

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2024**  
**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 9:00 A.M.  
Meeting held at  
Englewood Fire Administration Office  
516 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, FL 34223

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman, Mr. Davison. Those present were: Mr. Benedetti, Mr. Kimberlin, Mr. Loisell, Mr. Knauf, Lori Wellbaum, and Chief Easton.

**CONSENT AGENDA FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING**

Mr. Davison asked if there were any questions, corrections, or additions to the consent agenda from the 02/21/2024 and 03/15/2024 Board Meetings. Mr. Benedetti made a motion to accept the consent agenda and financials from 02/21/2024 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Loisell and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comment

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Easton updated the Board about the new generators. He confirmed the project is finished and will be removed from the agenda officially.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the transient property inspections. He explained that a preliminary list of 1252 properties were sent to Sandi at Anser Advisory (previously Government Services Group, Inc.) for review. The properties will be reclassified as commercial. A Resolution will be drafted, and a Public Hearing will be scheduled in the near future to approve the rates and change to the tax rolls. A small discussion ensued.

Chief Easton updated the Board about the bid for purchase of a commercial property located at 579 S. Indiana Avenue, Englewood, FL 34223. He explained that he moved forward with the approved bidding limits, however, after reaching his maximum and there is a counteroffer to discuss. A long discussion ensued. Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve Chief Easton to make a counteroffer of \$1,575,000.00 and anything thereafter cannot exceed \$1,600,000.00. Mr. Loisell seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about recent changes to GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) capitalization threshold. Chief Easton requested to comply with the changes and raise the threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for capital assets. A small discussion ensued. Mr. Knauf made a motion to approve the increase. It was seconded by Mr. Benedetti, and it passed unanimously.

Chief Easton spoke to the Board about replacing the Battalion Chief vehicle. He went onto explain that the current vehicle is over six (6) years old and has over 100K mileage plus added, although regular maintenance has been performed, the higher mileage accumulated has caused some expensive repairs. A small discussion ensued. Chief Easton explained that Chief Bennett has located a 2024 Ford F250 (Gas Engine) with the Florida Sheriffs Association for \$51,000; estimated delivery is four to six months. Mr. Kimberlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 Ford F250 for \$51,000. It was seconded by Mr. Knauf and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Easton presented the Board with his 2023 Annual Report. He reviewed each page of the booklet, highlighting the growth, the busiest months of the year, the increase of inspections and public education. A small discussion ensued.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No public comment.

**DVP COMMENT:**

No DVP comment.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

No Commissioner comments.