

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

February 4, 2025
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Chairman Nelson Davis, Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. and Supervisor Alton Joe Shepherd. Also present was Ryan Patterson Clerk of the Board/Manager and County Attorney Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren.

Chairman Davis 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.

Keirsten Nielson gave the invocation.

Jason Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Davis called for the Public Health Services items.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval to eliminate two full-time Public Health Nurse-RN positions (Range 56) and create two part-time (20-hour) Public Health Nurse-RN positions (Range 56) and will not increase the FY25 budget. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval of Intergovernmental Agreement #CTR055272 Title V Maternal and Child Health Healthy Arizona Families Amendment #5 and this amendment adds \$48,798.63 to the FY25 budget. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Davis called for the Library District items.

Keirsten Nielson, Library Director, requested approval to extend our contract with Gila Broadband, for Internet Service to the Alpine Library, under the original Service Agreement and Proposal for one year and has been budgeted for in FY24-25. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Keirsten Nielson, Library Director, requested approval of a one-year extension for our internet services provided by NTUA Wireless LLC and was budgeted for FY24-25. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Keirsten Nielson, Assistant Library Director, requested approval of the Strategic Plan for the Concho Public Library. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the Library District meetings, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.
Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Davis called for the regular agenda items.

Mr. Patterson presented the consent agenda items. A-L and recommended approval. Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd. County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between January 7, 2025, to February 4, 2025. Demands are payments made, or to be made, by the County. Payee Amount SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE \$1615.76 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION \$125231.25 DOUGLAS LANCE PEARCE \$1040.51 SAMUEL A WOOD \$1215.28 JAY YELLOWHORSE \$2194.27 NATIONAL BANK \$19320.33 ALTON JOE SHEPHERD \$1054.28 LAYTON A DICKERSON \$1062.50 KLINT HEAP \$1345.48 ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE INC \$45355.58 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC \$7509.73 AZ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$4520.00 AZLGEBT \$825551.89 BURNHAM - IFP LLC \$3226.20 C&I SHOW HARDWARE & SECURITY SYSTEMS INC \$9323.79 CODE 3 TECHNOLOGY LLC \$16676.27 John Lucas COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES LLC \$15417.18 CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS \$1064.54 CREATIVE MULTIMEDIA INC (CMI) \$9011.75 EMPIRE MACHINERY \$2963.79 FLEET PRIDE \$1872.00 FORENSIC ANALYTICAL SCIENCES INC \$11758.07 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$1556.73 LSQ GROUP HOLDINGS LLC \$3847.91 NAVAJO COUNTY FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER \$1500.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY \$3296.16 NORTHEAST ARIZONA TRAINING CENTER INC \$2000.00 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS \$8958.73 QUILL CORP \$1083.97 RHINEHART OIL CO \$4450.75 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC \$1567.28 SKAGGS PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT \$1713.23 THE AARONS COMPANY LLC \$3000.00 THE ARIZONA PARTNERSHIP FOR IMMUNIZATION \$2615.56 THOMSON REUTERS WEST \$1678.33 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$126103.29 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX \$4796.47 TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE \$95442.68 CRAIG TSOSIE \$1101.88 APACHE COUNTY FSA \$1594.03 APACHE COUNTY HSA \$6768.55 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL \$209563.44 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING \$176829.85 ASRS LEGACY EORP \$9722.06 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$132834.83 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS \$1024.86 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN \$13230.28 EORP LEGACY \$4944.81 NATIONWIDE \$5341.10 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS \$1484.93 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB \$3263.18 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 \$12376.54 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET \$14704.18 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE \$1615.76 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC \$5223.92 AMIGO CHEVROLET \$1082.43 ARIZONA ELEVATOR SOLUTIONS INC \$3527.82 AZ COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION PLAN \$110147.61 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC \$19797.66 BREWER LAW OFFICE PLLC \$10500.00 C & E CONCRETE INC \$20132.64 CALDERON LAW OFFICES PLC \$34668.77 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC \$17864.12 COMMNET WIRELESS \$1900.00 CONTINUANT INC \$1385.22 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION \$3888.57 DOUBLETREE PHOENIX MESA HOTEL \$3229.09 EMPIRE MACHINERY \$1864.38 FERRELLGAS \$1890.98 GALLUP INDEPENDENT \$2066.00 GREER COMMUNITY FACILITIES \$1015.72 HAMBLIN LAW OFFICE PLC \$10500.00 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL \$1399.02 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

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MOUNTAIN HEATING AND COOLING \$2075.00 YAVAPAI COUNTY GOVERNMENT
\$7750.00 Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record
request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated January 7, 2025. C. Request approval of a
resolution to accept Gila River Indian Community Grant funding on behalf of the Concho Fire
District, in the amount of \$343,805. D. Request approval of a resolution to accept Gila River
Indian Community Grant funding on behalf of the Alpine Fire District, in the amount of \$88,660.
E. Request approval of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Mexican Wolf
Recovery and Management. F. Request approval of a 3% increase for all permanent county
employees. Human Resources: G. District I: Request authorization to hire a District Manager
(Range 66) within the salary range. This has been budgeted for in FY25. H. District I: Request
authorization to create the position of Quarry Supervisor (Range 44) and hire within the salary
range. This has been budgeted for in FY25. I. County Manager: Request approval to hire an
Election Director (Range 58) within the salary range. This has been budgeted for in FY25.
J. Engineering/Limestone Pit: Request approval to hire an Equipment Mechanic II (Range 38)
within the salary range. These funds are available in the FY25 budget. Finance Department:
K. Request approval of a resolution to designate the Chief Fiscal Officer to submit the Annual
Expenditure Limitation Report (AELR) to the Arizona Auditor. Election Department:
L. Request approval, based on the recommendation of the Democratic Party County Chair, Loren
Marshall, determine vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Timothy

