

MINUTES
Central Yavapai Fire District Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2023, 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Dr.,
Prescott Valley

In-Person Attendance

Andy Reinhardt; Dave Tharp; Denise Krizo; Gayle Pickett; Matt Zurcher; Pete Gordon; 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 4:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Zurcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Reports are informational only. Any item articulated in the reports is subject to clarification, discussion, and direction by the Board; no action will be taken.

Director Gordon reported that he attended Fire Ops 101 as an observer; he spoke with many of our staff and found them to be optimistic.

Director Pickett reported that she was on a ride-along when the Ocotillo fire broke out. She was very impressed with how our agency worked together with other area partners.

Chief Freitag added a note regarding the area of that fire not having a lot of hydrants, and stated that the Town of Prescott Valley has plans to start putting hydrants in.

Chair Zurcher stated that he was nearby when the Ocotillo fire broke out, he is familiar with the homeowner that lost their home. He added that former Central Yavapai Fire District Board Member Dane Beck was able to help with immediate lodging, and Sparklight contributed funds to help cover their lodging as well.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - March 27, 2023

B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements

C. Approve Bond Debt Service Financial Statements

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Move: Pete Gordon Second: Gayle Pickett Status: Passed

Yes: Matt Zurcher, Pete Gordon, Rick Anderson, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

Chief Tharp pointed out that there is a significant increase to Capital outlay in this version of the budget. He stated that the overall increase in this version is approximately \$165,000, which was covered in large part by some items that were removed due to lack of funds.

Director Gordon asked if it would pay well enough to increase the tax by one more penny; specifically, should we consider increasing another penny.

Chief Tharp answered that 1-cent would calculate out to approximately \$82,000. With some of capital items, that amount would help, but not at a significant enough amount to warrant the potential political backlash.

Chief Freitag added that it wouldn't be a tremendous amount of money, but it would help bolster the Capital Reserve Account. We have monies set aside for the Certificate of Necessity (CON), and we know it will not operate for the full year; there will be some of those funds that can be transferred to the Capital Reserve Account, so Senior Staff did not want to push beyond the 10-cents increase. However, any amount we can add to that will help with our goal to increase the Capital Reserve Account.

Director Gordon commented that the following years are not set, and this might be a way to lessen the tax increase amounts in the coming years.

Chair Zurcher suggested direction to Chief Tharp to run the numbers at 11-cents as well, and propose both at the next meeting.

Chief Freitag reminded the Board that our Capital Reserve Account does not meet generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), so any amount we can add to increase the account is favorable.

Director Reinhardt commented that with most of the increase this year covering the paramedic pay increase, and asked how that would be sustained. Chief Freitag answered that most of this year's increase is earmarked for hiring new employees; we won't decrease the rate next year, so the funding remains static.

Director Gordon stated he would not mind seeing what a 12-cent increase would net as well.

Chief Freitag said we are supportive of anything that gets us to where our Capital Reserve Account needs to be.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

Move: Gayle Pickett Second: Pete Gordon Status: Passed

Yes: Matt Zurcher, Pete Gordon, Rick Anderson, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt

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