

Minutes for the Final Budget Hearing of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners

September 24, 2025 5:05 pm
Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Boulevard

In attendance: Chairman John Bennett, Vice-Chairman Jim Knickle, Secretary/Treasurer Ronald Fleming, Commissioner Jacki Lyszak, Commissioner Keran Farrell, Fire Chief Scott Wirth, and Director of Finance Jane Thompson.

1. **Meeting Called to Order 5:05pm**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Adoption of Agenda** [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Lyszak motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Fleming seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

4. **Restate Agenda Items** [Information]

5. **Highlights of Proposed Budget & Millage Rate** [Information]

Chief Wirth gave a brief overview of the proposed budget and millage rate.

6. **Adoption of Final Millage Rate – Resolution 2025-06** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]

Commissioner Farrell motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06, adopting a final millage rate of 2.76, which exceeds the rolled back rate of 2.5436 by 8.51%.

Commissioner Knickle seconded the motion. There were no questions, discussion or public input. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Bennett: Yes

Commissioner Knickle: Yes

Commissioner Fleming: Yes

Commissioner Lyszak: Yes

Commissioner Farrell: Yes

7. **Adoption of Final Budget– Resolution 2025-07** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]

Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve Resolution 2025-07, adopting a final budget of \$46,188,994, Commissioner Lyszak seconded the motion. There were no questions, discussion or public input. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Bennett: Yes

Commissioner Knickle: Yes

Commissioner Fleming: Yes

Commissioner Liszak: Yes

Commissioner Farrell: Yes

8. **Fire Chief Remarks** [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth thanked all the administrative staff for their assistance in building a budget to include initiatives for the coming year. Chief Wirth also thanked the Board for their support.

9. **Commissioners Remarks** [Information]

10. Commissioner Farrell voice he is happy to be here.

Commissioner Liszak thanked the administrative team for their work on the budget.

Commissioner Knickle thanks everyone for a great job on the budget.

Commissioner Fleming echoed the other commissioners.

Commissioner Bennett thanked the staff and stated that setting the budget and millage rate is the biggest and hardest task required of a Board.

Adjournment 5:13pm