

MINUTES
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Dr.,
Prescott Valley

In-Person Attendance

Dave Dobbs; Dave Tharp; Denise Krizo; Gayle Pickett; Lorette Stewart; Matt Zurcher; Rick Anderson;
Scott A Freitag; Susanne Dixon

Remote Attendance

Nicolas Cornelius

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. Presentation from CAFMA Chapter of Local 3066 – Wage and Benefits

Local 3066 Vice President Shaun Jones asked if the Board had any questions related to their budget requests this year. The Board had no questions.

Vice President Jones added that the Fire Ops 101 program presented last weekend was successful.

B. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition

There were no additional comments.

4. REPORTS

A. Board Member Reports

There were no reports given.

B. Division Reports

Chief Freitag shared that he met with a professor from Northern Arizona University today. The Board of Regents is doing a recruitment and retention study; when they learned of our attainable housing challenges, they added a study to address that as well. He said that this professor was also very interested in our Cadet program, and has offered assistance with some of the training, and with looking for funding sources for the scholarships. He noted that we cannot afford to put the Training Captain position in

place in the next fiscal year, but he and Chief Feddema will look into grant opportunities.

Chief Freitag also reported that Fire Ops 101 went very well last weekend, and we hope to have more participants next year. He thanked the Union for their role in running the program.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - March 27, 2023
- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes - March 27, 2023
- C. Approve General Fund Financial Statements
- D. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Koorennny, Pierce
- E. Approve Policy Amendments: Policy 610 Performance Evaluations

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

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

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Regarding Ambulance Certificate of Necessity (CON)

Chief Freitag reported that our application that was submitted in October, 2021, is still pending, and we have not received any status update from the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He added that our Certificate of Necessity (CON) attorney suggested they might be sitting on our application due to our recent conversations with the Attorney General regarding the gift clause issues we are dealing with.

Chair Zurcher confirmed that Scottsdale Fire Department was going through the same process. Chief Freitag answered in the affirmative, stating that no one was going to intervene, and they may get their CON before we get ours.

Chief Freitag reminded the Board that one ambulance company is now stating that it is their corporate policy to not disregard when the unit has been cancelled. They are now racing through our jurisdiction, potentially endangering lives.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fire Inspector III Position

Chief Freitag stated that this moves the Assistant Fire Marshal position to a Fire Inspector III; there is not a need for the additional supervisory position.

Motion to approve Fire Inspector III Position.

Move: Rick Anderson Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

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

B. Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding the Budget Process and Draft Budget Update

Chief Tharp stated he is open to any direction from the Board.

Chief Freitag asked Directors Dobbs and Stewart if we should bring an additional option to the Chino Valley board as well. Director Stewart answered that bringing another option, similar to request made by the Central Yavapai Fire District Board of an additional 1-2 cent increase, would be good.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m.

Move: Gayle Pickett Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

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