

MINUTES

Merit System Protection Board, Escambia County April 8, 2008 5:00 p.m.

The Merit System Protection Board convened in special session at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 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. Uylssess Hughes

STAFF:

Kay House, Director
V. Keith Wells, Board Attorney

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order and recognized Father Jack who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There being no additions or corrections to the agenda, Father Jack moved to adopt the agenda; Mrs. Binegar seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Upon call for the approval of the minutes of the MSPB Regular meeting on March 18, 2008, Father Jack requested the addition of the discussion by the MSPB Board regarding his willingness to continue to provide his service without a monthly stipend; Dr. Hughes moved approval; Father Jack seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of the MSPB Budget – FY 2008-2009

Mrs. House reported on the March 19, 2008, Committee of the Whole Preliminary Budget Workshop. During that workshop, the Board of County Commissioners allocated \$35,000 for MSPB expenditures for fiscal year 2008-2009. Mrs. House explained that this workshop is the first of on-going budget workshops and public meetings. She informed the MSPB that she would continue to network with the BCC, Office of Management and Budget, attend budget workshops and public hearings, presenting the MSPB budget as proposed during budget workshops.

After a detailed discussion, Father Jack suggested that the local legislative delegation of Florida be informed of the Board of County Commissioners' actions regarding the funding of the Merit System Protection Board, which reneges on the agreement made during the sunset of the Civil Service Board, effective October 2005; Father Jack's proposal to the Florida Legislatures suggest the repeal of the Civil Service Board Act.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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. The Sheriff acknowledges the effectiveness of mediation and his appreciation for the service.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.