

## MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority  
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors  
CA Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 22, 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive,  
Prescott Valley**

### **In-Person Attendance**

Dave Dobbs; Dave Tharp; Kathy Goodman; Lorette Stewart; Matt Zurcher;  
Rick Anderson; Susanne Dixon

### **Remote Attendance**

Nicolas Cornelius

### **Not In Attendance**

Darlene Packard; Scott A Freitag

## **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. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Swear In New Board Member**

**Lorette Stewart was sworn in as a Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board member by Chair Zurcher.**

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition**

**On behalf of the Board and Staff, Chair Zurcher and Chief Feddema honored Mikayla Gray for her quick-thinking and compassionate actions on scene after witnessing a head-on collision on her way to work. Chair Zurcher and Chief Feddema presented Ms. Gray with a certificate of appreciation.**

#### **B. Semi-Annual 2022 Alarm Summary**

**Chief Rose presented data from the first half of 2022.**

**Director Dobbs inquired as to when the response time is considered started for the response time analysis. Chief Rose stated that the response time starts when the call comes to the Station.**

### **5. REPORTS**

A. Board Member Reports

**There were no Board member reports.**

B. Division Reports

**Chief Feddema had nothing more to add.**

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

**There were no public comments.**

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - July 25, 2022

B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements

C. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Carino and Ohm

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson

8. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Executive Session was waived.**

A. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) Regarding SpeedConnect Sublease Agreement

B. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding AMR Fee Schedule Letter Status

C. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding CARTA Erosion Issue Status

D. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) Regarding Priority Ambulance Contract

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the SpeedConnect Sublease Agreement

**Attorney Cornelius advised that he has been in communication with SpeedConnect. The discussion included SpeedConnect providing their insurance policy and an additional rider; he has not received either as of this meeting. He added that everything regarding this contract goes back to July 1, 2022, so they are now 2-months in arrears.**

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding AMR Fee Schedule Letter Status

**Attorney Cornelius reported that other agencies, including municipalities, are reviewing this issue as well due to concern that they have been subsidizing private companies. He stated that the letter should go out tomorrow.**

**Chair Zurcher inquired as to whether a copy of the letter will be sent to the**

**Department of Health Services (DHS). Attorney Cornelius replied that he has considered it, but it is not required.**

**Chief Tharp added that Staff will begin tracking this as of September 1, 2022, and will bill accordingly.**

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding CARTA Erosion Issue Status**

**Attorney Cornelius updated the Board regarding the erosion at CARTA, reporting that this issue was not related to the previous work completed at CARTA. The issue has been resolved.**

**Chief Rose explained how this issue came to be and how he and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator Eric Crossman cleaned up the area; it has been in good working order since the clean-up.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Priority Ambulance Contract**

**Attorney Cornelius reported that contract revisions have been shared with Staff and Priority. A copy of the contract was also sent to Kathy Steadman, CAFMA's Certificate of Necessity (CON) Consultant, to ensure that there was nothing in the contract that would interfere with the Agency's CON application. He will begin reviewing her recommendations this week.**

**Chair Zurcher inquired as to if the contract will be ready by the next Board meeting; Attorney Cornelius responded in the affirmative.**

**B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of Opticom Preemption System**

**Chief Rose explained the Opticom Preemption System is for traffic control, with a goal of preventing traffic accidents, and requires GPS units on all CAFMA apparatus. The plan is to implement the system in three phases, beginning with 14 intersections in Prescott Valley, in order to help offset costs. The Town of Prescott Valley and the Town of Chino Valley are both interested in assisting with the cost and have stated a plan to budget for the project in the next fiscal year. Priority Ambulance will likely be charged per unit, annually, and the same will be offered to AMR if they choose to participate.**

**He added that special pricing with a deadline of September 15, 2022, brings the total amount to \$312,000. That will increase to \$394,000 after September 15. Staff budgeted \$150,000 this year; the Agency would need to pay an additional amount after November's tax collection, and then an additional amount after March/April's tax collection.**

**Chair Zurcher inquired as to whether or not the City of Prescott has this system. Chief Rose indicated that Prescott has a different type of Opticom system; there are two, GPS and strobe, and Prescott has strobe. GPS is more advanced and by all accounts is far more consistent. The GPS units are not able to change the lights equipped with the strobe system. Chief Tharp added that Engine 51 currently operates with the Prescott strobe Opticom system.**

**Chair Zurcher inquired as to if DPS uses Opticom. Chief Rose stated that they do not, but he will reach out to them.**

**Motion to approve the purchase of Opticom Preemption System in the amount of \$150,000.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Rick Anderson Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

Yes: Dave Dobbs, Matt Zurcher, Lorette Stewart, Rick Anderson

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