



JULY 24, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET HEARING 6:30 PM
98 N OAK, BENSON, AZ 85602
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Keith Rogers Board Chairman
Deborah Wise Board Clerk
Dana Law Board Member
Mike Nervik Board Member
Sonja Salcido Board Member

DECLARATION OF QUORUM
All board members are present

Item 1: FY2025 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Keith Rogers presented and made comment on the agenda item and called for discussion.
Deborah Wise made comment on an equipment item.
Mike Nervik made comment on a training item.
Keith Rogers sought clarification on the agenda item.
Mike Nervik provided clarification.
Deborah Wise made comment on the agenda item.
Dana Law sought clarification on an equipment agenda item.
Deborah Wise provided clarification.
Keith Rogers commented on the 5-year plan in general as not being a traditional 5-year capitol plan and will make recommendations for appropriate changes.
Deborah Wise made comment on some equipment possibly being paid for with grants.
Mike Nervik made comment on the wording of an agenda item.
Keith Rogers made comment questioning the validity of some line items on the agenda and those items belonging on the agenda at all.

Item 2: FY2025 BUDGET PACKAGE

Keith Rogers made comment on the agenda item and called for discussion.
Deborah Wise made comment on the Maintenance line item.

Keith Rogers returned to Item 2 and presented proposed changes on the agenda item.
Financial Volunteer Bruce Andrews made comment on employee line items.
Deborah Wise made comment in support of proposed changes.
Keith Rogers made comment on the agenda item.
Bruce Andrews made comment on the transferring of line items.
Keith Rogers made comment on the agenda item.



Dana Law sought clarification on the communication line item.

Keith Rogers provided clarification.

Mary McCool sought clarification on Reserve transfer.

Keith Rogers provided clarification.

Bruce Andrews provided clarification.

Keith Rogers called for discussion.

Deborah Wise made comment on clarification.

Keith Rogers returned to public comment.

Item 3: PUBLIC HEARING

Mary McCool, representing herself, submitted her request to speak on the sign-up sheet and addressed the board.

Keith Rogers returned to Item 2 and presented the proposed changes.

Mary McCool, representing herself, addressed the board.

Bruce Andrews provided clarification.

Item 4: ADOPTION OF THE FY2024/2025 BUDGET PACKAGE - 5 YEAR PLAN

A. PURCHASE OF SIDE-BY-SIDE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE:

Keith Rogers made comment on the agenda item.

Deborah Wise made comment on moving purchase of the side by side.

Dana Law made comment on moving purchase of the side by side to 2027.

Purchase of All Terrain Side by Side vehicle moved to 2027.

Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made motion; Deborah Wise seconded.

Votes:

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Debi Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

B. BATTERY-OPERATED EXTRACTION TOOLS

Keith Rogers made motion to push purchase of battery-operated extraction tools to 2027.

Deborah Wise commented on possible grants.

Keith Rogers sought clarification.

Josh Olander provided clarification.

Dana Law provided clarification.

Bruce Andrews commented on fire fighter position vacancies.

Keith Rogers made comment.

Josh Olander made comment on grant possibility.

Deborah Wise made comment on possible grants.

Move purchase of battery-operated extraction tools to 2026 with possibility of securing grant money for the extrication tools



Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made motion to. Mike Nervik seconded.

Votes:

Soni Salcido Yay, Mike Nervik aye, Keith Rogers, Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

C. TRAINING:

Mike Nervik made comment on the training line item.

Keith Rogers concurred.

Mike Nervik moved to remove this line item and sought clarification from Captain Olander.

Josh Olander provided clarification.

Line item for "Training" removed from the budget.

Motion passed 5-0

Mike Nervik made motion; Soni Salcido seconded.

Dana Law Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Soni Salcido Aye.

D. PERSONNEL/STAFFING

Keith Rogers made comment on personnel.

Mike Nervik provided clarification.

Dana Law made comment on first of the year federal wage increases.

Mike Nervik made comment on OSHA regulations effecting the same.

Keith Rogers sought clarification on the line item.

Bruce Andrews provided clarification.

