

MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive,
Prescott Valley**

In-Person Attendance

Darlene Packard; Dave Dobbs; Dave Tharp; Kathy Goodman; Matt Zurcher;
Rick Anderson; Scott A Freitag; Susanne Dixon

Remote Attendance

Nicolas Cornelius

Not In Attendance

Owen Mills

NOTICE OF MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Zurcher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Zurcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

A. County and Town Current Events Summaries

Supervisor James Gregory of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors reported that they are working on upgrading broadband in the County, and just approved \$4.9 million to invest in communities down the 69 corridor. He noted that a large project underway in his district involves the I-17 corridor; ADOT will put in three lanes up to Black Canyon city, as well as flex lanes up and down Black Canyon Hill. He is aware that CAFMA did not receive COVID relief money, and reported that the Board is looking into it. He concluded by stating that there will be additional asphalt added to Old Black Canyon Highway between the Country Club and StoneRidge in order to make the road more accessible, especially during the monsoons.

Chair of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, Mary Mallory, explained that she shares the Town of Prescott Valley with Supervisor Gregory and they work as a team. She reiterated that the Black Canyon Highway project is important to them. They are also working on upgrades to Prescott East Highway, which is in need of repair and beautification. She then extended her heartfelt gratitude to all first responders.

Chair Mallory presented a plaque and roses to Clerk Packard in recognition of

her service as Chair for the 'Prescott Valley Healing Field of Northern Arizona'. Clerk Packard thanked first responders, those in attendance, and went on to describe her memories of many early mornings placing the flags for the Healing Field.

Town of Prescott Valley Councilmen Don Packard and Roger Kinsinger presented an update on the Town's quarterly building permits. A disc golf course is coming to Granville; he noted that the Town is not paying for it, with the exception of upkeep, staff, and equipment. The Jasper Parkway is supposed to begin this spring. Councilman Kinsinger added that the Town is working with City of Prescott and Yavapai County to purchase Glassford Hill.

John Hughes, Mayor of Town of Dewey-Humboldt, reported that the State and EPA took the smelter down as it had been a problem for a long time. He also thanked Station 54 crews for their presence at a birthday celebration for a 100-year-old Dewey-Humboldt resident, and for their good work during a recent hostage situation.

B. 2021 Alarm Summary

Chief Rose presented data from the 2021 Alarm Summary.

C. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition

Chief Freitag had nothing more to add.

4. REPORTS

A. Board Member Reports

There were no Board member reports.

B. Division Reports

Chief Freitag reported that Priority Yavapai received a recommendation from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in support of Priority receiving a Certificate of Necessity (CON). Upon hearing from the ALJ, the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) has 30 days to announce DHS' decision. He noted that there will still be a ramp up period if Priority receives the CON, but that Priority Yavapai has found a vendor that can equip them with ambulances in approximately six months.

He continued, reporting that he attended the Senate Committee meeting last Wednesday when HB2609 was passed out of Committee. AMR is taking issue with the repeals process that was structured after Title 41, in that they do not like that it goes back to the Director after the ALJ, and would prefer that the ALJ made the final decision with an appeal going straight to Superior Court. He added that he was working with an attorney today on a proposal for said attorney to attend the next stakeholder meeting.

He reported that Fire District funding is moving in the right direction, as exhibited in the presentations to the District Boards earlier, and that CAFMA Rescue 62 is now in service at Station 62. He shared that the new Prescott Fire Chief has

started and that we have a good working relationship and are excited for the future. He concluded by stating that CAFMA has ruled COVID-19 as endemic as of April 1st, 2022.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

Chair Zurcher opened the floor up to any fire crew member that would like to speak. There were no comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - February 28, 2022
- B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements
- C. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Palmer and Fernandez

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Rick Anderson Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson

7. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was waived.

- A. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) Regarding The Radio Guy LLC and SpeedConnect Sublease Agreements
- B. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) Regarding Agreement with the Department of Public Safety for Use of CAFMA Tower Space for Public Safety Communications

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Radio Guy LLC and SpeedConnect Sublease Agreements

Attorney Cornelius reminded the Board that he was instructed to send copies of documents for the Radio Guy LLC and SpeedConnect to Mr. Johnson, owner of the Radio Guy, LLC. Mr. Johnson relayed to Attorney Cornelius that he did not receive the documents. Attorney Cornelius then sent the documents via email, but again, has not heard anything in response. He recommended that the Board give him a few more days to attempt to communicate with Mr. Johnson.

The Board consensus was that Attorney Cornelius be granted more time to contact Mr. Johnson.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Agreement with the Department of Public Safety for Use of CAFMA Tower Space for Public Safety Communications

Attorney Cornelius reported that he spoke with Chief Rose in detail regarding the DPS agreement. The nature of the agreement is an exchange between the two agencies; there is no payment or rent, only an exchange of services.

CAFMA's radio site will be made available to DPS and DPS will make their radio site available to CAFMA. This is not a new agreement, instead, it is an update to an existing arrangement which has been in place for years.

Motion to approve the agreement with DPS for the use of CAFMA tower space for public safety communications.

Move: Darlene Packard Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Acquisition/Replacement Schedule

Chief Freitag communicated that the proposed schedule is not yet updated to reflect recent cuts to the working budget. He relayed that Staff has cut over \$2 million dollars and postponed some of the purchases. One of the issues is that the cost of goods is far outpacing the 3% escalator that is built into the schedule; increases are much greater. He noted that Staff will have further recommendations at the Budget Work Study.

Chair Zurcher inquired as to whether or not this item should be tabled.

Chief Rose agreed that it should be tabled in order to ensure accuracy.

This item has been tabled.

B. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding Budget Update and Scheduling of April Budget Work Study Session

Chair Zurcher indicated that both Boards have agreed upon a Budget Work Study on Monday, April 18th, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at CAFMA Administration.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Darlene Packard, Matt Zurcher, Rick Anderson