

To: General Membership

From: Secretary

Subject: Minutes of the North Okaloosa Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners
Monthly Meeting.

Date: March 18, 2021

Members Present: Craig Shaw, Chairman, Commissioner Group IV
Todd McGirr, Commissioner, Group I
Dan Bowers, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner, Group II
Rodney Lancaster, Commissioner, Group V At Large
Willie G. Terrell, Commissioner, Group III

Advisors Present: Jonathan Holloway Legal Council
Dennis McMaster Chief
Annette Rayburn, Administrator

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shaw at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were given.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner McGirr motioned to approve the agenda Commissioner Lancaster seconded the motion. Vote 5/0.

Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2021: Motion to approve the minutes as written Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Bowers. Vote 5/0.

New Business:

a. Don and Susan Blocker addressed the board about their land and house at 3426 Melissa and how it is charged for two residences. One is a garage and the other is a Mobile home. They said that the garage has power to it but no one lives there. Chairman Shaw said that the board would look into it and get back with them by the next meeting. They left their number and e-mail address. Mr. and Mrs. Blocker asked how do we assess for additional residences. The Board members responded that we get our information from the tax assessors office and sometimes it is not correct. We do our best to find things that are missing or that are incorrect. Chairman Shaw thanked them for their time. Commissioner Bowers said that he thinks that he knows what happened. The garage was there first and it was assessed and when they added the trailer it was assessed again. Chief McMaster made the comment that we have a lot of properties to look at this year. Attorney Holloway said that he will get with the tax assessor's office and ask them questions about how are people assessed when they add a mobile home to the property. He will let us know when he gets an answer. Chairman Shaw said that we need to do a correction to the parcel for the Blockers.

b. Commissioner Lancaster said he would like to revisit charging for vehicle accidents as a way of generating revenue. This department use to do this. Chairman Shaw said that before when we did it

before we had a stack of paper that the insurance did not pay. Chief McMaster said that the State of Florida passed a law that said that municipalities could no longer bill for services rendered. Chairman Shaw said that we did try it and it was not worth it. Commissioner McGirr said that if Commissioner Lancaster could look into it if he wants to. Chairman Shaw agreed and said maybe things have changed from the last time we did it.

Old Business:

a. **Contract Update** – Chairman Shaw said that he has nothing new to add.

Public Input – None

Advisory Reports:

Attorney Report- None

Chief's Report –Chief McMaster briefed the report as follows- personnel which now lists 2 management, 14 paid firefighters, 2 part-time firefighter, 3 relief firefighters, no certified volunteers and 1 support personnel, there were 166 calls for the month February 2021. Chief McMaster informed the board that we have received our second - T-3000 crash truck. Station 82 A/C repair vs replacement has been completed. Forestry has picked up the red crash truck. The lease agreement with Holt is complete. He is waiting to have a meeting with Almarante and Baker. Motion to accept the Chiefs report Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Bowers. Vote 5/0.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report- Commissioner Bowers reviewed the monthly reports, and said everything seems to be in order. Motion to approve the Treasurers report Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Commissioner Comments: Chairman Shaw thanked the board, the Chief, Admin and the Fire Fighters for everyone doing a good job.

Chief McMaster said that we will need to purchase about 8 air bottles by the end of the year.

Set Agenda for next meeting April 15, 2021

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Craig Shaw
Chairman