

Iona McGregor Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners
January 10, 2018
6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance observed

Roll Call – Chair read into record that Commissioners Walker, Kuhn, Dorsett, and Taylor are all present, adding that Commissioner Barbosa having car trouble and is not here.

Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2017

Commissioner Walker questioned a comment by Commissioner Taylor that Commissioner Kuhn should familiarize himself with technology... terminology interjected Commissioner Taylor, and would like him stating what was meant and include in minutes. Commissioner Taylor states the he feels having understanding of how internal workings go is important as the role of the board is more than making financial decisions. When went through recession, had to understand what we had and what was needed to guide through without layoffs. Having broader understanding of how this works, Commissioner Taylor believes is better. After brief discussion, **motion** (5204) to approve minutes of December 13, 2017 to include Commissioner Taylor's remarks was made by Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Taylor... three in favor, Commissioner Kuhn dissents.

Approval of Treasurers Reports – December, 2017

Commissioner Walker had questions pertaining to the Treasurers report on the percentage paid to County for collection of tax. CFO Winzenread responded that he believes it to be 1%, and it is a flat fee for all. Revenues at 84% collected, on course with standard collection rate over last five years. He then questioned attorney Pringle and Chief Howard on legal bills to which both replied as to the itemization. Following discussion, **motion** (5205) to approve Treasurers report of December, 2017 made by Commissioner Dorsett with second offered by Commissioner Walker... three in favor, Commissioner Kuhn opposes.

Agenda Items Requiring Action

- 1) Meeting Agenda Format
- 2) Negotiation Team
- 3) Banking Consolidation

Adoption of Agenda

Motion (5206) to adopt agenda by Commissioner Dorsett, second Commissioner Taylor... all in favor and motion carries.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – none

Chief's Report – Chair stated the report was previously submitted and asked if Chief had anything to add, or if any questions. Commissioner Walker questioned the recognition of the employees. He would items like this to be included on website with pictures. Publicly recognize employees' accomplishments. Chief agreed, and added that DC Steffens is working on the website structure.

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Division/Committee Reports – Chair stated the reports were previously submitted for review. There were no questions of the report; however, Commissioner Walker commented that he came to meeting last night (had days wrong). When he went in back to have coffee with crew, he ran into new hire, FF Prochilo. So enlightening as to what he had to do to get in this position. Think it deserves a feather in the cap for Training division to pick the best of the best. Should tell public what is done to get the best. DC McMillion stated that everyone in the organization had a hand in the hiring, it is not just Training. Commissioner Kuhn agrees that we should blow the horn of the department. We have unique thing here, we have the most educated and experienced people.

Attorney Report – Attorney stated that comments just given by Commissioners Walker and Kuhn tie in to topic of the website article related to countywide consolidation. Much of the information is pertaining to uniqueness of Iona to accomplish the distinction marketing from everyone else in the county. Meeting agenda format – looked at policy and statute that all is compliant but suggest one change, adoption of agenda to be changed to adoption of decision agenda items.

Unfinished Business

1) Meeting Agenda Format

Commissioner Walker states that the current format is confusing to him and submitted a simplistic version that did not contain any agenda items or a place for taking action on items. Attorney reiterated that purpose of meeting is to have action taken that only board can do. This does not appear on the sample submitted. Need to have someplace to have voting on decision making items. Chief's report is ministerial item and can take official actions to approve before public input on agenda items as only substantive decisions by the board. Consent agenda was described by Mr. Pringle as another option for the ministerial items. Commissioner Walker will submit a new sample agenda for Attorney Pringle's review and for consideration next month. **Motion** (5207) to table item until February was made by Commissioner Kuhn, second Commissioner Dorsett... carried.

New Business

1) Negotiation Team

Chief submitted an agenda item summary outlining the Battalion Chiefs' desire for representation, and requests to name negotiation team of Chief Howard, Assistant Chief Comer, HR Director Zinger, CFO Winzenread, Attorney Pringle, Attorney Morinelli, and Division Chiefs. Commissioner Walker asked how this will affect budget. What is negotiated, wages, working conditions? Attorney Pringle explained the process to Commissioner Walker stating that budget is what it is. If during negotiations, wages are different from budget, amendment will be done to adjust budget. How many fire departments in Lee County in this caliber, six or seven, questioned Commissioner Kuhn. Five or Six of the other department's Battalion Chiefs have gone union, stated DVP Tansey. **Motion** (5208) to approve negotiation team as presented made by Commissioner Kuhn with second by Commissioner Walker... carried.

2) Banking Consolidation

Commissioner Walker questioned why place with Florida Prime rather than another bank. Florida Prime has most attractive rates, stated CFO Winzenread. He continued describing reason for consolidation request. **Motion** (5509) to authorize closure of the two accounts and have balances transferred as presented by whatever process necessary of bank, made by Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Kuhn... carried.

DVP Report –

Tansey, all set. Good to go with new guys and glad to have them here.

Public Comment – non agenda items – none

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Walker brought up that next he wishes to place on the next agenda an item to be the resignation of Chair and revote of board. He added that there are two important elections coming up, the consolidation item and the board seats. He wishes to remove his perceived clique of Board. At Commissioner Kuhn’s request, Chief will submit Item Agenda Summary for this item.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Dorsett... three in favor, Commissioner Kuhn opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved by _____

Print Name _____