



CEA Regular Meeting - Jan 27 2025

Monday, January 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

Attorney Cornelius joined the meeting via Teams at 5:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition

Chief Feddema stated that Community Relations Manager Goodman has done a great job getting information out to the public regarding fire protection contracts since the Paulden fire.

4. REPORTS

A. Board Member Reports

There were no Board Member reports.

B. Division Reports

Chief Feddema said there is one additional update to what was in the Division report. Firefighter interviews were completed last week. He reported that our final number was 60 applications; they interviewed about 36 perspective hires, with 17 going forward to Chief's interviews. Positions were offered to 12 people. A second joint academy with Prescott Fire Department will begin in March.

C. Status Report on 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives

Chief Feddema presented the status of the 2024-2027 goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan.

A copy of the presentation has been added to the board packet, which can be found on our website.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

New council member for the Town of Dewey Humboldt, Mike Donovan introduced himself as the Town Council Representative. Along with representing the town, he is also involved with Firewise for Dewey-Humboldt. He has three concerns he is working on which include road criteria, ISO ratings, and water solutions due to few hydrants in Dewey-Humboldt. He looks forward to working with Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority on these issues.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - December 19, 2024
- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes - December 19, 2024
- C. Approve General Fund Financial Statements - December 31, 2024
- D. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Brey-Fogle, Chun, Moore, Owsley, Sidebottom, Spencer, Windfeldt (2), Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett

Seconded by: Lorette Stewart

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt,
Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

7. VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was waived.

Attorney Cornelius advised that he and Attorney Lauren Crawford, who is handling the AMR litigation, will be attending the February board meetings. He acknowledged that this would be a good time since all ten board members will be in attendance.

- 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

8. OLD BUSINESS

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

Attorney Cornelius gave a brief review to the board about the ongoing litigation in Maricopa and Yavapai counties. Both have been stayed by the court for 60 days due to the Attorney General requesting an extension to file a response. All parties have until February 27th, Attorney Crawford will file the Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) documents before that date. There are no other current litigation matters before CAFMA, Central Yavapai Fire or Chino Valley Fire Districts.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding the Fire Chief Vacancy

Chief Feddema said the policy is attached for reference. Staff is looking for some direction for the next steps in the process. Chair Dobbs replied that all three boards will be present next month, that would be a good time to discuss how to move forward.

Director Pickett added that she would like statements from all CAFMA departments regarding what each would like to see in the new Chief.

Chief Feddema offered that department heads can solicit that information and get the responses to the board.

Director Pickett noted that we may need to extend Chief Feddema's interim assignment if the process goes beyond April.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Shared Communications Personnel IGA with the City of Cottonwood

Chief Rose advised the board that this is for emergency purposes only; we would only respond if we were able. The contract also sets billing rates.

Attorney Cornelius stated that he has done work for Verde Valley Fire District and has previously issued a waiver regarding his work for other fire agencies. He drafted the version of the contract we have before us today on behalf of the Verde Valley Fire District.

Motion to approve Cottonwood-CAFMA Communications Employee Sharing 1.24.2025.

Moved by: Lorette Stewart

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt,
Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Shared

Communications Personnel IGA with the Verde Valley Fire District

Chief Rose stated this contract is the same as the contract for the City of Cottonwood.

Motion to approve Verde Valley-CAFMA Communications Employee Sharing 1.24.2025.

Moved by: Andy Reinhardt

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Donation of Vehicle 702 to the Oatman Fire District

Chief Rose explained the apparatus cannot be used locally since it does not meet the criteria in our Certificate of Necessity (CON). Currently we have four in our fleet and two on order, this vehicle is not in use. We could put it out to auction or donate it to another fire agency. At this time, Oatman Fire District has a need and we have donated to them in the past.

Director Reinhardt asked what the vehicle is valued at; Chief Rose responded \$1,500 - \$2,000 at most. He added that Fleet ran a check on the vehicle, there will be no warranties or guarantees, and Oatman Fire District will sign an "As Is" form.

Attorney Cornelius confirmed that we have donated equipment to other agencies and requested a copy of the signed hold-harmless agreement when we receive it.

Chief Feddema affirmed that if there is legitimate value in a vehicle, we will send it to auction; this ambulance does not meet this criteria.

Motion to approve the donation of Vehicle 702 to the Oatman Fire District.

Moved by: Gayle Pickett

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt,
Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

Moved by: Andy Reinhardt

Seconded by: Gayle Pickett

Yes Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt,
Andrea Sansone, and Lorette Stewart

Passed 5-0

Clerk