



Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Camp Verde Public Library – Terracotta Room
130 N. Black Bridge Road, Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 / 4:30 PM

~ MINUTES ~

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to notice, a Regular Meeting of the Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District was called to order by Chairperson Joshua Maxwell at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Administrative Assistant Misty Weatherford recorded the minutes. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Salute to the Flag of the United States of America and Moment of Silence to Honor all Military, Firefighters, and Police Officers.

Board Present: Joshua Maxwell Chairperson; Jon Huey – Clerk; Danna Quinn; Matt Peterson; Ed Gee – Members

Staff Present: Fire Chief Danny Johnson; Administrative Assistants Misty Weatherford and Kerrie Tarver – Records; Fire Marshal Nate Bailey; Battalion Chief Daniel Elliott; Fleet Manager Rob Jennings

Others Present: JVG Finance Director Gabe Buldra

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Presentation by Yavapai County Health Department:

On behalf of Yavapai County Health Department (YCHD), Leslie Horton, Melissa Garcia and Linda Ojeda gave a presentation to the Board.

Chief Johnson stated that YCHD approached him regarding the building at 26A Salt Mine Rd. that will be vacant once the dental office has completed their move.

Leslie Horton discussed the potential expansion of a clinical component in Camp Verde, which currently lacks services like primary care, pediatrics, dental care, diabetes management, mental health, and substance abuse treatment. Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has offered \$150,000 that would need to be utilized by the end of the calendar year. They will verify that the funds could be used to renovate a building to make it ADA compliant or possibly purchase equipment, which presents a significant opportunity for community health improvement. Linda Ojeda mentioned a blood pressure program aimed at reducing the number of emergency calls.

The clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and highlights the urgent need for immediate healthcare access in the community.

Chief Johnson expressed a desire to seek approval to begin negotiations with potential lease agreement and speak to the current tenant, noting that the dentist will require the building through the end of November.

**Chief Johnson requested to move the Executive Session up due to the availability of the legal counsel.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

A. Public Forum:

1. Public Comment(s)

Beaver Creek Community member Janet Aniol expressed her thanks to Chief Johnson and B-Shift in advance for the support that they continue to give the community on Halloween. She also expressed her concerns about the lack of board representation for the BC community once Jon Huey's term ends.

2. Board Action Resulting from Public Comment(s): Response to comments or criticism directed at the Board; Direction to staff to look into the matter; Schedule matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

There was no action.

B. Consent Agenda – Discussion/Possible Actions:

1. September 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chairperson Maxwell made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2024. Board Member Quinn seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Financial Report and Updates

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Regarding the Review and Approval of the September 2024 Finance Report per A.R.S. §48-807(P)

Finance Director Gabe Buldra presented the September 2024 financial to the Board and highlighted the revenue and expenditures for the month.

Board Member Gee made a motion to approve the September 2024 financial reports. Clerk Huey seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Staff Reports:

1. **Fleet Report:** A report regarding current repairs, maintenance, significant projects; and other fleet activities. Discussion and Possible Action items to follow. – Fleet Manager Rob Jennings

Fleet Manager Rob Jennings updated the Board with the ongoing maintenance of the district's apparatus.

2. **Fire Marshal Report:** A report regarding public education, fire prevention, meetings and events attended, permits issued and closed, significant projects, inspections, social media statistics, and other potential updates. Discussion and Possible Action items to follow -Fire Marshal Bailey

Fire Marshal Bailey updated the Board with the various things he has been working on, including 3 residential fire and 1 commercial fire investigation, he stated that we received assistance from DPS, CVMO, YCSO, VVFD, SFD.

Chief Johnson stated that the state mutual aid agreement was utilized for this commercial fire.

3. **Fire Chief / Operations Report:** A report regarding current events, activities, meetings and events; human resources; finances; grants; operations; significant incidents; training; EMS; County, State, and

AFDA information; special projects; and other potential administrative items. Discussion and Possible Action items to follow – Chief Johnson.

Chief Johnson stated that the loss of Shane Gage and preparing for his funeral has put a pause on the organization. The loss that is felt by that and we are still going to feel for some time to come. He stated that we utilized AZ Last to help provide directions with the service planning and had counselors come in to provide support to all the crews and Admin. He also stated that the administration office has provided tremendous support with the benefit resources for Shane Gage's family.

He also informed the board that we are currently in the middle of the annual audit.

4. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Regarding Approval of Advanced Life Support Base Hospital, Administrative, and Online Medical Direction Agreement with HonorHealth.

Battalion Chief Elliott informed the Board that HonorHealth has been our base hospital since 2000 and they are expanding their services. We will be assigned to the HonorHealth Deer Valley location where our medical directors are located.

Chairperson Maxwell made a motion to approve the Advanced Life Support Base Hospital, Administrative, and Online Medical Direction Agreement with Honor Health. Clerk Huey seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Possible Vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), and to give instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) regarding contracts subject to negotiation affecting district property located at 3660 E Stardust Dr and parcel APN: 403-20-007B and matters relating to the same.
- B. Possible vote to go into Executive Session for discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7) regarding district properties located at 3660 E Stardust Dr and parcel APN: 403-20-007B and matters relating to the same.

Chairperson Maxwell made a motion to go into Executive Session for A: legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), and to give instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) regarding contracts subject to negotiation affecting district property located at 3660 E Stardust Dr and parcel APN: 403-20-007B and matters relating to the same.

B: discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7) regarding district properties located at 3660 E Stardust Dr and parcel APN: 403-20-007B and matters relating to the same.

Board Member Gee seconded. Chief Johnson was invited in for further information and Misty Weatherford to take Minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

V. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

- A. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Regarding Instructions to staff, legal counsel, and designated representatives regarding negotiations affecting district properties located at 3660 E Stardust Dr and parcel APN: 403-20-007B.
- B. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Regarding Approval of Utility Easement Offer from APS regarding parcel APN: 403-20-007B to upgrade electric service along Old State Highway 279 and State Route 260.

Chairperson Maxwell made a motion to move forward as directed in Executive Session on A & B. Clerk Huey seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Regarding Approval of the Ground Lease Agreement of 3660 E. Stardust Dr with TOWERCO 2013 LLC.

Tabled.

VI. Discussion / Possible Action: BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

A. Discussion: Future Agenda Items; Potential items to discuss at the next regular meeting.

Contract with Yavapai County Health Department; Contract with APS.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Jon Huey, Clerk of the Board

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