

MEETING MINUTES OF THE VERNON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

7/23/2024 AT 5:30 PM at the Vernon Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING** By John Vehar at 5:30 PM
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** Present Grey Murphy, Gregg McClendon, Paul Kovacic, John Vehar. On the phone was Randy Mifflin
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE AND PRAYER** said by Chief Niehuis
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** Chief Niehuis, Assist. Chief Perrone on the phone, Administrative Staff Kathy Schlichting, Wendy Sharp, JVG Ben Archer Clowes, Captain Kevin Vickers, FF Daniel Brubaker, FF Nate Morgan.
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6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary- New open meeting laws booklet. The assist the administration in recording the meeting minutes we are going back to recording them. Then one of the admin staff will type them out from the recording. The admin who attended the meeting will review the written form for accuracy. Then the written minutes will be sent to the clerk or the chair to review for accuracy. Once this is done the recording will be deleted.
 - B. Financial Report and Discussion - Financial Report and discussion: Ben Archer-Clowes gave the financial report for June 2024. Tax Revenue collected for June 2024 is 68,727 2nd half of AFDA, non-Tax revenue for June 2024 was 15,758.00. Expenses for June 2024 are \$144,119
 - C. Chief's Report and discussion – We had 55 calls last month with some frequent flyers, significate call was dog attacking the crew which the sheriff put down dog when they arrived. Captain Michelle Starkey resigned. Met the assessor to discuss properties that needed to be reassessed. The county is using a software called eagle view. They currently reassessed 150 which has increased property value by 3 million. Still working on DE annexing State land.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. The Board has reviewed the Financial Report for June 2024
 - B. The Board has reviewed and approved the meeting minutes. For June 6 & 25, 2024
8. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Motion that the Board has approved the consent agenda.by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Gregg McDonald, Call for the vote. Vote Yes unanimous
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** Chief Niehuis Evaluation 2024 was read out loud after Chief Niehuis declined to go into executive session. Chief Niehuis thanked the board.
 - C. **Discussion and possible action:** Elections and open board seat. Kathy Schlichting stated that she contacted the elections and only Grey Murphy signed up to run for a seat. Resolution 2024-03 was read in full requesting the county to cancel the election since only one out of two seats have been filled. Also stated that the board after Dec.1, 2024 will appoint someone for the open seat. Motion to accept resolution 2024-03 by Paul Kovacic, 2nd by Grey Murphy, Call for a roll call vote. Vote Yes unanimous
 - D. **Discussion and possible action:** County year end compliance and funds. Resolution 2024-02 was read in full requesting the funds leftover from the 2024 fiscal year be transfer into the 2025 fiscal year operating budget. Motion to accept by Grey Murphy, 2nd by Paul Kovacic, Call for a roll call vote. Vote Yes unanimous.
 - E. **Discussion and possible action:** ISO Chief Niehuis stated that there is no update.
 - F. **Discussion and possible action:** Grants still waiting for the funds from SB1720 grant. Nothing else to report.
 - G. **Discussion and possible action:** Vehicles Type 3 with oil leak and a few other issues being fixed. We are using one of the ambulances as a rehab, UTV & trailer going in for graphics.
 - H. **Discussion and possible action:** Cell Tower will be tabled until next month
 - I. **Discussion and possible action:** VFIS renewal Motion to renew VFIS by Grey Murphy 2nd by Randy Mifflin, Call for the vote. Vote Yes unanimous
 - J. **Discussion and possible action:** American Integrity Automotive storage, Auction, and or process. After investigating the cost of an auctioneer, it would leave the fire district with very little money or no money. After discussing this with the attorney Vernon Fire District could conduct a seal bid process either by selling all or in different lots. After further discussion John Vehar motioned to give Chief Niehuis permission to do a sealed bid process either by one lot or several lots while following the VFD bidding process. 2nd by Grey Murphy, Call for the vote. Vote Yes unanimous
 - K. **Discussion and possible action:** Wildland, account with Firefighters first credit Union and credit cards. Kathy Schlichting discussed needing another credit card for wildland crew. With 2 engine bosses a crew could use up to \$15,000 on a 3 week

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roll. After further discussed John Vehar made a motion that the board give permission to open an business account with Firefighter first credit union, as well as applying for a credit card account for \$30,000. The board also gives permission to transfer \$30,000 out of the savings account at National Bank of Arizona savings account into the account at Firefighters first credit union. The board will continue to transfer Wildland money received into National Bank of Arizona savings account into Firefighters first credit union to keep the Wildland money separate. Seconded by Gregg McClendon, Call for a roll call vote. Vote Yes unanimous

L. Discussion and possible action: HVAC for upstairs quarters. The one bid came in too high we will look at alternatives and report next month.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No requests to speak.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Cell Tower update,

11. ADJOURNMENT Grey Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Gregg McClendon, Call for a vote. Vote Yes unanimous Adjourned at 7:43 PM