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**MINUTES
MAY 3, 2016
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Held at the Indian Shores Municipal Center
19305 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33785**

Special
**WORKSHOP MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL: Commissioners answering roll call were Vice Chair Laura Martin, Secretary/Treasurer David Gardella, Commissioner Larry Schear, and Commissioner Lou Snelling. A quorum was present with Vice Chair Laura Martin presiding. Chair Joe Bruni and Attorney Jeff Albinson were excused. Fire Chief Sal D'Angelo and Finance Director David Martin were also present.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: John Bennett, Pinellas County Assistant County Administrator, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL. Mr. Bennett discussed his history of working with Pinellas County and Tampa Police Department. He was recently rehired with Pinellas County in July 2015 to work on the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare portfolio. Mr. Bennett explained that Pinellas County has a motto that states, "With Partners We Can Do More," and he believes the partnerships related to fire and EMS services are very important. He said that they have been trying to bring all of the fire chiefs in the county together to make data-driven decisions about performance, and are increasing collaboration, transparency, and working relationships. He explained that if there are any challenges or things that need to be overcome, his administration is more than willing to get it accomplished with the leadership that's currently in place, and that their doors, individually or collectively, are always open to partner. He stated that he recently had Mike Cooksey begin working in Fire and EMS Administration in the beginning of this fiscal year, as he felt that Mr. Cooksey's background as a former fire chief was important for their working relationships.

Mike Cooksey introduced himself. He stated that he had the opportunity to work with the PSFRD Board of Fire Commissioners several years ago and that he feels they've always had a strong partnership. He mentioned that he and Chief D'Angelo in a meeting of the data-driven focus group earlier that day together, and that Chief D'Angelo should be commended for always ensuring the nearest unit responds when it comes to fire and EMS protection, regardless of jurisdiction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. 16-06 Authorizing Participation in Negotiation In Re: Dispute with Pinellas County EMS Authority (Resolution 2016-03) Second Reading**

Discussion: Vice Chair Laura Martin read the resolution by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATION RELATED TO A DISPUTE WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY REGARDING FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-03 authorizing participation in negotiation with the Pinellas County EMS Authority.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR SECOND: COMMISSIONER SNELLING
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

A motion to adjourn.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GARDELLA SECOND: COMMISSIONER SCHEAR
All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in due form at 8:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Joseph V. Bruni, Chair 5/17/16
Date Approved


Kimberly G. Fugate, Executive Assistant