

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

February 3, 2026  
St. Johns, 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 County Attorney Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren and Chief Deputy County Attorney Chris Resare.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona and welcomed all in attendance.

Preston Raban gave the invocation.

Matt Fish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shepherd called for the first agenda item.

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-D and recommended approval. **Mr. Shriley moved approval, 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 December 23, 2025, to January 26, 2026. Demands are payments made, or to be made by the County. Payee Amount DOUGLAS LANCE PEARCE 1,527.40 JAY YELLOWHORSE 2,688.08 APACHE COUNTY HSA 7,802.75 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 223,972.07 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 177,709.44 ASRS LEGACY EORP 12,005.21 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 139,142.84 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,031.49 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 15,605.00 EORP LEGACY 5,475.60 NATIONWIDE 5,433.68 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS 1,429.92 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 2,507.24 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 12,141.04 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 15,049.55 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,188.91 ADHS AZ HEALTH CARE COST 22,400.00 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 23,910.53 ALLEGRA 1,067.07 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 8,065.42 AZ ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS 1,500.00 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 1,000.00 COLTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY LLC 3,525.00 John Lucas COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES LLC 4,924.50 RULON CHRISTIAN DAHNEKE 1,275.00 KLINT HEAP 1,340.02 MODERNA US INC 8,505.42 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JAIL OPERATIONS 1,519.99 NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY HEALTH 5,000.00 NTUA WIRELESS, LLC 5,220.02 PIMA COUNTY MEDICAL 25,000.00 PREMIUM PROPANE LLC 1,368.11 QUILL CORP 2,157.56 RELIABLE BACKGROUND SCREENING 1,110.00 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC 1,983.84 SUN RIDGE SYSTEMS, INC 3,200.00 TRINITY SERVICES GROUP INC 19,411.44 VERIZON WIRELESS 1,760.36 NATIONAL BANK 19,657.36 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA 2172 1,633.82 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA 2901 1,646.60 ALTON JOE SHEPHERD 1,369.80 ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS LLC 9,821.00 ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE INC 48,530.42 ALSCO INC 1,245.26 AMAZON

CAPITAL SERVICES INC 4,484.57 AZ DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES 1,425.00 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT 1,974.06 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 1,064.42 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 13,729.56 BRANCH BUSTERS SERVICES LLC 3,000.00 BREWER LAW OFFICE PLLC 10,500.00 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 1,913.10 COMMNET WIRELESS 1,900.00 COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA 106,621.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY 1,444.20 FUTURE TIRE 1,954.96 HAMBLIN LAW OFFICE PLC 10,500.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,988.92 MICHAEL PENROD 3,362.80 PROPELLER AERO INC 25,200.00 RED HORSE ENTERPRISES 1,075.00 RHINEHART OIL CO 4,463.68 THOMSON REUTERS WEST 1,731.16 SAMUEL A WOOD 1,111.30 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 8,870.05 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 4,126.81 APEX SOFTWARE 1,845.00 ARIZONA ELEVATOR SOLUTIONS INC 3,377.70 ASHTONS REPAIR INC 1,081.85 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 6,145.67 AXON ENTERPRISE INC 50,391.38 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL 8,964.50 AZ COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION PLAN 79,008.63 AZ SUPREME COURT 2,690.00 AZ SUPREME COURT 2,640.00 AZ SUPREME COURT 1,020.00 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 1,006.65 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL 2,429.08 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 16,239.18 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 3,645.79 DERBY AUTO GLASS LLC 1,147.00 DESERT MOUNTAIN CORPORATION 8,196.42 CASSEY RAE DREW 2,562.50 EMPIRE MACHINERY 4,371.49 FERRELLGAS 2,984.59 FLAKE LEGAL PLLC 10,500.00 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 1,243.88 DENNISE L JONES 4,070.00 KUHLMAN PSYCHOLOGY & CONSULTING PLLC 1,000.00 NAVAJO COUNTY FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER 3,000.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,802.35 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 7,765.20 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 2,523.48 PHOENIX DISTRIBUTORS 5,902.50 POLARIS PHARMACY SERVICES OF WARRINGTON LLC 7,323.35 QUILL CORP 1,505.96 R JOHN R JOHN LEE ATTORNEY AT LAW 10,500.00 RED HORSE ENTERPRISES 1,393.69 RHINEHART OIL CO 6,533.60 SCHOOLWEBMASTERS LLC & CIVIC WEBMASTERS 2,574.00 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC 1,139.13 SIERRA PROPANE 1,828.15 SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC 13,321.05 ST JOHNS CITY 1,125.61 ST JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES 2,916.48 THE AARONS COMPANY LLC 3,000.00 THOMSON REUTERS WEST 3,652.26 VERIZON WIRELESS 2,991.50 WHITE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER 1,577.53 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX 3,613.29 APACHE COUNTY HSA 7,802.75 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 223,405.69 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 180,897.68 ASRS LEGACY EORP 12,005.21 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 139,769.12 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,031.49 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 15,659.59 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 1,005.99 EORP LEGACY 5,475.60 NATIONWIDE 5,480.74 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS 1,429.92 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 2,457.29 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 12,141.04 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 14,471.40 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,188.91 ELIZABETH MOORE 10,000.00 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION 30,132.00 ALL STAR STORAGE AND CONTAINER SALES LLC 4,031.49 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 2,825.98 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 1,112.58 AUGER CANYON ENTERPRISES INC 3,183.00 AZLGEBT 438,925.34 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 36,331.67 BRANCH BUSTERS SERVICES LLC 4,000.00 CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS 2,169.10 DECISION INSIGHT INFORMATION GROUP US INC 1,082.15 EMPIRE POWER SYSTEMS AND EMPIRE SOUTHWEST LLC 1,735.00

