

## MINUTES

**Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority  
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors  
CA Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 25, 2024, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive,  
Prescott Valley**

### **In-Person Attendance**

Dave Dobbs; Denise Krizo; Gayle Pickett; John Feddema; Lee Barnes;  
Lorette Stewart; Matt Zurcher; Susanne Dixson

### **Remote Attendance**

Nicolas Cornelius

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors and the general public that the **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley, Arizona.** The Board may vote to go into Executive Session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with Authority's Attorney on matters as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action. Members may attend in person or via remote methods of communication.

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

**Chief Feddema noted a code save made by Rescue 58 and shared that it is a good example of the rescues and crews working well together.**

B. Exiting Board Member Recognition

**Chief Feddema thanked Directors Zurcher, Anderson, Gordon, and Zambrano for their service. Chair Zurcher said it has been an honor to serve, and thanked the agency. He added that he hopes to be the liaison between the Town of Prescott Valley and CAFMA.**

### **4. 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.

A. Board Member Reports

**No board member reports were given.**

B. Division Reports

**Chief Feddema apologized for the confusion regarding this meeting date and confirmed the next meeting date as December 19th. He highlighted the recent fire in Paulden, and stated he is looking for outside input regarding the agency's policies to make sure we are following best practices. He added that we recently attended an adult ESL class to present information on fire districts, and coverage options if they are not in the district. Battalion Chief Zazueta, Community Relations Manager Goodman, Administrative Manager Dixson and Ivonne Chaparro attended as well. Administrative Manager Dixson checked attendee addresses to confirm if they lived within the CAFMA district and Warehouse Technician Chaparro helped with translation.**

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board has decided to allow public comments as time permits. Those wishing to address the Board regarding an issue within the jurisdiction of this public body may do so by completing a *Call to the Public* form and submitting it to Staff. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes, but may submit written comments for Board records. Call to the Public shall not exceed 30 minutes per meeting. Board members shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public, but may ask Staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

**There were no public comments.**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under consent agenda are considered to be routine by the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. Any item may be removed by a Board member and will be considered separately for motion, discussion, and action.

A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - October 28, 2024

B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements

C. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Andersen, Beltran, Bratton, Bronaugh, Butler, Cahill, Carnes, Chavez, Croker, Cruz, Doughty, Grenewicz, Guarda, Hodges, Holderfield, Johnson, Jones, Kratz, Longnecker, Loven, Mencil, Menlove, Moore (2), Pehrson, Rhoades, Sturdevant, Tedesco, B. Varela, L. Varela

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Move: Gayle Pickett Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

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

7. **VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:08 p.m.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

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

- A. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa and Yavapai Counties
- B. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) Regarding the Former Fire Chief's Contract
- C. Legal Advice Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03(A)(3) Regarding Final Investigation Reports from Attorney Toppel

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Session reconvened at 5:25 p.m.**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Civil Litigation Between CAFMA and AMR in Maricopa and Yavapai Counties

**Chair Zurcher instructed Attorney Cornelius to continue as directed.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval to Purchase Updated Portable Radios

**Tech Services Manager Van Tuyl advised the Board that discussions regarding this project began before the budgeting process for this fiscal year. He reviewed the document previously provided to the board, and explained the need for updated radios. He presented the proposal to purchase 180 new portable radios, and explained the purchase options of buying them outright, or buying them through a lease agreement. He confirmed there is no penalty for early payoff.**

**Chief Feddema stated that Senior Staff believes the lease option is our best option. Tech Services Manager Van Tuyl said that the lease payments are in arrears, so the first payment is not due until FY 2026. Chief Feddema added that with the capital amount shrinking, it would be better to finance the purchase.**

**Clerk Dobbs asked if the purchase included only portables. Tech Services Manager Van Tuyl confirmed, yes, 180 portable radios and accessories. The goal is for these to last from 7-10 years; at this time there is not an end of life date published by Motorola.**

**Chief Feddema explained that the portables are different from mobiles. There will be training for everybody at the same time, not in phases, for the safety of all operations personnel.**

**Motion to approve the purchase of updated portable radios with a 5-year lease.**

Move: Lorette Stewart Second: Dave Dobbs Status: Passed

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

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval to Expend Budgeted Funds for Data Center Capital Improvements in the Amount of \$74,635.20

**Tech Services Manager Van Tuyl explained that we did a major data center revamp in 2018; we had a large amount of servers that were aging and not used effectively. It was time for us to look at new solution, Nutanix, the company we were using, has increased pricing 300%. After looking at several options, the IT Division settled on moving to a different company. The total cost of ownership over the next seven years is approximately \$88,000; we are trying to be fiscally responsible. Our support with the current company ends at the end of January, so the goal is to have all services moved over by that time. We had budgeted \$100,000 for this project but will not be spending all of it.**

**Motion to approve the expenditure of \$74,635.20 for the Data Center Capital Improvements**

Move: Gayle Pickett Second: Lorette Stewart Status: Passed

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

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Former Fire Chief's Contract

**Chair Zurcher directed staff to proceed.**

- D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Final Investigation Report from Attorney Toppel

**Chair Zurcher stated the matter is now closed. Attorney Cornelius added for the record that this was not an actual full investigation, this is just a synopsis of the interviews that had occurred up until the fire chief's termination.**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.**

Move: Dave Dobbs Second: Gayle Pickett Status: Passed

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

Approved on: 12/23/2024 04:01PM UTC

*Gayle Pickett*

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