

MINUTES OF MEETING AND THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
OF THE CONGRESS FIRE DISTRICT

HELD June 18, 2026

A public meeting of the Congress Fire District was convened at 1:00 p.m. on June 18, 2026, at the Congress Fire District Office. The annual budget hearing was held in conjunction with the regular meeting. The following matters were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to Order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: The following members of the Board of the Congress Fire District were present at the meeting: Brandi Bridges, Chair of the Board. Reggie MacDonald, Clerk of the Board and Jane Summers, Donald Wessel, and George Wickholm, Members of the Board. Also present were Fire Chief Bryan Smith, Secretary/Treasurer Kaitlyn Brinkley.
3. The annual budget hearing, having been duly posted as required, was called to order. No members of the public were present to comment on the proposed 2026/2027 budget. Clerk MacDonald made a motion to close the public hearing on the budget. Seconded by Member Wessel. All in favor.
4. The board proceeded with discussion on the budget, Clerk MacDonald made a motion to approve the FY 2026/2027 Budget, Member Wickholm seconded: all in favor. Budget Certification will be signed in conjunction with the Adopted FY 2026/2027 Budget.
5. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2026, were reviewed. Clerk MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes, and Member Wickholm seconded the motion. All in favor; minutes are approved.
6. Approval of Financial Reports: Financial reports for the month of May 2026 consisting of Balance Sheet, Cash Flow (Budget vs. Actual), Transaction List, County Treasurer Monthly Warrant Statement with Reconciliation, and County Treasurer Monthly Capital Reserve Statement with Reconciliation were reviewed. Motion was made by Clerk MacDonald to approve the financial reports for the month of May 2026; Member Wessel seconded; all in favor; financial reports are approved.
7. Correspondence: None.
8. Fire Chief's Report: There were 27 calls for service last month; most were EMS calls. There were 2 separate fires on the hill. Response times have been within 4 minutes in town and 8 minutes to North Ranch. The Brush truck is currently on assignment in California. Consortium-wide, we have a truck in New Mexico and one of our mechanics in Globe on the

Sycamore fire. The Paramedic class is now done; Captain Grantham passed her test and is now a full-time paramedic. We will be hosting a Fire Academy in the fall, and we have about 10/12 people attending an EMT class at Granite Mountain Training out of Prescott.

9. Old Business: Resolution #2026-01, authorizing the annexation of the territory into the Congress Fire District, was presented and reviewed by the Board. Member Wickholm moved to approve Resolution #2026-01. The motion was seconded by Clerk MacDonald.
10. New Business: None.
11. No Executive Session required.
12. A call to the public was made, and Captain Rodriguez responded regarding the fire department's contribution to a retirement fund.
13. Adjournment: Next regular meeting is August 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Member Summers made a motion that this meeting be adjourned; seconded by Member Wickholm; meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Congress Fire District Governing Board

Secretary _____

Approved: _____