

**Spring Hill Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

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**September 8, 2010 – 4:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Brosnan called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on September 8, 2010 at SHFRD Headquarters, 3445 Bob Hartung Court, Spring Hill, Florida.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Amy Brosnan	Chairperson	Present
John Pasquale	First Vice Chairperson	Present
Robert Giammarco	Second Vice Chair & Sec/Treasurer	Present
Leo Jacobs	Commissioner	Late
Ben Edwards	Commissioner	Present
Michael Rampino	Fire Chief	Present
Andrew Salzman	Attorney	Present

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Jack Martin.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairperson Brosnan.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Chairperson Brosnan presented former Fire Commissioner Gene Panozzo with a plaque in appreciation of his years of service and dedication as a Fire Commissioner from November 1990 until January 2010.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Giammarco asked to add "information regarding Engine 1" under Chief's Report, and "information regarding Demolition Bid" under Unfinished Business.

**Motion**

**To accept the Agenda as amended.**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Giammarco

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Edwards

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Giammarco

Chairperson Brosnan stated Commissioner Jacobs notified Chief Rampino that he would be late for this meeting.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Chairperson Brosnan advised that the Budget Hearing would be a separate meeting and financial comments should be held until then.

The following citizens spoke during this portion of the meeting: Sherry Adler regarding Engine 1 accident, increased taxes and lack of citizens' faith in SHFRD; Harry Chamberlain regarding Hernando County agreement to provide old ambulances for Audio/Visual vehicles, delaying Station 2 build, and personnel not being trained to handle snakes; Robert Rogoski regarding SHFR personnel at parties; Gianni Lehmann of Lemartec Engineering regarding problems with RFP 2010-01 for Station 2 Design/Build; Ken Fagan regarding failed referendum to allow SHFRD taxing authority, and SHFRD spending; Vincent Segreto regarding support for SHFRD; Patrick Clements regarding Engines giving rides to citizens, and an obscene gesture given by off-duty personnel; Joe Anthony regarding the advantages of Fire Police; and Grace Bouma regarding Engine 1 accident and BoFC behavior.

## **Board/Staff Responses**

**Chief Rampino:** Deferred Engine 1 accident responses to Attorney Salzman; Confirmed that SHFR personnel are not trained to handle snakes; Will contact Mr. Rogoski to discuss SHFR personnel behavior; Will address Mr. Lehmann's concerns during the upcoming RFP 2010-01 Agenda item; confirmed for Mr. Clements that SHFR will on occasion take parents and children for a ride around the block in a vehicle.

**Attorney Salzman:** There is no official administration comment at this time regarding Engine 1 accident due to the ongoing investigation and all SHFR personnel are advised to refrain from comments on the subject; Will give Board members appropriate documents regarding the accident as they arrive and are cleared.

**Commissioner Giammarco:** Thanked Mr. Lehmann for coming to the meeting and looks to address his issues later; Asserted to Mr. Anthony that there is no attack intended on the Fire Police; Confirmed for Mr. Clements that SHFR personnel should act professionally and civilly at all times; Called for investigation by Chief Rampino and HCSO regarding Mr. Rogoski's issue with SHFR personnel at parties. Attorney Salzman confirmed that there will be an internal investigation.

## **Motion**

**To notify the Sheriff's Office of the issue brought by Mr. Rogoski for their determination as to whether or not it warrants an investigation into criminal violations.**

**RESULT: FAILED (1 to 4)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Giammarco

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale (for discussion purposes)

**AYES:** Commissioner Giammarco

**NAYS:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Edwards

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Correspondence of Note
2. Approval of Disbursements for the month of August 2010
3. Budget vs. Actual – August 2010

**Motion**

**To accept the Consent Agenda**

**RESULT: PASSED (4 to 1)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Edwards

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jacobs

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Jacobs

**NAYS:** Commissioner Giammarco

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**For Regular Business Meeting of August 11, 2010**

**Motion**

**To accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 11, 2010.**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Giammarco

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Edwards

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Pasquale

**REPORT OF COUNSEL**

**Bylaws Revision – Resolution 2010-003 to follow FS 191 regarding elections**

**Motion**

**Instead of adopting Resolution 2010-003 to use FS 191 to cover Elections.**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Giammarco

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Pasquale

## **Chaplain's web site disclaimer to protect SHFRD from religious bias claims**

### **Motion**

**To accept the disclaimer as drawn up by Attorney Salzman**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Edwards

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale

Chairperson Brosnan called a recess of the Regular Business Meeting at 4:55 PM in order for the Budget Hearing to begin at 5:01 p.m. in accordance with State Statute.

Chairperson Brosnan reconvened the Regular Business Meeting at 6:00 PM.

Chairperson Brosnan called for public comment on the motion to accept the disclaimer for the Chaplain site.

### **Citizens' Comments**

The following citizens spoke during this portion of the meeting: Harry Chamberlain has spoken Attorney Salzman regarding verbiage; Ken Fagan thinks we are doing the right thing after nine months of discussion.

### **Motion**

**To accept the disclaimer as drawn up by Attorney Salzman in reference to the Attorney General's informal opinion**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Edwards

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Edwards

## **REPORT OF CHIEF**

Chief Rampino asked if the Board had any questions on the Report he submitted to them.

Chief Rampino confirmed for Commissioner Giammarco that former Firefighter Mike Vitale has retired without any additional insurance benefits from the District.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **MEDICAL DIRECTOR NEGOTIATED CONTRACT**

Chief Rampino advised that the contract is the same as before with the term "interim" removed.

