

Minutes Central Yavapai Fire District Board of Directors

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 4:45 PM
Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Administration, 8603 E. Eastridge Drive, Prescott Valley

Present:

Toby Ebarb, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, Troy Skipper, Lee Barnes, Nicolas Cornelius, Susanne Dixson, John Feddema, Denise Krizo, and Cody Rose

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Pickett called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Attorney Cornelius attended remotely.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Pickett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no board member reports.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Joint Kick-Off Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025
- B. Approve Regular Session Minutes April 28, 2025
- C. Approve Joint Regular Session Minutes April 28, 2025

- D. Approve Joint Executive Session Minutes April 28, 2025
- E. Approve General Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2025
- F. Approve Bond Debt Service Financial Statements April 30, 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Toby Ebarb

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Toby Ebarb, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt,

Andrea Sansone, and Troy Skipper

Passed 5-0

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Fire Chief Recruitment Process

Chief Rose stated that he has spoken with the recruiter, Jon Lewis; there are ten (10) applicants to date, five (5) seem like strong candidates. The recruitment will be open for another four (4) weeks. He will share information with the board about interview panels at the next meeting.

Director Skipper asked if any of the candidates were from Yavapai County; Chief Rose has not seen that information, he has been told that some are from Arizona and some from out of state.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Tentative FY 2025-2026 Budget, Not to Exceed \$32,844,261

Chief Rose informed the board of a minor adjustment to account for first-year accreditation costs that had not been previously budgeted. These costs will decrease in the following year. Despite this adjustment, the increase will remain at a 10-cent increase.

Director Reinhardt asked what happened to double the accreditation cost in a year. Chief Feddema explained that some of the costs are related to hiring external help such as consultant fees. The Prescott Fire Department utilized an outside consultant to help with the process. The additional cost will not be incurred in subsequent years.

Director Ebarb asked about the net assessed value (NAV) and sales tax cap, and the evaluation being below where it was in 2008. Chief Feddema responded that the cap is 5% but community growth has allowed us to get over the cap. The challenge is making up some of the gaps in staffing, and, in the future, adding an additional engine into the system which will be in the Prescott Valley location. This is why we are applying the tax to the Central Yavapai Fire District at this point, because it will be within the Central Yavapai jurisdiction.

Director Ebarb then asked if future growth is projected when setting the budget. Chief Rose affirmed, saying both fire districts are two (2) years behind in receiving tax funds in comparison to the growth. We do get updates from the Yavapai County Contractors Association (YCCA) regularly on the growth within the community, county and municipalities in our area.

Motion to approve Tentative Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, not to exceed \$32,844,261.

Moved by: Toby Ebarb

Seconded by: Andrea Sansone

Yes Toby Ebarb, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Troy Skipper

Passed 5-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:57 p.m.

Moved by: Toby Ebarb

Seconded by: Troy Skipper

Yes Toby Ebarb, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, and Troy Skipper

Passed 5-0

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Andy Reinhardt Clerk



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