D. Rooney for the Vernon Precinct. Vote was unanimous to approve Consent Agenda Items A-L.

Jason Moore, Chief Deputy Assessor, requested approval of a contract to secure consulting services with Dennise Jones, effective April 7, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Mr. Moore stated the contract will be paid using existing Assessor funds and will not exceed \$60,000. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Danee Roan, on behalf of the Recorder's Office, requested approval of Amendment #3 to the Cooperative Services Agreement for printing services with Runbeck Election Services. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Danee Roan, on behalf of the Recorder's Office, requested approval of a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies for the purpose of implementing a recording tracking system for deed/title fraud as required by A.R.S. §11-467. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Steve Kizer, Information Technology Director, requested approval of the FY22 and FY23 Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grants in the amounts of \$9,840 and \$12,426 respectively. Mr. Kizer stated these funds will be used to upgrade a portion of the network appliances currently in use. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roscoe Herrera requested approval to accept grant funding in the amount of \$480,791.18 from the Department of Public Safety to enhance law enforcement services to deter, apprehend, prosecute, and detain individuals charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration, and other border-related crimes within Apache County. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Shepherd asked with all the border immigration issues such as ICE, a federal program, how is Apache County handling these type of cases. Chief Herrera stated with the new laws that were passed by the legislature, we will be working with law enforcement partners at that federal level but this funding as granted by the State of Arizona through DEMA and this is the second year of that funding that the county will receive through this grant. Mr. Shepherd stated with the recent deportation actions, some of our Native American individuals can get caught up in all of that and the jurisdiction of the county is limited within the county and waned it on record that he is concerned that ICE will come in and will want Sherif Dedman to start enforcing that type of issue and get away from the normal law enforcement needs. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roscoe Herrera requested approval to accept a grant for three (3) boats from the Arizona State Lake Improvement Fund for lake patrol and search and rescue operations. No matching funds are required. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

APACHE COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION #2025-06

RESOLVED THAT the sponsor approves filing of an application for grant funding, certifies that the application is consistent and compatible with all adopted plans and programs, agrees to comply with all administrative guidelines and program requirements, and if applicable, certifies that the Project Sponsor has the required matching funds.

The Sponsor authorizes the Apache County Sheriff's Office, as the sponsor's agent, to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and other documents that may be necessary for the completion of the grant-funded project.

I, the undersigned, being duly appointed and qualified project sponsor, certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular board meeting of the project sponsor held on the date listed below at which a quorum was present and voted in favor of said resolution.

Project Sponsor name: Apache County Sheriff's Office
Project Title: Boat Acquisition
Project Funding: State Lake Improvement Fund

Approved this 4th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

/s/ Joseph Dedman
Sheriff

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the County Attorney's Office, requested approval to hire the following positions within the salary range: Chief Deputy County Attorney (Range 81), Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney (Range 78), DCA III (Range 71) and Chief of Staff (Range 57) and the positions have been budgeted for in FY25. Mr. Patterson requested the Lead Prosecutor (Range 76), DCA I (Range 61), DCA II (Range 66) and Community Liaison (Range 46) be removed from the agenda item. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, as presented, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the County Attorney's Office, requested the item for approval to increase the salary of the current DCA III by \$7,500 be removed from the agenda. Chairman Davis removed the item.

Mr. requested approval of a liquor license application recommendation for Mark McCarthy, Shadows Restaurant at Long Shadow Lodge, located at 40 County Road #2220, Alpine, Arizona. Mr. Patterson stated no protests were received. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** 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:
The Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on February 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
Small Counties Forum meeting on February 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. held at the County

Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
The County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting on February 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Supervisors' Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

Mr. Shepherd stated there will be an Arizona Transportation Board will hold a meeting held on February 21, 2025, in Surprise, Arizona that he plans on attending in case notice needs to be posted for Bord member attendance. Mr. Patterson stated that the meeting will be posted as well.

Chairman Davis opened the meeting for Call to the Public.

Roxanne Knight, a resident of Springerville, Arizona stated she is part of a ranching and tourism family that will be affected by the wind farm project and outlined her opposition to any proposed wind farms. Mrs. Knight asked the Board to impose a 6-month moratorium on for in depth look at the county ordinance to look into possible liabilities regarding wind farm projects.

Linda Weiland, a resident of Eagar, Arizona stated she was a planner for Cochise County and is opposed to the wind farm project and asked the Board to place a 6-month moratorium on the wind farm projects to give the county time to review and update the ordinance regarding wind energy.

Monica Boehning, a resident of Springerville, Arizona addressed the Board and stated that with her experience in ecology management and technical writing, she has been studying the County's renewable energy ordinance and compared it to other counties and have provided those to Matt Fish, the Community Development Director for his review. Ms. Boehning stated Article 4 of the County Ordinance has deficiencies, leaving the county government and taxpayers legally unprotected from wind farm damage but with all the new information available now, the ordinance needs to be updated. Ms. Boehning stated since no renewable energy permits have been filed, this allows for the opportunity to place a 6-month moratorium be enacted to allow time to review the ordinance.

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. Shepherd. Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 4th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board