Keith Rogers sought clarification on capitol budget items not including "people".

Bruce Andrews provided clarification on ARS statutes on personnel.

Personnel/staffing line item removed from 5-year plan.

Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made motion; Soni Salcido seconded.

Dana Law Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Mike Nervik, Aye, Soni Salcido Aye, Keith Rogers Aye.

E. FACILITIES

Keith Rogers made comment on the facilities line item/new fire station wording and called for comment.

Deborah Wise made comment on the line item and recommended exploration into all options that may be available.

Mike Nervik made comment to concur.



No action taken.

F. ADA PARKING AREA

Keith Rogers made comment on the agenda item and that it needs to be done.

G. BUILDING REPAIRS

Keith Rogers made comment and sought clarification on station 172 maintenance.

Captain Olander provided clarification.

Keith Rogers made comment and sought clarification on maintenance of pole barn.

Josh Olander provided clarification.

Strike wording "acquire funds" "expansion, if necessary, of pole barn".

Motion passed 5-0

Keith Roger made motion; Dana Law seconded.

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

H. MOVING RADIO TOWER

Keith Rogers commented on the line item.

Strike "Investigate available options and expenses associated with".

Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made motion; Mike Nervik seconded.

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

I. OUTREACH

Keith Rogers commented on the line item as being a Chief's job.

Strike all of the Outreach line item and bullet points.

Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made the motion; Mike Nervik seconded.

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

J. FIRE CODE

Keith Rogers commented on the line item as the Mescal J6 Fire District does not enforce fire code.

Strike A from the 5-year plan.



Motion passed 5-0

Keith Rogers made motion; Mike Nervik seconded.

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

K. HELIPAD PROJECT.

Bruce Andrews made comment on the line item and will follow up with the project.

L. MAINTENANCE

Strike "in a timely manner" from line-item B.

Motion passed 5-0

Motion made by Keith Rogers; Seconded by Dana Law

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Debi Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

Mike Nervik made comment to strike line-item D as it is the Chief's job.

Keith Rogers made comment to strike line-item C as it is the Chief and Operations job.

Strike C, D, E, F, from the 5-year plan

Mike Nervik made motion; Soni Salcido seconded.

Soni Salcido Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Dana Law Aye.

Acceptance of the 5-year plan with noted amendments.

Motion 5-0

Motion made by Keith Rogers; Soni Salcido seconded.

Dana Law Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Soni Salcido Aye.

ADOPTION OF THE FY2024/2025 BUDGET PACKAGE – YEARLY BUDGET

Keith Rogers made comment and asked for discussion.

Soni Salcido sought clarification on actions.

Dana Law sought clarification on proposals.

Keith Rogers made comments and offered proposals/amendments.

Bruce Andrews made comments.

Keith Rogers made comments and offered proposals/amendments.

Deborah Wise sought clarification on wages and salaries.

Keith Rogers offered clarification.

Deborah Wise thanked Bruce Andrews for his work on the budget.



Keith Rogers made comments and offered proposals/amendments.

Approved budget with amendments.

Motion passed 5-0

Motion made by Keith Roger; Seconded by Dana Law

ADOPTION OF THE FY2024/2025 BUDGET PACKAGE - RESERVE BUDGET

Keith Rogers made comment and called for discussion.

Bruce Andrews made comments.

Keith Rogers sought clarification.

Bruce Andrews provided clarification.

Fiscal year-end transfer of \$20,000 with total allowable Reserve Account balance of \$389,702.57

Motion passed 5-0

Motion made by Keith Rogers; Seconded by Soni Salcido

Dana Law Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Keith Rogers Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Sonja Salcido Aye.

Bruce Andrews made comment that there needs some work on the Reserve Budget.

Item 5: ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Motion passed 5-0

Motion made by Mike Nervik; Motion seconded by Soni Salcido

Votes:

Dana Law Aye, Deborah Wise Aye, Mike Nervik Aye, Sonja Salcido Aye, Keith Rogers Aye

Minutes compiled and submitted by
Deborah Wise
Board Clerk/Secretary



Keith Rogers Board Chairman



Deborah Wise Board Clerk