FRONTIER 1,526.53 FRONTIER 5,068.30 HOME DEPOT ACCT 4118 1,092.97  
INTEGRATED NETWORK ASSOCIATES LLC 1,470.70 MOUNTAIN COMFORT  
HEATING AND COOLING 5,137.50 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 10,478.40  
NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 4,541.06 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS  
3,964.28 PELOTON INTERACTIVE INC 1,120.42 PITNEY BOWES 1,056.62 PREMIUM  
PROPANE LLC 1,513.44 QUILL CORP 3,173.02 RHINEHART OIL CO 7,379.33 ROBERTS  
TIRE SALES INC 3,198.83 SAFELITE AUTO GLASS 1,037.05 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES  
INC 2,248.29 SPRINGERVILLE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE 1,651.04 THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ARIZONA 7,500.00 VERIZON WIRELESS 5,338.20 DALE PRESTON WOOLRIDGE  
4,500.00 JAY YELLOWHORSE 1,157.80 RULON CHRISTIAN DAHNEKE 1,275.00 HS  
GOVTECH USA INC 2,400.00 Specific details of the demands may be requested through the  
County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated January 6, 2026. C.  
Request approval of a resolution to accept Gila River Indian Community Grant on behalf of the  
Alpine Fire District, in the amount of \$84,950. D. District II: Request approval of a John Deere  
Motorgrader 772P demo from RDO Equipment Company. Vote was unanimous for Consent  
Agenda items A-D.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of a liquor license application recommendation for Donald  
Reed, Ye Olde Tavern, located at West Side Junction Highway 180 & 191, Alpine, Arizona and  
stated no protests were received. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote  
was unanimous.

Megan Hill, Election Director, requested approval of Intergovernmental Agreements  
with the City of St. Johns, the Town of Eagar and the Town of Springerville. Mr. Davis asked  
Mrs. Hill to expound on the purpose of the agreements. Mrs. Hill stated when she started in  
elections there were no current agreements with the municipalities, so this action is to allow the  
county to continue to provide elections to the municipalities and update the fee schedule. **Mr.  
Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Anthony Bowler, County Engineer, requested approval to renew the yearly culvert bid  
with Pacific Ponderosa Company with no increase in price. **Mr. Davis moved approval,  
seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Steve Kizer, Information Technology Director, requested approval of the County's Enterprise  
Agreement with Microsoft for licensing and software not to exceed \$165,000 annually  
for a period of three (3) years. Mr. Shirley asked if there was money in the budget to cover the  
cost. Mr. Kizer stated yes. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was  
unanimous.

Preston Raban, Economic Development Director, requested approval of a letter of support  
for a BUILD grant for reconstruction of County Road 5020. **Mr. Davis moved approval,  
seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

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 February 18, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Small Counties Forum meeting on February 18, 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 February 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

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No action was needed or taken,

Mr. Patterson presented the item for a possible executive session for personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) and/or for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), regarding an evaluation of employment of Apache County Engineer Anthony Bowler including possible commendation or discipline, up to and including termination of employment. With no motion being made, the item died for lack of a motion.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for possible action regarding the evaluation of employment of Apache County Engineer Anthony Bowler including possible commendation or discipline, up to and including termination of employment. **Mr. Shirley moved to terminate County Engineer Anthony Bowler, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shepherd opened the floor for call to the public.

Peggy Minor, a resident of Concho, Arizona addressed the Board regarding the upcoming decision by the Board for the construction of wind turbines in the county. Ms. Minor expressed her opposition to wind turbines and requested the county update the zoning ordinance. Ms. Minor submitted her written statement for the record.

Linda Weiland, a resident of Eagar, Arizona urged the Board to work together to protect citizens regarding the wind turbines. Ms. Weiland asked the Board to place a moratorium on alternative energy in order to update the comprehensive plan.

Monica Boehning, a resident of Springerville, Arizona requested a moratorium on alternative energy in order to make changes to the provisions of the ordinance since it is taking longer than anticipated to update the ordinance. Ms. Boehning stated the wind and solar companies were permitted to comment internally on all proposed edits, unlike the citizens who the ordinance is supposed to protect. Ms. Boehning stated the alternative energy companies are not providing adequate notice of meetings for the public. Ms. Boehning stated the local coal generating power plants are staying open until 2030 and switching to natural gas so what is the rush to approve wind and solar energy. Ms. Boehning requested the Board take a time-out and place an item on next month's meeting agenda for a moratorium on alternative energy.

Mark Osterman stated he is still waiting for a response to a letter he submitted a month ago and believes the nature of the letter warrants a response.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Davis  
Clerk of the Board