

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

April 7, 2026
Ganado, Arizona

Present were, Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. and Supervisor Nelson Davis. Also present, Ryan Patterson Clerk of the Board/Manager and Chief Deputy County Attorney Chris Resare.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:30 a.m. MST located at the Ganado Road Yard Conference Room, Highway 264 Mile Marker 446.8 Ganado, Arizona and welcomed all in attendance.

Matt Fish gave the invocation.
Rita Vaughn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shepherd called for the Health District items.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, presented the submission of the Annual Report for 2025 as required per A.R.S. §36-186. No action was needed or taken.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, presented submission of the Quality Management Plan for 2026 as required by the Arizona Administration Code for Outpatient Centers for Perpetual Clinical Licensing. No action was needed or taken.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested possible ratification approval of Professional Services Agreement Amendment #1 with Western Drug, retroactive to February 1, 2024. Ms. Cole stated the Amendment clarifies the authorized distribution locations and corporate ownership structure of the Subcontractor's pharmacy operation. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval for an Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment #1 Immunization Services Contract No. CTR0060578 to revise and replace the Price Sheet and to add an activity for yearly vaccine-preventable disease outbreak activities and to add the budget period. Ms. Cole stated there is no change to the award amount for FY26. **Mr. Davis moved approval seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, request approval of the Medical Consultant Agreement with Dr. Matthew Belshe, effective April 1, 2026. This agreement allows our clinics to operate under the direction of a licensed physician in the amount of \$10,000 and has been budgeted for FY26. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval of the Services Agreement for ultrasound imaging with White Mountain Regional Medical Center effective March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027, with automatic renewals for the next four years and has been budgeted for FY26/27. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the Health District meeting, seconded by Mr. Davis. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shepherd called for the regular agenda items.

Matt Fish, Community Development Director, presented the item following a public hearing, discussion and possible approval for a change of zoning regulations allowing Vernon Fire District to rezone two parcels from Agricultural General (AG) to General Commercial (C2) for future commercial use and development. Mr. Fish stated the property is located in Vernon, AZ. Parcel 107-38-004E & 107-38-004D. Mr. Fish stated the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval March 4, 2026. **Mr. Davis moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous. Chairman Shepherd opened the floor for public comment. Keith Plympton, President of the White Mountain Firefighters Association spoke on behalf of the Firefighters of the Vernon Chapter and the dedicated services they provide. Lois Mirabelli, the political affairs officer with the White Mountain Firefighters Association, advocated for the approval of the change in zoning. There was no one else wanting to address the Board. **Mr. Shirley moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous. **Mr. Shirley moved to approve the change in zoning, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Mr. Davis stated there were three conditions that were recommended by the Planning and zoning Commission 1. Traffic study be required prior to commercial activity and if the Vernon Fire District enters into a lease agreement or other arrangement allowing commercial activity on the subject streets, the lessee or developer shall coordinate with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and complete a traffic impact study prior to the issuance of any development permits or commencement of construction on the property the study shall evaluate traffic volume turning movements site distance operational impacts at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and Apache County Road 3148 and any proposed access points serving that development. 2. Require highway improvements independent of the findings of the ADOT traffic impact study, the developer or operator of any commercial activity on the property shall be responsible for the design and construction of appropriate roadway improvements at the property entrance including but not limited to dedicated left turn lanes, right turn deceleration lanes, any additional improvements required to ensure safe ingress and egress. All roadway improvements shall be designed in accordance with ADOT standards and approved by both ADOT and Apache County prior to the development. Mr. Davis stated these conditions will alleviate concerns if they follow what the planning and zoning commission has recommended. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-L and recommended approval. **Mr. Shirley moved to approve items A-L, seconded by Mr. Davis.** County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Finance Department: Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between February 19, 2026, to March 31, 2026. Demands are payments made, or to be made by the County. Payee Amount AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC \$5150.65 AMIGO CHEVROLET \$1840.37 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL \$13450.00 AZ SUPREME COURT \$2609.28 AZ SUPREME COURT \$2916.89 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL \$1359.42 BLUE KNIGHT SECURITY LLC \$4325.00 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC \$17280.54 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC \$4025.40 CHARM-TEX \$2673.60 CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS \$1762.63 EMPIRE MACHINERY \$5907.57

