

MINUTES

Merit System Protection Board, Escambia County April 14, 2009 5:00 p.m.

The Merit System Protection Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 with the following MSPB members and staff present:

MEMBERS:

Dan C. Bates, Chairman
Ms. Shirley M. Terrell
Father Jack Gray

STAFF:

Kay House, Director
Attorney V. Keith Wells

The Chairman called the meeting to order and offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Father Jack. There being no additions or corrections to the agenda, Father Jack moved to adopt the agenda; Mrs. Terrell seconded and motion carried unanimously. Upon call for the approval of the minutes of the MSPB Regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, Father Jack motion for approval; Mrs. Terrell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. House acknowledged the request by Retired Lt. Eddie Henderson and Dr. Ulysess Hughes for excused absences from this meeting. Father Jack made the motion for the excused absences for both board members; Mrs. Terrell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance Revision

The County Administrator, Bob McLaughlin is requesting that the document provided by the MSPB Ordinance Review Committee outline the details of each section for suggestive modifications, specifically the penalty portion of the Ordinance.

Father Jack motion that Attorney Wells prepare language for discussion to present to the County Administrator; Mrs. Terrell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Terrell requested to be excused from the May 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. She will be attending her graduation from Pensacola Junior College. After the Board congratulated Mrs. Terrell, Father Jack motion that her request be approved, the chairman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. REPORT FROM APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

a. Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Peter Smith, BCC, HR Analyst to the Board of County Commissioners greeted the board.

b. Sheriff

The MSPB continues to offer voluntary mediation service to the Sheriff and his employees at no cost.

Mrs. House reported that there may be a request to meet with Sheriff Morgan and his legal and administrative staff to discuss employee coverage under the Merit System Protection Board. The meeting will likely include MSPB Attorney, the County Attorney's Office, and MSPB members Father Jack as chairman of the MSPB Ordinance Modification Committee and Lt. Eddie Henderson, as the appointment of the Sheriff's Employees. In accordance with the sunshine law, if more than one Board member attends the meeting then notice will be published.

c. Santa Rosa Island Authority (SRIA)

Mr. Buck Lee, Executive Director, and Mrs. Jayne Bell, Director of Administration greeted the board.

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.

XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Wells informed the Board of an upcoming Mediation scheduled for May 5, 2009. If the parties do not reach a resolution at mediation, the matter will be heard by the Merit System Protection Board.

Mediation is schedule to take place in the office of Attorney Wells to ensure an impartial/unbiased setting for an effective mediation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.