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**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING & DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

**September 19, 2022**

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Website: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6027436243?pwd=Ylp2b3JYckhIQVpwVkFIMmVKbE1uZz09>

**1. AGENDA**

**1a. Call to Order**

Chairman Allen called to order the FLFR&EMS Final Public Hearing & District Meeting at 6:00 PM.

**1b. Roll Call**

Carol Greco called the roll. The following commissioners were present: Tony Allen, Frank Conklin, Kenny Edge. There was a quorum.

Also present in person or via Zoom were , George Mirabella (Commissioner Mirabella attended via Phone a few minutes after the meeting was called to order), Dan Powers, Carol Greco, Dirk Smits, Janette Smith, Jennifer Johnson, Scott Robinson, David Garrido and Don Bock.

**1c. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Conklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

**2a. Approval of September 19, 2022 Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Edge made a ***motion to approve*** the September 19, 2022 Final Public Hearing & District Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Conklin second, and the Board unanimously passed the motion.

**2b. Approval of September 7, 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing & District Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Conklin made a ***motion to approve*** the September 19, 2022 1st Public Hearing & District Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Edge second, and the Board unanimously passed the motion.



**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. BUDGET FY 2022-2023**

Jennifer Johnson led a discussion wherein she advised there were no changes to the proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023 discussed at the September 7, 2022 District Meeting. Requesting to set the final millage rate of .1 mill. greater than the rollback rate of .857 mill. by 16.62%. Going above rollback to provide for one full-time paramedic firefighter; one full-time paid firefighter.

**5. RESOLUTION 2022-006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Jennifer Johnson read, a Resolution of the Key Largo Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, District, Florida, adopting final levy of ad valorem taxes for the district for the fiscal year 2022-2023 providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Section 1 the fiscal year 2022-2023 final operating millage rate for the District if 1.0000 mill, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .8575 mills by 16.62%.

**Motion:** Commissioner Edge made a motion to **approve Resolution 2022-006**, Commissioner Conklin second. A roll call to approve Resolution 2022-004 was taken:

Commissioner Allen:	Yes
Commissioner Conklin:	Yes
Commissioner Edge:	Yes
Commissioner Mirabella:	Not yet present.
Commissioner Powers:	Yes

Motion passes.

**6. RESOLUTION 2022-007**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Carol Greco read the resolution by title only, A Resolution 2022-007 Resolution of the Key Largo Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, District, Florida, Providing for Adoption of the Final Budget of the District for the Fiscal Year Commencing on October 1, 2022, and Ending on September 30, 2023; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.



**Motion:** Commissioner Conklin made a motion to **approve Resolution 2022-007**, Commissioner Edge second. A roll call to approve Resolution 2022-004 was taken:

Commissioner Allen:	Yes
Commissioner Conklin:	Yes
Commissioner Edge:	Yes
Commissioner Mirabella:	Yes
Commissioner Powers:	Yes

The Board unanimously passes.

**7. CHAIRMAN REPORT**

Chairman Allen reports he spoke at the Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowner Associations at the Key Largo Public Library on September 14, 2022 regarding the millage rate on the November 8, 2022 Ballot and that it went well.

**8. SECRETARY REPORT**

None

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**9a. Phase 10 Fire Hydrant Project: (Edge)**

Commissioner Edge advises that all hydrants have been installed; however a hydrant on Cuda Lane is slated to be relocated by the end of the month.

A discussion was had regarding the status of Ms. Gilmore's request to have a hydrant relocated from her property. Capt. Garrido reports he took pictures of the hydrant and through communications with FCAA, the hydrant is placed within the easement that covers 5' on both sides of the roadway and to the individual lots. Further, that if the homeowner would like to have the hydrant relocated, that it would be at her expense.

**9b. Millage Referendum: (Legal)**

Legal advised the Board that the approved Millage Referendum language was submitted to the Supervisor of Elections for inclusion on the November ballot.

**9c. Station 24 Diesel Pump (Garrido)**

Captain Garrido had nothing further to report; however awaiting information from Commissioner Mirabella regarding a company he spoke with regarding this item. Commissioner Mirabella advised he obtained a \$6,000 quote from FluidSecure that would include components, tablets, software, etc. for the two pumps. Perhaps a site visit



with Capt. Garrido and the company could be arranged for a site visit to further discuss compatibility and installation of the systems

**9d. Streamlining/Webhosting Services (Mirabella)**

Legal has started to update the commissioners' emails and messages; started today; developing a plan regarding the department's website/webhosting services; look into Go Daddy versus Wordpress.

**9e. Lease Abrogation 3671**

Item discussed at last meeting. To be removed from next meeting's agenda.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10a. ACTION: Independent Special Fire Control District Performance Review (must have under contract by October 1<sup>st</sup>)**

As no bids were received by the August 12, 2022 deadline. BJM CPA, Inc. was the only company to have provided the District with a \$50,000 proposal.

**Motion:** Commissioner Edge made a ***motion to approve*** BJM CPA, Inc.'s proposal for the Independent Special Fire Control District Performance Review. Commissioner Conklin second, and the Board unanimously passed the motion.

**11. LEGAL REPORT**

None

**12. FINANCE**

None

**13. AMBULANCE CORPS REPORT**

**13a. August Statistics**

None

**14. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**14a. August Statistics**

None

**15. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**



## KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT

Seat 1: Tony Allen; Seat 2: Frank Conklin; Seat 3: Kenny Edge; Seat 4: George Mirabella; Seat 5: Danny Powers

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None

### 16. **NEXT MEETING**

#### 16a. **KLFREMS District Board Meeting Sept. 26, October 10 or October 24**

**Motion:** Commissioner Edge made a motion to ***cancel the September 26, 2022 and October 10, 2022 District Meetings, unless required.*** Commissioner Conklin second, and the Board unanimously passed the motion.

The next meeting will be the October 24, 2022 District Meeting.

### 17. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Conklin made a Motion to Adjourn at 6:21 PM, Commissioner Mirabella second, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

***Persons who wish to be heard shall send submit a  
Speaker Request Form to the Chairman or request to speak via Zoom.***