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Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated March 3, 2026. C. Request approval of the adoption of a proclamation and resolution declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month in Apache County. D. Request approval of a resolution designating the month of April as National County Government Month. E. Request approval of a resolution authorizing renewal of Apache County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust (AZLGEBT). F. Request approval of the waiver of tax exemption for Lacy Greer, Parcel 203-39-005C pursuant to ARS §42-11153. The disability exemption was filed late due to an oversight. G. Request approval of the waiver of tax exemption for Melayne Mills, Parcel 201-29-044A, 201-29-088B, 201-29-044C, 201-29-

046A, 201-29-046B and 201-29-046C pursuant to ARS §42-11153. The disability exemption was filed late due to illness. Community Development: H. Request approval to waive the \$300 fee for a Temporary Use Permit allowing the Butterfly Lodge Museum, a non-profit organization, to hold educational and entertainment events from May - September 2026. I. Request approval to waive the \$300 fee for a Temporary Use Permit for the Greer Civic Association, a non-profit organization, to hold the annual Greer Days Community Event on June 12 & 13, 2026. J. Request approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a standpipe water dispensing site to provide bulk water access to members of the Escudilla Mountain Domestic Water Improvement District. The proposed site is located within Escudilla Mountain Estates Unit 2 Lot 53, Parcel 102-64-053. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval with conditions on March 4, 2026. K. Request approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the construction and operation of a small-scale private lodging development consisting of luxury stargazing cabins on property located in Concho, Arizona, Parcel 201-53-126. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval with conditions on March 4, 2026. Finance Department: L. Request possible ratification of an agreement with REDW, LLC, to prepare and provide government-wide and fund financial statements, and to assist with other items as noted on the Statement of Work for FY2023 and FY2024. Vote was unanimous for consent items A-L.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of Human Resources Department, requested the removal of the item to create the position of Public Works Director (Range 80) and hire within the salary range. Chairman Shepherd removed the item.

Judge Butch Gunnels on behalf of the St. Johns Justice of the Peace, requested approval of an Initial Appearance Master Contract for use within the Justice Court. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the Engineering Department, requested approval of a Master Services Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc., to provide engineering services. Mr. Patterson stated this will be on an as needed basis. Michael Janes an Engineering Manager for Ardurra, introduced himself and provided an overview of the services Ardurra can provide to the county. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

John Harris, on behalf of the Engineering Department, requested approval to enter into a Contracting Services Agreement with WESCO for blasting services at the Limestone Quarry, not to exceed \$100,000 and has been budgeted for in FY26. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson requested ratification approval of a contract with MH Consulting and Project Management at \$50.00 per hour, to terminate December 31, 2026. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of the Superior Court, pursuant to A.R.S. 12-121 & 12-144, request approval of the re-appointment of Judge Garrett Whiting, as full-time Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore and the appointment shall begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2027. Mr. Hancock also

requested the re-appointment Michael Penrod as a part-time Pro Tempore Judge and the appointment shall begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2027. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of the Probation Department, requested approval to provide \$2,244 in matching funds for an ongoing Family Counseling Grant. Mr. Hancock stated the State of Arizona will disburse \$9,015 in monies for a total of \$11,259. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of the Probation Department, requested approval to provide \$2,206 in matching funds for an ongoing Family Counseling Grant. Mr. Hancock stated the State of Arizona will disburse \$8,825 in monies for a total of \$11,031. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Ryan Patterson, on behalf of the Election Department, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the use of voting centers in place of specifically designated polling places. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Chairman Shepherd stated there were some individuals wanting to address this item and opened the floor for comments.

Mike Kunnecke, a resident of Concho, Arizona urged the Board to approve the vote centers

Triston Black, a resident of Tsalie, Arizona requested the Board approve the vote centers in the county.

Tonia Tunnell, with the Secretary of State's Office, thanked the Board for their consideration of the vote centers.

Frances Sjoberg, an attorney with the Navajo Department of Justice, thanked the Board for their consideration and support of the vote centers.

