

**FRY FIRE DISTRICT/PALOMINAS FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT WORK SESSION  
April 4, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nash called the special work session of the Fry Fire District Board to order at 6:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members in Attendance:

Fry Fire Board Members:  
Arthur Nash, Board Chairman  
James Barnett, Board Clerk  
Bess Banister, Board Member  
Gilbert Gil, Board Member  
Robert McMurtrie, Board Member

Palominas Fire Board Members:  
Robert Montgomery, Board Chairman  
Tommy Stoner, Board Clerk  
David Walker, Board Member  
Valerie Rice, Board Member  
Cathy Chouinard, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

William Miller, Fire Chief  
Mark Matthews, Fire Chief  
Lou Mirabelli, Assitant Fire Chief  
Donnie Gordon, Battalion Chief  
Maria Gordon, Administrative Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Mr. Nash led the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Nash opened the call to the public at 6:16 p.m.

There was no one to appear before the board at this time.

Call to the public closed at 6:16 p.m.

A. Presentation and Discussion about fire district mergers in general. No formal action will be taken during the meeting.

Chief Miller explained that the purpose of this meeting is to inform both boards on the process of merging, some of the pros and cons, and to open communications between the two boards. No voting will occur and each board would have to place the item on the agenda for further discussion and any voting.

Chief Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the purpose of mergers, the Arizona Statutes that govern the process, what happens to the two separate boards, the process to merge, Arizona fire districts that have merged, benefits of mergers, and some possible drawbacks to merging.

Both boards agreed that there is a lot of potential for the future between the agencies and they would like to have some data gathered. They would like exact costs and benefits, age of equipment, and expectations from both sides.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McMurtrie made a motion to adjourn the work session at 7:53 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

DATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2016.



James Barnett  
Board Clerk  
Fry Fire District Board