KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMS DISTRICT



Seat 1, William A. Andersen, Seat 2, Michael Cavagnaro; Seat 3, Mark Wheaton; Seat 4, Pam Steed; Seat 5, Marilyn Beyer



MEETING MINUTES - FINAL June 5, 2006

<u>Attendees</u>: Chairman, Bill Andersen; Commissioners: Marilyn Beyer, Mike Cavagnaro, Pam Steed, and Mark Wheaton were present. Also present were: Brenda Beckmann, Vicky Fay, Cindy Lawson and Tom Tharp. Special Guests were Glenn Patton, District V County Commissioner and Debra Walker, School Board.

1. AGENDA

- A. <u>Call to Order</u>: Chairman, Bill Andersen, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- **B.** <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>: Mike Cavagnaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- *C. <u>Roll Call</u>:* Vicky Fay called the roll. Bill Andersen, Marilyn Beyer, Mike Cavagnaro, Pam Steed and Mark Wheaton were present.
- D. <u>Changes or Additions to the Agenda</u>: Item 9B (District & Fire Department Contract, Draft 2) was deleted from the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 15, 2006

There were no changes to the minutes. Marilyn Beyer made a motion to accept the May 15, 2006 minutes, which was seconded by Mark Wheaton, and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>REPORTS:</u>

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman did not have any new items to present to the Board.

4. Secretary's Report

The new cover pages and splines for the KLFR&EMS Meeting binders and the Commissioner's business cards were distributed.

5. <u>EMS Department</u>

Brenda Beckmann reported that the District and EMS Department Contract will be reviewed by their Board tomorrow. The department is also working on a grant for equipment, and the budget is in process. Brenda reported the new paramedic 18-month class is expected to be scheduled in the late summer or fall if there are enough students registered for the class. The EMS Building is a state-approved classroom,

and

will receive final state inspection at a later date. This is a \$5,000.00 class, and the Rotary's and Kiwanis help provide scholarship funding for students in the Upper Keys.

6. <u>Fire Department</u>

No report was presented by the Fire Department.

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7. <u>Financial Services Report</u>

The Revenues and Expenditures and Expenditure Detail Reports dated 5/31/06 were distributed. Cindy Lawson reported the Commissioner's stipends will be reported as W-2 income and will be taxable. Work is progressing on both departments' budgets, and the Commissioner's may call Sergio prior to the meeting if they have any questions regarding the Fire Department's budget.

Lawson discussed the 2006 Estimated Taxable Value Memo received from the Property Appraiser's Office. The 2006 estimated taxable value increased to \$3,434,523,964 from the 2005 taxable value of \$2,723,593,380. This reflects a 26% increase from the 2005 taxable value.

8. Legal Services Report

Dirk Smits is involved in a Federal trail, and was unable to attend the meeting. The firm has assigned a replacement for Theron Simmons, who will be moving out of state. Ms. Willis was introduced, and she has been working on the department contracts.

9. DISCUSSIONS:

A. <u>Fire Hydrants</u>

A brief discussion was held regarding fire hydrants. Currently Key Largo's rating for is 5/9. fire hydrants help to reduce the cost of homeowner's insurance. Prior to the creation of our district, the county budgeted funding for fire hydrants in Key Largo. Cindy Lawson will provide information for the cost of fire hydrants at the next district meeting.

B. <u>District & Fire Department Contract</u>

It was agreed the Fire Department Contract would be reviewed at the June 20th, 2006 meeting.

C. <u>Third Quarter Meeting Scheduled</u>

There were no changes to the proposed third quarter meeting schedule shown below. Additional meetings or workshops will be scheduled if they are warranted.

10. <u>New Business:</u>

Commissioner Patton spoke to the Board regarding the additional \$2.5 million required to build the new Key Largo School to Category 5 hurricane standards. The county will not be able to fund 100% of this cost. Commissioner Patton asked the board to consider providing funding support for construction of a Category 5 building. The benefit to the KLFR&EMS District is that it would provide a shelter of last resort for 1st responders and their families during a hurricane.

11. <u>Next Scheduled Meetings:</u>

06/20/06: KLFR&EMS District Board Meeting 07/17/06: KLFR&EMS District Board Meeting (Adopt Proposed Millage, etc) 08/14/06: KLFR&EMS District Workshop (Final Review of Proposed Budget) 09/05/06: KLFR&EMS District (1st Public Hearing to Adopt Millage) 09/18/06: KLFR&EMS District (Final Public Hearing to Adopt Millage)

12. <u>Adjourn</u>: Pam Steed moved and Mike Cavagnaro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.