Commissioner Giammarco expressed that section 3E should show Hernando County and SHFRD as having dual written approval for changes. The signature page should spell out SHFRD's official name.

**Motion**

**To accept the Medical Director's contract with the changes to SHFRD authority and to the signature page.**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Edwards

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Jacobs

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Jacobs

**RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD RFP 2010-1 FIRE STATION #2 DESIGN/BUILD**

Chief Rampino requested the Board move forward with allowing staff to negotiate with the top ranked firm, The Alexander Group. Attorney Salzman advised that SHFRD will not be under contract or obligated to build Station #2.

Gianni Lehmann of Lemartec asserted that the bid process was flawed and issued a letter of protest. Attorney Salzman stated that if the District is uncomfortable with the results, it can start the process again but it appears there were no improprieties. Commissioner Giammarco suggested we restart the selection process and asked Attorney Salzman if we are bound throughout this process if we do not start again. Attorney Salzman stated the complainant would have to file an injunctive action, which would normally be resolved quickly. SHFRD followed some of FS 287 but did not stick to it exclusively so we should not be bound to all of its criteria. Chief Rampino confirmed that all prospective bidders were advised that the Alexander Group would be a part of the process and no one objected until after the choices were made.

**Motion**

**To reject all RFP 2010-01 bids**

**RESULT: FAILED (no second)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Giammarco

Gianni Lehmann of Lemartec spoke after the failed motion and acknowledged SHFRD used a hybrid of the FS 287 proposal model. He stated his major complaint was that sections of FS 287 were used or discarded when convenient which defeats the purpose of the statute.

**Citizens' Comments**

The following citizens spoke during this portion of the meeting: David Green confirmed that all prospective bidders were told that the original concept submitted by the Alexander Group could be modified or discarded and several bidders submitted their own versions; Ken Fagan asked when the Board appointed the RFP committee, what their qualifications are, and why there are 3 instead of 5 members.

**Board/Staff Responses**

Chief Rampino confirmed that all bidders knew they were allowed to submit their own conceptual drawings. In answer to Mr. Fagan's questions, Chief Rampino stated that the

number of committee members was never set at five, and that the committee consisted of himself, citizen David Green, and Fire Inspector Rick Sudol.

**Motion**

**To accept Staff's recommendation to move forward with negotiations with the top ranked firm**

**RESULT: PASSED (3 to 2)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Jacobs

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Jacobs

**NAYS:** Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards

**HERNANDO COUNTY GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING AGREEMENT**

Finance Director McClanahan stated that we previously paid approximately \$3100 per year for HCGB Services, and that amount has been stricken from the current budget in lieu of the Production Services for Vehicle and Maintenance barter agreement. Attorney Salzman stated that we may want to state the actual rate for additional services in the agreement. Commissioner Giammarco wants the additional services amounts stated and wants the District to retain ownership of the vehicle for subsequent sale purposes. Attorney Salzman stated that we need to ensure that we are covered by insurance and exempt from liability while HCGB uses the vehicle if we retain ownership.

**Citizens' Comments**

The following citizens spoke during this portion of the meeting: David Green stated that the number of meetings and time frames should not be specified and that a line be added saying ownership of the vehicle reverts to SHFRD.

**Motion**

**(ORIGINAL) To accept the HCGB agreement as written**

**(AMENDED) To accept the HCGB agreement with the statement that the vehicle reverts back to SHFRD**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Jacobs

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Pasquale

**AYES:** Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Jacobs,

Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards

**STATION 2 DEMOLITION BID**

Chief Rampino advised the bids are up to 1.5 years old. They do not have to be sealed and are under \$25,000 so the re-bidding process should only take 3 to 4 days.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION FOR OCTOBER 3 – 9, 2010**

Fire Inspector Rick Sudol read the proposed SHFRD proclamation for 2010 Fire Prevention Week. SHFRD Prevention Division will be visiting schools and is lending the Fire Safety House to HCFR for some of their functions.

#### **Motion**

**To begin all meetings with proclamations**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Commissioner Giammarco**

**SECONDER: Commissioner Pasquale**

**AYES: Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards**

#### **Motion**

**To accept the Fire Prevention Week proclamation**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Commissioner Edward**

**SECONDER: Commissioner Giammarco**

**AYES: Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards**

### **AUDIT REPORT**

#### **Motion**

**To accept the audit report**

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Commissioner Jacobs**

**SECONDER: Commissioner Edwards**

**AYES: Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Pasquale, Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards**

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Commissioner Edwards thanked everyone for attending.

Commissioner Giammarco thanked everyone for attending and for their comments and suggestions.

Commissioner Pasquale thanked everyone for attending and invited all to attend the 9/11 Memorial Service at the VFW.

Commissioner Jacobs thanked everyone for attending.

Chairperson Brosnan reminded everyone that the next meeting is a special Budget Hearing on September 22 at 5:01 PM, then the next meeting is Wednesday, October 13 at 9:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

To adjourn the regular business meeting of September 8, 2010 at 7:36 PM.

**RESULT: PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

**MOVER: Commissioner Giammarco**

**SECONDER: Commissioner Jacobs**

**AYES: Chairperson Brosnan, Commissioner Jacobs, Commissioner Pasquale,  
Commissioner Giammarco, Commissioner Edwards**

  
Amy Brosnan, Chairperson

  
Wilbert Stewart, Recording Secretary