

# *East Niceville Fire District*

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## **September 21, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Dunbar called to order the second TRIM meeting of the East Niceville Fire District Commission at 6:00 p.m., September 21, 2016 at the East Niceville Fire Department. Chairman Dunbar led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Commissioner Tricia Brunson.

### **Roll Call**

The following individuals were present: Chief Wright, Chairman Dunbar, Vice Chairman Schwab, Treasurer CJ McEntire, Commissioner Brunson, On-duty firefighters and four property owners.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously per motion by Commissioner Schwab and a second by Commissioner McEntire.

### **Chairman Dunbar stated the reason for the meeting was the final hearing on the Millage Rate and Budget for the East Niceville Fire District.**

Chairman Dunbar asked if anyone in the room would like to address the commission. Each of the four residents present expressed concern and asked questions regarding the amount of the published tax rate increase.

Chairman Dunbar explained the rationale behind the proposed increase and reviewed the history, growth and needs of the department. There was a period of questions and answers and Chairman Dunbar explained that the publicized rate was the maximum allowed and was publicized to enable the commissioners to work out a budget anticipating a lower rate would be possible.

**Millage Rate:** Commissioner Dunbar read Ordinance Number 2016-01, an ordinance of the East Niceville Fire District to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 final millage rate. (Complete Ordinance included in the Official Book of Proceedings). There was a motion to approve by Commissioner McEntire and a second by Commissioner Schwab. The motion passed on a 3-1 vote with Chairman Dunbar voting against. Ordinance Number 2016-01 was adopted at 6:45 p.m.

**2016-2017 Budget:** Chairman Dunbar read Ordinance Number 2016-02, an ordinance of the East Niceville Fire District to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. There was a motion to approve the budget as published by Commissioner Schwab and a second by Commissioner McEntire. The motion passed unanimously. Ordinance Number 2016-01 was adopted at 6:47 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Commissioner McEntire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. There was a second to the motion by Commissioner Schwab. Motion carried.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 10 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by Commissioner Brunson.**