

**JEFFREY K. BARTON**

Clerk to the Board



**June 8, 2010**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Commissioners of the Emergency Services District met at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Present were Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Bob Solari, Commissioners Wesley S. Davis, Joseph E. Flescher, and Gary C. Wheeler. Also present were County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, County Attorney Alan S. Polackwich, Sr., and Deputy Clerk Leona Adair Allen.

Chairman O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 11:51 p.m.

### **15.A.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2010**

The Chairman asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2010. There were none.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2010, as written.

### **15.A.2. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY THE EMERGENCY**

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*SERVICES DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A FIRE-RESCUE  
STATION CONSTRUCTION LIST*

Emergency Services Director John King recapped his Memorandum dated June 2, 2010, providing background from the last Emergency Services District Advisory Committee (ESDAC) meeting where the members had requested that the Board of County Commissioners create a construction list for future fire-rescue stations within the County, and prioritize the Vero Lake Estates (VLE) area to be included in the top three, when and if the funds are available. He thereafter provided history, spoke about staff's concerns to the ESDAC, factors used to determine station locations, and the nine proposed fire station sites that would improve mobility (listed on page 266 of the Backup). Director King proposed, for planning purposes, that the next three construction sites be: (1) 4<sup>th</sup> Street between 45<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenues; (2) 20<sup>th</sup> Street between 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 71<sup>st</sup> Street; and (3) the VLE/Central Eastern District 1 location. He felt the next station built should be at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, but due to the economy, he was reluctant to say that the County should have an absolute/positive construction list of more than two or three stations.

Discussion ensued regarding the stations that are in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, whether to create a construction list and/or identify potential station sites at this time, and sticking to the policy and procedures where the Administrator (through the Budget process) makes the determination before coming to the Board for approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wheeler, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Solari, to **deny** the request by the Emergency Services District Advisory Committee to establish a fire-rescue station construction list with the Vero Lake Estates area included as one of the three projects.

Further discussion and debate ensued pertaining to the proposed fire station priority list; the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and how it focuses on needs versus wants; the suggestion that ESDAC consider instituting a 30-year Capital Plan; the possibility of implementing a strategic plan based on cause, volume, and future growth; directing staff to review the County's future needs for planning purposes and bringing a list to the Board for review; and VLE's request of wanting to be one of the top three locations on the priority list for a future Fire/EMS station.

Commissioner Davis stated that he wanted a list showing where the County's future needs will be, relating to emergency services.

Chairman O'Bryan wanted to know if it was possible to shorten the call response time, or if any operational changes could be made to stage a fire-rescue service closer to VLE.

Director King acknowledged that Chairman O'Bryan's suggestion had been discussed, and elaborated on how and why the stations were placed in their current locations.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried. The Board by a 3-2 vote (Commissioners Davis and Flescher opposed), **denied** the request by the Emergency Services District Advisory Committee to establish a fire-rescue station construction list with the Vero Lake Estates area included as one of the three projects.

ALL BACKUP DOCUMENTATION, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD AND ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

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Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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