



**KLFR&EMS DISTRICT BOARD
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES (FINAL)
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 6:00 PM.**

Attendees: Chairman, William Andersen, Commissioners: Marilyn Beyer, Mark Wheaton and Tom Tharp were present. Also present were: Brenda Beckmann, Donald Bock, Vicky Fay, Sergio Garcia, Joshua Hauserman, Mike Jenkins, Peter Rosasco, Robert Stoky and Jennifer Zimmer. The meeting was held at Station #24.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Beyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Vicky Fay called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: William Andersen, Marilyn Beyer, Tom Tharp and Mark Wheaton. Commissioner Cavagnaro was absent. There was a quorum

4. Approval/Changes to the Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Beyer made a motion *to approve the agenda for the Final Public Hearing*. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Tharp and passed unanimously by the Board.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. GENERAL DISCUSSION: Proposed 2009-2010 Budget & Ad Valorem Taxes

Peter Rosasco suggested the Board look at the expenditures for this year, the budget submitted has been refined with changes. It is \$531,000 less than the last meeting. The fund balance will be \$251,000 at the end of 2010. With a fund balance of 6.72% there is not a lot of extra. The total general fund is about 10% of the operating expenditures. To lower the Millage, the Commissioners will need to cut an additional \$125,000 from the budget. It was recommended to cut the 4th firefighter. Chief Garcia strongly recommended keeping the new paid firefighter. Commissioner Tharp recommended funding the 4th firefighter beginning in the second quarter (January 2010), if the board approves, and things go well with the KLVFD Audit. Commissioner Beyer felt an additional firefighter was not warranted with the money spent for firefighter reimbursement. If the problem is drivers, let's look for people to work shift straight time, like the corps paid on-call drivers. Commissioner Wheaton wants the department to work to make it better.

Commissioner Wheaton said "the 4th firefighter would have to have all of the qualifications required for the position. In the last class of 31 only 6 firefighters passed the class successfully, and only four were recertified.

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KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT

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A. GENERAL DISCUSSION: Proposed 2009-2010 Budget & Ad Valorem Taxes (Continued)

The consensus of the commissioners was that it is a condition of the audit, and to review the need in January 2010.

Other issues discussed were:

- . Health Insurance (De Moss) was a 7% increase which was industry wide. Commissioner Tharp restated the Board approved up to \$750 per month per person for insurance. The rates had been adjusted.
- . The Commissioners need a workshop to discuss reimbursements to establish a procedure and the process. Changes to the reimbursement schedule must be approved by the Commissioners. The KLVFD Board raised the board members from \$25 to \$100 monthly without board approval, and changed the calls from \$0 to \$15 per call without board approval. The KLVAC members must volunteer at least 48 hours in order to get paid, and their active membership went from 16 members to 32 members. New KLVFD volunteers only receive reimbursement when they have been on the job for six months rather than the three months previously required by the department.

If the Board would like to achieve .7768, it was estimated the Commissioners would need to remove approximately \$525,000 from the budget, which would result in a fund balance of approximately \$151,587.00. If that is not achieved, the District will have to reach into the vehicle account.

Commissioner Tharp reminded the Board, the District may not receive the grant; and made a motion to finalize the budget to .7768 and incorporate the changes discussed.

The previous Board Policy was to maintain a fund balance of 15% of the expenditures. This is 5%, and it is 7% if you count the capital. If the grant was not awarded by FEMA/DHS, there would be no construction and no interest, and the fund balance would be at about 8%.

Other changes for the KLVAC Budget were:

- . Line 40 to reduce the AED's by \$5,000.
- . Line 230 to change the insurance to \$7,000.
- . Line 240 is just for the corps workman's comp. – delete the \$2,250.00 for Betsy.
- . Line 410 – just cards, the computer went into service two months ago - \$3,000 is correct

Sergio Garcia reported The KLVFD the instructor pay was changed. Commissioner Beyer felt the utilities were too high at \$30,000, and recommended leaving it at \$12,000 with the balance to the fund balance. One garage door needs to remain in the budget. Peter Rosasco said the capitalized interest could be reduced to \$10,000.

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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT: Questions and Answers**

There were no comments from the General Public.

A. **Resolution #2009-007:**

The District Clerk read Resolution #2009-007 into the Record.

Motion: Commissioner Tharp made a motion *to approve Resolution #2009-2007 to Adopt the KLFR&EMS District FY 2009-2010 Final Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes of 0.7768, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 0.9730 by 20.16%.* This motion was seconded by Commissioner Beyer and passed unanimously by the Board at 7:57 p.m.

B. **Resolution #2009-008:**

The District Clerk read Resolution #2009-008 into the Record.

Motion: Commissioner Beyer made a motion *to approve the approve the KLFR&EMS District FY 2009-2010 Budget of \$5,737,533.00 .* This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheaton and passed unanimously by the Board at 7:58 p.m.

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

DOCUMENTS:

090921 2009-2010 Proposed KLFR&EMS Budget (Version 1)

090921 Resolution #2009-007

090921 Resolution #2009-008

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