

**Fire Commission Meeting
Immokalee Fire Control District
Budget Workshop
August 19, 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, Olesky. Chief Paul Anderson, Deputy Chief Michael Choate, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Alma Valladares; Commissioner Halman arrived at 5:30pm

1) Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm by Commission 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

6) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that she had a meeting with Chief Cunningham last week about changing our budget as we went along. He talked about having a couple of employees retiring early that left a gap in the workload that needs to be done and that North Collier could benefit from some kind of inter-local agreement for management and administration with Immokalee where Immokalee's Chiefs could take on some of North Collier's special projects and North could assist Immokalee in other areas. That would be a reduction in Immokalee's budget, as there is a possibility of North Collier covering a percentage of the cost of those positions. Also, North will look into the possibility of our employee's joining their health insurance plan to try to save money. They have a high-deductible plan and they have \$5,000 in the employees account to use as deductible. Commissioner Goodnight mentioned to talk to Attorney Lara Donlon and bring it back. There is a potential to also lower the millage rate in the future. She wants to know if this is something the board would like to do. Commissioner Brister is interested and Commissioner Olesky also agrees. Chief Choate mentioned that Corkscrew's percentage is 86/14 split. Chief Anderson mentioned that FRS keeps 22% of our P/R. We will look into it. Attorney Thompson mentioned to bring it back to the next board meeting and invite Chief Cunningham to attend our September meeting.

7) Business of the District

A. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Workshop

Chief Anderson discussed the budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with the board. One of the big items is a significant increase in health insurance cost to the District, anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000 increase. Chief Anderson will get with North Collier in regards to their insurance and looking at a higher deductible for Immokalee Fire and bring it back next meeting. Chief Anderson will also research other plan options for Immokalee and different carriers other than CIGNA.

8) Adjourn Meeting at 6:51pm

Next Scheduled Meeting(s):

- **Tentative Budget Hearing: September 15, 2016 at 5:05pm, Immokalee Fire Control District Station 30, 502 New Mkt. Rd. E. Immokalee, FL 34142**
- **Regular Board Meeting: September 15, 2016 at 6pm, Immokalee Fire Control District Station 30, 502 New Mkt. Rd. E. Immokalee, FL 34142**
- **Final Budget Hearing: September 29, 2016 at 5:05pm, Immokalee Fire Control District Station 30, 502 New Mkt. Rd. E. Immokalee, FL 34142**