

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2009
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Friday, December 18, 2009, 9:00 P.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's
Station 74
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Ms Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bray and Mr. Seneca. Chief Bonakoske was not in attendance and Ms. Emery arrived late.

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No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Ms. Hawkins changed the agenda by moving Item #4 to Item #5's position, discussion regarding the amendment to the Crown Castle Lease.

Ms. Hawkins proceeded with the interviews, starting with Mr. Brian Gorski followed by Mr. Kevin Bowman and Mr. Tim Lang.

The Board recessed from 12:30 P.M. to 12:35 P.M.

After the recess Mr. Bray and the Board requested everyone in attendance to excuse themselves from the meeting to allow the Board to discuss the candidates in private. All persons in attendance excused themselves, except the two reporters, the tape remained running during their discussion. After the discussion was concluded the Board asked everyone to return to the meeting where they each explained their reasons for their choice for the Fire Chief. After each Commissioner spoke, they voted for their first choice for the Fire Chief. The Boards unanimous decision was Brian Gorski. The Board stated that this was a very difficult decision.

The Commissioners decided to review Chief Bonakoske's contract and discuss what would be offered to Mr. Gorski at the January 13, 2010. Mr. Bray made a motion to actively seek Brian Gorski as the new Fire Chief. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously. Mr. Bray made a motion that each Commissioner take the existing fire chief's contract, review it and have suggestions ready regarding what would be offered to the new chief, at the January 13th Board Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

Ms. Emery addressed the amendment to the Crown Castle Lease. She advised the Board that she has reviewed it and made changes. She feels the lease can be signed at this time. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Davison made a motion that the Board approves the amended Crown Castle Lease. It was seconded by Mr. Bray and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hawkins would like authorization from the Board to contact the three final candidates either via cell phone or in person to advise them of the Board choice for the Fire Chief.

Assistant Chief Lane asked if he would be allowed to carry over his unused vacation time to the next year. The Board approved his request.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

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Denise Hawkins, Chairman

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