

**IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE: May 15, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**6061 SOUTH POINTE BOULEVARD**

**FORT MYERS, FL 33919**

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NOTE: ALL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE PUT ON THE SILENT MODE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BOARD MEETING AND REMAIN ON SILENT MODE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOARD MEETING UNTIL ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call of Commissioners

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions

Adoption of Meeting Agenda, Including Amendments: A motion to approve with no amendments was made by Commissioner Andersen, second Barbosa...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Previous April Board Meeting Minutes](#): A motion to approve meeting minutes as listed was made by Commissioner Barbosa, second by Commissioner Andersen...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Financial Report](#): CFO Winzenread said that the report was previously provided and opened the floor to questions. Commissioner Barbosa discusses being below ninety percent. CFO Winzenread advised he will supply a budget amendment. As properties are repaired, they will come back online, it has been a challenge for coastal districts. Commissioner Walker discusses timelines of properties coming back online if the county has advised increases in amounts.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Barbosa...Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

[Approval of Chief's Report](#)

Commissioner Walker inquiries about updated policies regarding fire inspection rates. Chief Comer advises that the policies have been implemented. Commissioner Walker discusses further education for fire fighters. Deputy Chief Aquil elaborates on the particular personnel pursuing degrees and that there are others pursuing further education than depicted in the Chief's Report. Commissioner Walker asks questions pertaining to a new piece of equipment. Deputy Chief Aquil advises it is battery operated, it is carried on the suppression apparatuses in all Stations. Commissioner Walker opens the conversation to statistical calls relating to deaths. Chief Comer advises that the answer would be yes. Commissioner Walker discusses fire incidents, Deputy Chief Aquil adds details to the conversation.

Attorney's Report

DVP's Reports: Nothing to Report

Public Input on Business Agenda Items [Note: Prior to Board action being taken on each of the Business Agenda Items below, members of the public will have up to three (3) minutes per person to make public comment on each of the Business Agenda Items after the Commissioners have had their discussion.]

Business Agenda Items

1. [Elections of Commissioner](#)

- a. Discussion of agenda item
- b. Public input
- c. Board action

Attorney Pringle describes the agenda item in detail, concerning two seats being up for election. This will be for a four-year term.

Commissioner Langford makes a motion to adopt the Elections of Commissioners. Commissioner Walker seconds... Motion carried. Call and question, all in favor aye.

2. [Selection of Responder to the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for the Iona McGregor Fire District and Fort Myers Beach Fire District Merger Feasibility Study](#)

- a. Discussion of agenda item
- b. Public input
- c. Board action

Attorney Pringle explains the process of the Merger Feasibility Study and the background of its inception. The two timely responders were Fitch and Associates and J. Angle Group, who completed the methods in the RFQ. Attorney Pringle goes on to describe in detail the Selection Committees scoring. It is before the board to make a selection.

Commissioner Walker asks about a State Merger. And if they have the authority to do so. Attorney Pringle says that they do have the authority and the public's input is not required. Commissioner Walker discusses possibilities of aftermath should this not come to fruition. Attorney Pringle advises there would be another opportunity to submit new legislation to merge Fire Districts. Commissioner Walker asks who drew the RFQ and Attorney Pringle advised Fort Myers Beach District provided a document and that Attorney Pringle made changes to it. Attorney Pringle explains aspects of the RFQ. Commissioner Walker discusses the firms' provided expenses.

Commissioner Louwers opens a discussion regarding the study and the funds required to complete it. He talks about not making a decision on it tonight and the ramifications for that. Attorney Pringle explains that the boards can adopt to change the resolution by adopting another resolution. The preparation and completion of the study could have an outcome that a merger is not recommended. Commissioner Louwers discusses expenses and staffing hours related to the study.

Commissioner Langford discusses funding for the study. Commissioner Walker discusses forced mergers. Fire Chief Comer discusses J. Angle Groups recommended use in their proposal. Some of the outputs would be resources. Attorney Pringles adds that referring to past occasions of similar merger topics, where studies were completed and resolved in expert opinion to not merge.

Commissioner Louwers asks about the Accreditation process and if there was a recommendation for a merger. Fire Chief Comer advises there was none, this item is not covered through Accreditation.

