

**Fire Commission Meeting  
Immokalee Fire Control District  
Final Budget Hearing  
September 29, 2016**

These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape. The minutes will follow the order of the Agenda.

Present Commissioners: Goodnight, Brister, Keen, Halman. Chief Paul Anderson, Deputy Chief Michael Choate, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Alma Valladares; Commissioner Olesky absent

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Commissioner Chair Goodnight
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance  
Lead by Commissioner Goodnight
- 3) Prayer or Moment of Silence  
Lead by Commissioner Goodnight
- 4) Proof of Publication  
Copy of publication for annual schedule
- 5) Establish a Quorum  
Quorum established by Commissioner Goodnight to take a recess due to Commissioner Olesky and Commissioner Halman not present yet. Commissioner Olesky arrived at 6:13pm and Commissioner Halman arrived at 6:50pm.  
Recess 6:11pm -6:34pm
- 6) Approval of Agenda
  - 1) Budget Hearing
    - A. Discussion of final budget and amend budget as deemed appropriate  
Chief Anderson discussed with the board.
      - (1) Lieutenant Horbal mentioned that there was no money available for additional incentives. FF/EMT Armando Negrin mentioned that they were led to believe there was no money for additional incentives. FF/EMT Derek Neuman mentioned that Paramedic is not an incentive for the guys that has been approved by the union. Chief Anderson mentioned that the e-mail the union produced was written before he got the numbers from the Property Appraiser for the projected tax revenue and that the union never brought the additional incentives up during the union negotiation meetings. Chief added that new incentives were created together with the union during contract negotiations so they were aware there was money available for new incentives, as the union suggested the new ones and requested that they be added to the contract. The incentive pay article was covered in detail during negotiations. Commissioner Keen questioned the incentive pay for the fire chief and the pay raise for the fire chief and deputy fire chief. Commissioners discussed the Paramedic incentive pay for the Deputy Fire Chief.

Commissioner Goodnight mentioned we need a policy about incentives and discuss in October meeting. Chief Anderson mentioned that we already have a policy that has been approved by the Board.

**Commissioner Brister motions to approve the amended budget and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

**Commissioner Brister motioned to approve as is with direction not to pay out new incentives until the incentive pays are finalized at the next meeting and Commissioner Halman seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

- B. Publicly announce the name of the taxing authority (Immokalee Fire Control District)
  - C. Publicly announce proposed millage rate: 3.7500
  - D. Publicly announce the rolled-back rate: 3.5968
  - E. Publicly announce the percent that the proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate: 4.08%
  - F. Discuss the reasons ad valorem tax revenues are increasing
    - (1) (Revenue is increasing due to slight increase in property values and increase in number of improved properties on tax roll from previous year.)
    - (2) (Increase is necessary to maintain staffing at current level, provide revenue to retain grant-funded Firefighter positions at the end of the grant period, replace fire apparatus, and replace old and worn equipment.)
  - G. Adopt a final millage rate by resolution
    - (1) Public Comment prior to vote
  - H. Adopt a final budget by resolution
    - (1) Public Comment prior to vote
- 2) Public comment pertaining to budgetary matters  
None

**Commissioner Brister motioned to approve Resolution 2016-04 Adopting the Final Millage rate and levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for FY Budget 2016/2017 commencing on October 31, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2017 provided for the effective date and wave the reading of the entire Resolution and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

**Commissioner Halman motioned to approve Resolution 2016-05 Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2016/2017 commencing on October 1, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2017; providing for an effective date and wave the reading of the rest of the Resolution and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

- 3) Adjourn Meeting at 7:39pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting(s):**

- **Special Board Meeting: October 14, 2016, 1 p.m.; Immokalee Fire Control District Station 30, 502 New Market Rd. E, Immokalee , FL 34142**
- **Regular Board Meeting: October 20, 2016, 6 p.m.; Ave Maria Stewardship Development District, Ave Maria Master Association Office, 5076 Annunciation Circle, Suite 103, Ave Maria, Florida 34142**