartening and very, very unprofessional for a commissioner to get up in the middle of a meeting and leave. This is the time for us to conduct District business for the community and for the members of the department; and I think we need to look at, personally, what our own feeling are to the position that we were elected to. That is my comment for this meeting.

Commissioner Louwers added, “based on my previous comments, I’ve said it several times, this is our time to conduct business. I find it disrespectful to the District, to the public, and to the commissioners, at least to this commissioner.”

Adjournment

With no other commissioner comments, **motion** to adjourn made by Commissioner Andersen, second Commissioner Barbosa... carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58p.m.

Approved by _____

Print Name _____