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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

10 February 2023

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT: Duncan Rosen, Van Hammond, Bill Fry, Michael Filipczak, Bill Byrnes (Zoom), and EMS Chief John Trujillo, LT Jesse Cottrell, and FP Doerr.

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

- Room: Teresa Bolme, Chris Horstman, Rich Gross, Homer Cooksey, Greg Fodor, Jennifer Wagner, Joe Peters, Marlene and Jeff Fox, David Wilcox, Alex Murphy and Anne-Caroline Taylor
- Zoom: Bonnie Whitmore, Kristi Riggle, Chris Smith, Guest, Bill byrnes, Peggy Clancy-Flyte, Colton, Arian, 404-303-1087, Steve Holt, Van Hammond, michael zylka, Zeke McDonald, Wendell Hunsucker, Rebecca’s iPhone, Chris Kaye, 863-660-2930, Melissa Heberle, L.A. Brickner, Carol Bird, iPhone, michael zylka

1) **CALL TO ORDER** ([Video Recording](#)): Chairman Rosen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2) **ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS TO AGENDA** ([Video Recording](#)):

- Termination of Lease of County-Provided ATVs – Commissioner Rosen: **Motion** by Fry, **second** by Fry discuss **all voted aye (5-0)**
- Declaration of Bona fide Emergency – Commissioner Filipczak: **Motion** by Rosen, **second** by Fry to declare a bone fide emergency for this meeting, **all voted aye (5-0)**

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** ([Video Recording](#)): None

4) **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF** ([Video Recording 6:17](#)) – Commissioner Rosen

- Rosen recapped his discussions with current part-time chiefs and stated that Dubrasky planning to move to TN next month, Cook has family responsibilities that limit his future availability, and Trujillo that wasn’t interested in the position (but would stay as EMS Chief until a new chief is hired and a new paramedic is identified as the future EMS Chief).
- Rosen stated that he had discussed the appointment with Cottrell who has agreed to accept the position temporarily, recognizing that he was still employed full-time by Bonita Springs and would be limited to 6-8 (or fewer) shifts per month but will take time off from Bonita Springs if needed, that he had 4 more years until he was eligible to

43 retire, and wasn't interested in applying for the position full-time. **Fry** moved, seconded
44 by **Filipczak** to appoint LT Jesse **Cottrell** as the Acting Chief, **all voted aye (5-0)**

45 • **Fry** moved, seconded by **Byrnes** that we pay \$25.00/hour to our Interim Chief, **all voted**
46 **aye (5-0)**

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48 5) **CHIEF REPLACEMENT CANDIDATES** ([Video Recording](#)) – Commissioner Hammond

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50 • Hammond appointed at the last meeting to lead the search effort for a replacement
51 chief and he had 4 community volunteers to assist in the process and first interviews
52 (MJ Yafchak, Lee Highsmith, Swin Swinford, and Greg Fodor) with his many thanks.

53 • 17 contacts, 5 decided not to submit an application/resume, 5 were determined as not
54 meeting the minimum qualifications, and 7 were rank ordered

55 a. The top 4 were initially provided to the other 4 commissioners for their
56 interviews

57 b. Attorney Mooney told Hammond that all 7 should have been forwarded to the
58 remaining commissioners for interviews; Hammond will send out the resumes
59 today and all commissioners should complete their interviews with all 7
60 candidates and prepared to discuss at the 17 February regular meeting

61 • **Fry** moved, second by **Byrnes** to schedule special meetings for 24 February, 3 March,
62 and 10 March to discuss the chief candidates and select a chief, with the attorney
63 creating the ad for the News-Press for all 3 meetings (as well as UCFRD, UCFRD, SHC,
64 and Facebook) to publicize those future special meetings, **all voted aye (5-0)**

65 • Candidates and public were given the opportunity to speak or ask questions

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67 6) **TERMINATION OF COUNTY LOAN OF ATVs** ([Video Recording](#)) – Commissioner Rosen

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69 • The county is terminating the loan of the two ATVs provided post-IAN, effective 15
70 February; they could be removed from the island anytime after that (but we can
71 continue using them until the County arrives to pick them up)

72 • The equipment was leased by the County (with FEMA reimbursement) and the
73 equipment supplier was asked about the buy-out cost; quoted pricing wasn't
74 significantly cheaper than buying brand new.

75 • Fry proposed that we ask the equipment supplier for the cost to rent the 4-seat ATV for
76 another 3 months; Filipczak reminded the board that Acting Chief Cottrell had authority
77 to execute any solution up to \$5000 and Rosen stated that we now have meetings
78 scheduled for the next 4 Fridays where a solution can be discussed that exceeds that
79 \$5000 limit.

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81 7) **PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

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83 • Greg Fodor ([Video Recording](#)) asked about limiting open fires on the beaches and
84 homes, including charcoal grills, while we have our dry conditions. Byrnes stated that
85 Acting Chief Cottrell is the Authority Having Jurisdiction and can designate the entire

86 island as no open fires (Cottrell stated firepits with wire covers and charcoal grills with
87 lids are authorized)

- 88 • Alex Murphy ([Video Recording](#)) asked about whether the North Captiva Barge Company
89 would volunteer free barging service for a replacement ATV and both Rosen and his
90 business partner Taylor stated their willingness to provide free barging (including a
91 future barging of 20 bags of road fill); Murphy also asked about February schedule for
92 ALS and Rosen stated that we have all shifts currently ALS-covered except for 19
93 February (Trujillo would work to resolve and might be back in the local area to pull the
94 shift)

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96 8) **NEXT MEETING DATES** ([Video Recording](#)): Monthly 17 February 2023, Special 24 February
97 2023, Special 3 March 2023, and Special 10 March 2023, all at 10AM

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99 9) **ADJOURN** ([Video Recording](#)): **Move** by Fry, **seconded** by Filipczak; meeting adjourned at
100 11:23PM.

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108 Bill Fry

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