Commissioner Langford discusses concepts to present this information more powerfully to the public and the voters. Attorney Pringle converses about two groups of reviewers for a study, firstly groups of legislators and their staff votes; second group is voters. Commissioner Walker converses the differences between Fort Myers Beach and Iona McGregor Fire Districts. Commissioner Langford requests an easily digestible presentation of the reports, perhaps in the form of an executive summary. Attorney Pringle discusses statutory provisions, involuntary and voluntary mergers. Commissioner Walker asks for Bonita's input regarding the merger, Chief Comer advises that to his knowledge they remained neutral. Commissioner Walker discusses theories on discussions for merging three districts. Commissioner Barbosa asks about the volume of calls Iona McGregor responds to regarding Fort Myers Beach District.

Commissioner Langford opens the floor to questions related to both proposals. Questions concerning references by both firms. Fire Chief Comer communicates the finer details of both firms.

Commissioner Walker suggests making a motion for Attorney Pringle to make contact with the Bonita Springs Attorney to request their interest in participating in the merger feasibility study. This does not move forward. Attorney Pringle provides history on Bonita Springs possibilities if involved.

Commissioner Langford asks the Commissioners if there are any other discussions to come forward. Discussion ensues considering variables of all methodologies and expenses.

A motion to approve the agenda item, selection of J. Angle Group and continue negotiation to bring back a proposed contract fee to the board for approval, as presented was made by Commissioner Walker with a second by Commissioner Andersen...Motion carried. All in favor, aye.

Public Input: Steve Allen discusses support of the Selection Committee's recommendation of J. Angle Group, LLC. He discusses his experience with mergers and legislators, and the importance of expert resources.

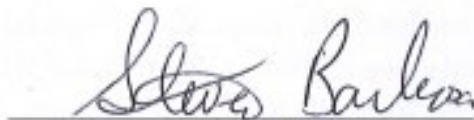
Public Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items [Note: Any member of the public will have up to three (3) minutes to make public comments on any non-business agenda item topics.]

Commissioner Comments on Non-Business Agenda Items

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Walker, with a second from Commissioner Andersen.

Start Time: 6:00pm, End Time: 7:24pm

Signed:



Print Name:



**IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GENERAL FUND**  
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Revenues	Adopted		Variance	
	Budget	Actual	\$	%
Cash Carry Forward	\$ 13,834,393			
Ad valorem taxes	23,730,327	\$ 21,316,118	\$ (2,414,209)	89.83%
Permits, Fees & Special Assessments	50,000	28,133	(21,867)	56.27%
Intergovernmental	50,160	97,700	47,540	194.78%
Charges for services	41,500	62,055	20,555	149.53%
Interest Check/Demand Accounts	753,000	660,267	(92,733)	87.68%
Miscellaneous	34,916	49,864	14,948	142.81%
Proceeds from insurance	1,843,520	1,100,727	(742,793)	59.71%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>26,503,423</b>	<b>23,314,864</b>	<b>(3,188,559)</b>	<b>87.97%</b>
Total revenues and cash carry forward	<u>40,337,816</u>			
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personnel services				
Salaries	12,842,596	7,141,447	5,701,149	55.61%
Benefits	8,029,954	4,440,413	3,589,541	55.30%
Operating Expenditures				
Professional and contractual	1,017,940	720,952	296,988	70.82%
Travel	147,354	23,247	124,107	15.78%
Communications & freight	124,450	86,399	38,051	69.42%
Utilities, equipment rental, and insurance	417,776	287,630	130,146	68.85%
Repairs and maintenance	1,525,539	333,785	1,191,754	21.88%
Operational, small tools and equipment	557,656	168,121	389,535	30.15%
Fuel, supplies, and administrative	551,417	282,729	268,688	51.27%
Education and training	204,875	74,171	130,704	36.20%
Capital expenditures	5,487,533	1,067,264	4,420,269	19.45%
Debt service	-	-	-	N/A
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>30,907,090</b>	<b>14,626,159</b>	<b>16,280,931</b>	<b>47.32%</b>
Revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>(4,403,667)</u>	<u>\$ 8,688,705</u>	<u>\$ 13,092,372</u>	
Fund Balance/Cash Carry Forward	<u>9,430,726</u>			
Total expenditures and reserves	<u>\$ 40,337,816</u>			
		<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	
Cash Balances				
BankUnited - Operating		<u>302,093</u>	<u>1,276,075</u>	
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Investments				
General - FL PRIME		18,129,497	18,771,834	
BankUnited Money Market		<u>5,044,415</u>	<u>5,022,522</u>	
		<u>23,173,912</u>	<u>23,794,356</u>	
Total Cash and Investments		<u>\$ 23,476,006</u>	<u>\$ 25,070,431</u>	

Submitted for approval on May 15, 2024

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)