

Key Largo Fire, Rescue & EMS District

Memorandum

To: District Commissioners
From: Theron Simmons, District Legal
Cc: Vicky Fay, Clerk
Date: 12/12/16
Re: Legal Report

As we near the end of the year, work on District items has been reduced from previous months. While the insurance (tank insurance) issues and land use reports that were completed in November did take some time, most other items involve general housekeeping such as bonds for commissioners, fire hydrant bid and election related questions/items. As an aside, the commissioner bonds will become position bonds in the near future. This will result in commissioners have the same bond as previously, but it will make renewals of the bonds easier.

We also looked into potential avenues for cost recovery by the District. Ultimately, the District is fairly restricted in the avenues available for funding/cost recovery as a result of a lack of legislation and Special District do not have the home-rule powers that municipalities and counties have. The District legislation could be updated to allow new methods of cost recovery if a particular method becomes widespread throughout the State.

Items Addressed by Legal included:

- Continue to work on the Miami-Dade Mutual Aid Agreement
- Land Use report to the State – Station 25
- Department of Labor – Multiple attempts to contact, no response
- Work with Clerk on website/agenda requirements as a result of changes in the law.
- Fire Hydrant RFP
- Sources of income/revenue streams/cost recovery work.
- Election issues
- Updates to Sunshine Manual for Commissioners
- Work associated with new Department contract
- Finalize ILA with County for ½ Cent revenue
- Records request and fee schedule
- Commissioner Bonds and Oaths
- Strategic Planning Workshops
- Addressing staffing concerns