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EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

The Board of Commissioners of the Emergency Services District met at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Present were Chairman Gary C. Wheeler, Vice Chair Sandra L. Bowden, Commissioners Wesley S. Davis, Joseph E. Flescher, and Peter D. O'Bryan. Also present were County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, Assistant County Attorney William DeBaal, and Deputy Clerk Leona Adair Allen.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

14.A.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2007

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2007, as written.

14.A.2. EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT

Director of Emergency Services John King reported that the months of June and July are usually the slowest months of the year for emergency responses, and that during this time the average emergency responses per day dipped below 100 calls within 24 hours. He noted that because of the consolidation process, a number of employees became dual certified; fifteen had received their paramedic certification and seven had received their State Firefighter license.

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Director King announced that the City of Sebastian, as of August 1, 2007, had received the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 911 System and he noted that a few small issues were still being worked out.

Director King updated the Board regarding the Animal Control Division, saying that during the past calendar year, there was a 20% increase in the number of reported animal control complaints, resulting in an increase of 31% more animals from the previous year.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously accepted the Progress Report as presented and recommended in the memorandum of August 26, 2007.

14.A.3. FIRE RESCUE TRAINING TOWER

Director of Emergency Services John King specified that funding from the approved budget had been allocated to replace the fire rescue training tower and explained why staff recommended relocating the replacement training tower to behind the new Emergency Operations Center, on 43rd Avenue.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the Emergency Services District Director (County Administrator) to sign the Donadio & Associates Work Order and any required Change Orders and piggyback agreements with Fire Facilities, Inc., J.P. Construction, and Barth Construction, Inc., as set forth,

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with the review and approval of all appropriate staff and the County Attorney, as recommended in the memorandum of August 23, 2007.

14.A.4. RELOCATION OF MED 3 TO FIRE-RESCUE STATION NO. 3

Director of Emergency Services John King reminded the Board that approximately two years ago, the Consultant which the County hired to consolidate the Fire and EMS Division made a presentation to the Board in an effort to try to improve emergency services County-wide. At that time, one of their recommendations was to relocate the medical and ambulance teams to Station No. 3, located at 2900 43rd Avenue. After reviewing the run statistics, they found that the ambulance at the 45th Street location was passing Station No. 3 and covering emergency calls that were on SR 60. He believed that the best way to improve response times would be to relocate the medical unit from 45th Street to 43rd Avenue, and to consider building a new station at 49th Street and 35th Avenue.

Director King also reminded the Board that the module home that Station No. 3 has been using belongs to FEMA and that it needed to be returned sometime in the near future.

The Board posed several questions to Director King regarding the existing stations, the areas that they cover, and the best possible locations for building new ones.

A brief discussion ensued after Director King informed the Board that in the near future staffing would need to be increased.

Freddie Woolfork, 4590 57th Avenue, expressed his appreciation to Director Olson and his staff for their efforts in moving the sludge treatment facility, and to Director King and his

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staff for the magnificent job they have been doing in the emergency services arena. He gratefully recapped numerous improvements and projects within the County over the past few years.

Victor Hart, 4639 34th Avenue, expressed concern over the population and the movement of the fire stations.

Joe Ouellet, III, echoed the previous sentiments and concerns of the two speakers, and was in support of Med-3 remaining in his community.

Reverend Kyle Gibson, 1570 5th Court, as a former law enforcement officer and fire fighter, shared the importance of having emergency services in close proximity for senior citizens, and hoped that the money for emergency services would be allocated into the budget.

Chairman Wheeler wanted to know how soon the station on 49th Street and 35th Avenue would be on line. Administrator Baird told him that said applications for grant funding had been applied for, and they should know by February 2008, if they received the funding.

Commissioner Davis voiced concern over the integrity of the facility that Med-3 is occupying.

Chairman Wheeler felt it was very important to look at how they could best serve the County as a whole. He said that consolidating would expand services, not reduce service to a particular area.

Vice Chair Bowden said, “time is of the essence”, and thought this should be the highest of priorities, and that response times should always try to be improved upon.

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Discussion ensued regarding the response times, medic dispatching, and additional staffing.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved reassigning the medical apparatus and personnel currently assigned as Med 3 to Fire Rescue Station No. 3, as recommended in the memorandum of August 26, 2007.

Further discussion ensued pertaining to increased personnel, placement of stations, consolidation, and financial feasibilities.

14.A.5. EMERGENCY SERVICES STATION 5 DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER No. 4

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 which is a partial reversal of the previous deductive Change Order in the amount of \$10,692.27, and authorized the Chairman to execute the document, as recommended in the memorandum of August 27, 2007. After approval of Change Order No. 4, the adjusted amount of the GMP for replacement of Emergency Services Station No. 5 would be \$1,900,522.87.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

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14.A.6. FIRE RESCUE STATION 12, CHANGE ORDER 1 – PROJECT CLOSEOUT

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to execute Change Order No. 1 as presented, which essentially closes out the Design Services Agreement without further expense, as recommended in the memorandum of August 24, 2007.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

**14.A.7. LAND ACQUISITION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT FIRE STATION,
4TH STREET AND 43RD AVENUE**

Director of Emergency Services John King informed the Board that the Division of Forestry is going to abandon the site at 4th Street and 43rd Avenue. He felt that the property would be an ideal location site for the future Fire-Rescue station.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the land acquisition, and authorized the Chairman of the Emergency Services District to sign the purchase contract, as recommended in the memorandum of August 24, 2007.

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14.A.8. PROPERTY FOR FIRE RESCUE STATION 9

Director of Emergency Services John King informed the Board that this item was brought back from the July 10, 2007, Board of County Commissioners meeting, for a request to purchase property on Roseland Road, adjacent to the commercial strip near the intersection of US 1 and Roseland Road. The Board had directed staff to acquire current appraisals of the property and to find additional properties that were in the commercial district to ensure it would be a fair value. They identified sites that ranged from \$243,000 per acre to \$625,000.00 per acre and were now requesting the Board's approval.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the vacant land contract in the form presented and authorized the Chairman of the Emergency Services District to sign the vacant land contract, as recommended in the memorandum of August 15, 2007.

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Commissioner Davis did not think this was the ideal location but explained how other parcels of interest were not obtainable.

Fred Mensing pointed out that the Florida East Coast Railroad has plans to double-track from North Vero Beach to Melbourne and voiced concern that it would affect everything the County does regarding emergency services.

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Director King commented that the status of the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department had been inactive since the 2004 hurricane season and said no one that lives in that area is certified to respond as a firefighter.

**14.A.9. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 16 CARDIAC MONITORS FOR FIRE RESCUE
DIVISION FROM MEDTRONIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS**

ON MOTION by Vice Chair Bowden, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the sole source purchase of the 16 LifePak 12 cardiac monitors from Medtronic Emergency Response Systems to include the point of sale maintenance contract in the amount of \$308,218.72, as recommended in the memorandum of August 20, 2007.

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ALL BACKUP DOCUMENTATION IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD AND
IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES

There being no further business, on Motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

Gary C. Wheeler, Chairman

Minutes Approved: _____

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