



## **Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority Board of Directors**

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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

### **Present:**

Dave Dobbs, Gayle Pickett, Andy Reinhardt, Andrea Sansone, Lorette Stewart, Nicolas Cornelius, Susanne Dixon, John Feddema, Denise Krizo, and Cody Rose

### **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Attorney Cornelius attended remotely via Teams.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Dobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. County and Town Current Events Summaries**

Director Reinhardt joined the meeting remotely via Teams at 5:03 p.m.

Mayor Tom Armstrong from the Town of Chino Valley shared that the town received grant to purchase the Sullivan Ranch. Del Rio Springs will be a new state park; historical buildings in a portion of the 700-acre park will be restored as a history of Chino Valley. An ongoing project for the last three (3) years, Road 3 to Road 5 North, will be pushed again this year. The design is paid for, but there is no time frame for completion.

Discussions are beginning to turn Old Home Manor to public lands, hopefully for a business or businesses that would fit the town plans and create revenue. He reiterated that public safety is his main concern, he will continue to support police and fire funding.

Dewey-Humboldt Council Member Tom Donovan shared the Town's General Plan and wanted to clear up a rumor that the Town of Dewey-Humboldt will soon be part of Prescott Valley; they envision being around as long as Arizona is a state. CAFMA is a huge portion of their safety and appreciate the work they do. He believes they are finally getting people to realize that fires (residential and wildland) are inevitable; the town of Dewey-Humboldt is at a 98% higher risk for wildfire than most of the 56,000 communities in the U.S.

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt has approximately 3% of CAFMA's calls. They pay about \$1.2 million in taxes to the fire district, which is about \$600 per parcel or \$2,000 per call. They are going to try to take more of CAFMA's admin time; the CAFMA board may want to consider having a Dewey-Humboldt support line item in the budget. They will be calling, talking, hopefully meeting with CAFMA soon about the list of things to work on.

Upcoming events include a Trunk or Treat on November 1st and a Christmas Light Parade in December. On May 16, 2026 the sixth annual "Don't Get Burned" event is happening at Mortimer Farms. Last year more than 500 students submitted artwork, we are trying to spread the message to be fire safe. The Town of Dewey-Humboldt truly appreciates CAFMA's support, but they will be coming to CAFMA for more.

B. Letters from the Public and Board Recognition

Chief Feddema added that he has received a lot of feedback regarding our support to Timber Mesa after the tragic loss of two of their firefighters. Our crews returned last Friday.

#### **4. REPORTS**

A. Board Member Reports

Director Sansone reported that she had the opportunity to speak with someone about the dangers of dragging chains behind a truck.

B. Division Reports

Chief Feddema shared that CAFMA will be sending members to attend the funerals as part of the procession and Honor Guard as well as providing backfill so the Timber Mesa members can attend the funerals.

Additionally, he confirmed that the process is underway, and a meeting has been scheduled to prepare for the upcoming accreditation site visit. He's looking forward to hearing the feedback.

**5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Regular Session Minutes - August 25, 2025
- B. Approve General Fund Financial Statements - August 31, 2025
- C. Approve Fire Protection Agreements: Combes-Zar IE LLC, Moore, and Sturgill

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-C.

*Moved by:* Gayle Pickett

*Seconded by:* Andrea Sansone

**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.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 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

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Attorney Cornelius reminded the board that the date set for oral arguments is October 8, 2025 at the Court of Appeals in Phoenix. He will be attending in person and believes it would be beneficial to have a member from the agency or board in attendance as well.

This item was revisited after Item 10-B:

Director Reinhardt asked what we are expecting to get out of this action. Attorney Cornelius explained the background, in a 12-month period AMR failed to provide a medic and used a CAFMA medic 1,300 times as well as billing patients for it. The CAFMA board approved a change in the fee schedule to bill for our paramedics then started billing AMR. AMR refused to pay and filed a suit which they lost at the Superior Court level. AMR then appealed to the Court of Appeals. If the parties request oral argument, that gets scheduled for a one-hour hearing. Attorney Cornelius said he will speak with Chief Feddema to confirm someone is available to attend and reminded the board that they are welcome as well. He added that statutorily AMR's practice is not allowed per statute; the use of CAFMA's paramedics by AMR has reduced significantly. He advised that the Court normally issues its opinion in

writing. He believes we are closer to the end, but not at the finish line.

Director Sansone asked if there is any potential to recapture any monies from AMR. Attorney Cornelius answered that AMR has been billed, our claim as he recalls was something over \$800,000. They were invoiced, and we received letters back stating we were not authorized to bill them. We are not able to recapture from the time frame before we adopted the fee schedule.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Radio Communications Support IGA with YCSO**

Tech Services Manager Van Tuyl explained that this is the renewal of an agreement that began about 15 years ago. Chief Rose and Chief Barnes have been working on this. CAFMA is the regional support for the Sheriff's office which includes Mountain Top and the dispatch center. This has been our longest tenured partnership.

Chief Feddema agreed that this is a good partnership for us, and we want to continue being a valued partner.

Motion to approve the Radio Communications Support IGA with YCSO.

*Moved by:* Gayle Pickett

*Seconded by:* Lorette Stewart

**Yes**

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

**Passed 5-0**

### **B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Fixed Capital Assets Disposal Report**

Chief Rose explained that the auditors have requested this document and approval from the board. Finance has updated the list to include trades, recycles and purchases and going forward, this will be approved annually. Currently capital assets are now over \$10,000.

Director Reinhardt requested to revisit item 9A.

Motion to approve Fixed Capital Assets Disposal Report.

*Moved by:* Lorette Stewart

*Seconded by:* Andrea Sansone

**Yes**

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

**Passed 5-0**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m.

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Clerk