Mr. Patterson stated his office received about 55 letters encouraging the Board to approve the vote centers. Vote was unanimous for approval of the vote centers.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the Election Department, requested the item to increase the pay for poll workers be removed from the agenda and be brought back at the next meeting. Chairman Shepherd removed the item. No action as taken.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the Election Department, requested approval to remove the Spanish language translation from printed ballots. Mr. Patterson stated the translation will still be available on the express voting machines, just not on the printed ballots. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the Election Department, requested approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with White Mountain Communities Special Health Care District to provide election

services. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Joseph Langkilde, Finance Director, requested approval to amend the FY2026 budgeted expenditure increase to Fund 222 - Schools - Indirect costs for \$60,000 and expenditure increase to Fund 322 - Jail Education for \$15,000 and a corresponding expenditure decrease to Fund 220 - Misc. Grants for \$75,000 for a net budget impact of zero. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Chirs Resare, Chief Deputy County Attorney, requested an executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of legal matters related to the performance and duties of the County Treasurer. **Mr. Davis moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Executive session was held.

Mr. Shirley moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Davis. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shepherd recognized Arbin Mitchell, Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Vikki Shirley, Former First Lady of the Navajo Nation, County Recorder Larry Noble and County Treasurer Marleita Begay

Mr. Patterson presented notification of the following meetings where two or more members of the Apache County Board of Supervisors may be in attendance. No action was needed or taken.

- The Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on April 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Small Counties Forum meeting on April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- The County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting on April 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- National County Government Month Open House on April 23, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. located at the Ft. Defiance Road Yard, 30 Coal Mine Road, Ft. Defiance, Arizona.

Chairman Shepherd opened the floor for the call to the public.

Lonnie Randall, a resident of Concho, Arizona, addressed the Board regarding the Springerville volcanic fields and his opposition to placing the wind farms in that area.

Stephen Day, a resident of Vernon, Arizona expressed his concern with the water used in the construction of wind farms and how it will affect the aquifer and how this will affect the military

air training and if will need authorization by the FAA and the Department of War and he is opposed to the wind farm projects.

Michael Lara, a resident of Vernon, Arizona stated he would like to see wind farms and solar energy projects kept in preferred areas to protect certain areas that should be protected and requested a moratorium on the project.

Nicholas Sciensjki, a resident of Vernon, Arizona stated the wind farms impact Springerville, Concho and Vernon and is of no benefit to the communities and would disrupt and destroy the beauty of Arizona and asked the Board to work with the corporations to find alternative locations for the wind turbines.

Sherri Martinez, a resident of Vernon, Arizona and expressed her opposition to the wind farms and how it will affect her cattle as well as the risk of fires.

Joni Smead, a resident of Vernon, Arizona addressed the setback requirements for the wind turbines should be at least 6 miles for the infrasound issues as well as the fires created from the turbines.

Devon Festa, with Arizona Rural Action, is in support vote centers but requested the Board allow Spanish translation on the printed ballots.

Elizabeth Holmes Keipers, a resident of Oak Springs, Arizona and treasurer, of Oak Springs Chapter, addressed the Board regarding the Aspen Road that needs repairs and is being used by the school buses and it is unsafe.

Cecelia Wauneka, a Resident of St. Michaels, Arizona and the Vice President of Oak Springs Chapter and thanked Supervisor Davis for his help with moving forward to assist with the Aspen Road repairs.

Arbin Mitchell, a resident of Chambers, Arizona and a Navajo Nation Council Delegate, stated he had initially addressed the Board back in January 2026 regarding the Puerco Valley Fire District regarding the funding issues within their district, followed by a letter received in March, 2026 which was shared with eh Navajo Nation Executive Branch and he received an email last week from the Puerco Valley Fire District and briefly outlined the content of the email. MR. Mitchell provided a copy of the email to the Board. Chairman Shepherd requested the County attorney, and the County manager follow up with Mr. Mitchell on his concerns and questions.

Paul Dariquist, a resident of Vernon, stated he revived a foreclosure letter from Brown and Brown Law for an unpaid tax bill from 2017 and he attempted to call the treasurer for weeks, left messages that were never returned and finally went into the treasurer's Office and got the tax bill fixed but while he was in the office, the phones went unanswered by the employees.

There was no one else wanting to address the Board during call to the public.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Davis. Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board