

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
March 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brunner at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present:

Chairman Daniel N. Brunner
Vice Chairman Michael B. Holderness
Commissioner Diane M. Bennett
Commissioner Thomas P. Flynn
Commissioner John H. Stevens

The Commissioners led off with the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Pastor Stan Pavkovich.

Chairman Brunner confirmed a quorum present for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the consent agenda.
 Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion.
 The motion passed unanimously.**

SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Chief DeChelbor requested approval from the Board of Commissioners to proceed with the purchase of one Enforcer Pumper fire engine at the price of \$462,311.00. If full payment is made before March 31, 2017, this price would include a discount savings of \$31,560.00. Expected delivery of the engine is approximately 10 months. Equipment purchases for this engine will need to be made in the next fiscal year to include these items: E-hydraulic tools, portable generator, and No-Smoke for engine with mounting hardware and accessories.

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to make the full payment of \$462,311.00 to purchase the Enforcer Pumper fire engine.
Commissioner Holderness seconded the motion.**

Discussion ensued.

**Commission Bennett made a soft amendment to the above action to authorize Chief Hoyle to make the full payment of \$462,311.00 to purchase the Enforcer Pumper fire engine and to execute the necessary documents.
Commissioners Holderness seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief's Report was distributed with the agenda package for information and review, along with Departmental Reports, copies of correspondence and news articles and information.

Chief Hoyle reviewed the Chief's report and the departmental reports. He informed that we should have the personal income growth figures over the previous five years available to us by the end of March. We will be voting on the proposed Non-Ad Valorem rates in May at a public hearing. Deputy Chief Bradshaw continues to work on the 5-year plan to include adding 3 new personnel.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Flynn spoke to the Board of Fire Commissioners about a disturbing email addressed to Fire Chief Hoyle and copied to all the Commissioners. The email was from Lora (loraquadmom3@aol.com) with the subject line Dillon. The email and all related material will be included as part of this permanent record. Commissioner Flynn said that according to Lora's email she was under the impression that Cedar Hammock Fire Control District did not support the MDA.

Commissioner Flynn read his response to the email:

Dear Lora,

I read your recent email and I am very saddened that you incorrectly believe our Cedar Hammock Family is not supportive of all aspects of MDA, and especially the emotional drain you have experienced. Similar to your experience, our son, on his first birthday, nearly died. He was diagnosed with juvenile onset diabetes. Since then, we nearly lost him on numerous occasions due

to severe insulin reactions. Because of that, my wife and I founded a chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, now JDRF, and raised a lot of research money. From all that I know our department is hugely supportive of MDA, both from a personal perspective and as a department. The only, and I emphasize only, consideration of the donation collection location, was one of safety for our firefighters. The department provided a number of safe and acceptable collection locations. I would hope you would take the time to learn the true facts of what occurred. I urge you to meet with Chief Hoyle.

Chief Hoyle also addressed the Board of Commissioners in regard to the accusation that he does not support the MDA cause. He stated he responded to Lora's email as requested by her and invited her to meet with him. He received no response from Lora. Chief Hoyle reached out to MDA to assist with facilitating a meeting with Lora and received no assistance. He will be investigating why Lora has come to the conclusion that Chief Hoyle does not support the cause of MDA. Chief Hoyle provided backup documentation for the record of actions he has taken to support MDA and also Cedar Hammock Fire Control District's participation in fundraising for the MDA.

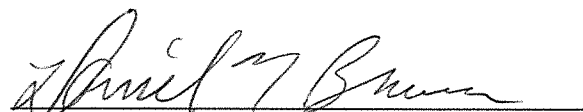
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board will be held on April 20, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Commissioner Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.
Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:



Chairman, Daniel N. Brunner