

MINUTES

Merit System Protection Board, Escambia County June 12, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Merit System Protection Board convened in regular session at 5:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 with the following MSPB members and staff present:

MEMBERS:

Dan C. Bates, Chairman
Lt. Eddie Henderson (Ret.), Vice-Chair
Mrs. Amy Binegar
Father Jack Gray
Dr. Ulysses Hughes

STAFF:

Kay House, Director
V. Keith Wells, Board Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order and recognize Father Jack who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There being no additions or corrections to the agenda, Father Gray moved to adopt the agenda; Dr. Hughes seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Upon call for the approval of the minutes of the MSPB Regular meeting on May 8, 2007, Mrs. Binegar moved approval; Dr. Hughes seconded and motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. House acknowledges that the Florida Legislative body is in special session beginning June 12, 2007. Mrs. House reiterated that legislative actions might have an impact to the revised budget proposed to the Board of County Commissioners for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Mrs. House assured the board that she would maintain communications with the BCC, Office of Management and Budget and keep the MSPB members informed of any changes, board actions, etc., as needed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. House recognized that September 30, 2007 ends the two-year term appointments for Mr. Dan Bates, Jr., appointment of the Board of County Commissioners; and the Father Jack Gray, appointment of Sheriff Ron McNesby, respectively.

Mr. Dan Bates acknowledges a letter from the Board of County Commissioners confirming his reappointment to the Merit System Protection Board, effective October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

Sheriff representative Mr. Steve Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, verbally affirms the Sheriff's intent to reappoint Father Jack as Sheriff representative and assures the receipt of the letter from the Sheriff affirming Father Jacks' reappointment by the next MSPB regular board meeting.

Dr. Hughes voices on record the necessity of the reappointment of these members to maintain the continuity of the board. Dr. Hughes motions to affirm the reappointments of Mr. Dan C. Bates, Jr., and Father Jack Gray; Mrs. Binigar seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORT FROM APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

a. Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Pete Smith, BCC, Human Resources Classification and Compensation Analyst represented Mr. Rod Powell, BCC, Human Resources Director.

b. Supervisor of Elections

c. Sheriff

Mrs. House introduced Mr. Steve Stevens, Chief Financial Officer to Sheriff Ron McNesby. Mr. Stevens made introductions to the Board and expound upon the Sheriff's gratitude for Board actions that allows for mediation service at no cost to the Sheriff or his employees. Mr. Stevens reiterated the cost effectiveness and the efficiency of the mediation process.

XI. INFORMATION and STAFF REQUEST

a. Current Financial Statement

Mrs. House presented the MSPB budget with a spreadsheet outlining expenditures by object code, including an explanation for each expenditure, and the current balance for each object code to date.

XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Wells acknowledge possible issues within the Sheriff Department that may require use of the mediation services of MSPB. Although, Attorney Wells as Mediator cannot detail the particulars of the issue, he will keep the Board informed of possible mediations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.