

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

January 6, 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.

Matt Fish gave the invocation.

Anthony Bowler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shepherd called for the Health District item.

Health Director Kimberly Cole introduced Mannie Bowler with ADEQ who presented an award to Health District staff from the Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program (VESP) Certificate of Recognition from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for protecting the environment and promoting STEM-based careers to local high school students. No action was needed or taken.

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

Chairman Shepherd called for the Jail District items.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roscoe Herrera requested approval of the updated renewal agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation for inmate housing and detention services. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Roscoe Herrera requested approval of the proposed Food Service Agreement with Trinity Service Group to continue providing inmate meal services at the Apache County Jail. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Shepherd called for the regular agenda items.

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-E and recommended approval. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Finance Department: Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of

Supervisors between November 21, 2025, to December 23, 2025. Demands are payments made, or to be made by the County. Payee Amount JOSEPH A LANGKILDE 5,566.34 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 7,277.37 AMERICAN REGISTRY FOR INTERNET NUMBERS (ARIN) 1,100.00 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 1,111.08 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 2,361.55 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 18,909.25 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION 147,394.68 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC 7,707.42 CHALMERS FORD INC MHQ OF ARIZONA 9,396.90 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 6,855.64 DELTA TIRE LLC 1,494.02 EMPIRE MACHINERY 3,000.96 FRONTIER 1,587.93 FUTURE TIRE 5,580.61 HILLYARD/FLAGSTAFF 1,588.23 HOME DEPOT ACCT 7600 3,732.03 JCG TECHNOLOGIES INC 3,200.00 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL 2,370.80 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JAIL OPERATIONS 6,963.16 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 5,021.55 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2,031.67 PACIFIC PONDEROSA CO INC 6,977.36 PITNEY BOWES 2,439.04 QUILL CORP 3,557.38 RDO EQUIPMENT CO 5,271.76 REAL TIME SOLUTIONS 2,500.00 REEDS LODGE GROUP LLC 1,159.83 RHINEHART OIL CO 11,409.94 SAFELITE AUTO GLASS 1,354.54 SCORPION HARLEY DAVIDSON 1,139.90 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC 2,465.85 SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC 1,640.20 DALE SHAWN TAYLOR 12,500.00 DANIEL TAYLOR 12,500.00 TRANE US INC 1,697.50 VALLEY AUTO PARTS 1,044.33 VERIZON WIRELESS 3,936.25 WHITE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER 2,851.93 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 3,087.57 AMERICAN GRAPHICS INSTITUTE LLC 1,495.00 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 1,002.76 LEANNA BENALLY 1,933.00 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 22,344.44 BRANCH BUSTERS SERVICES LLC 4,000.00 COMMNET WIRELESS 1,900.00 John Lucas COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES LLC 3,487.50 FLEET PRIDE 4,348.71 HOTSY INDUSTRIAL 1,212.46 DENNISE L JONES 3,506.25 MELDRUM MORTUARY 1,020.00 MOUNTAIN COMFORT HEATING AND COOLING 5,137.50 NATIONS GAS TECHNOLOGIES INC 2,101.45 NAVIGATE360 LLC 1,498.00 NEWMAN SIGNS INC 1,942.72 NTUA WIRELESS, LLC 5,220.02 QUILL CORP 3,228.95 R JOHN R JOHN LEE ATTORNEY AT LAW 10,500.00 RIM COUNTRY MECHANICAL 4,832.00 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC 1,424.80 TRINITY SERVICES GROUP INC 19,232.00 APACHE COUNTY FSA 1,086.37 APACHE COUNTY HSA 7,802.75 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 220,921.87 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 177,456.68 ASRS LEGACY EORP 12,241.23 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 138,771.16 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,031.49 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 15,633.13 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 1,088.44 EORP LEGACY 5,686.20 NATIONWIDE 5,077.30 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS 1,484.93 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 2,428.53 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 12,443.66 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 14,331.89 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,188.91 MARLEITA BEGAY 1,107.26 DOUGLAS LANCE PEARCE 1,001.00 CRAIG TSOSIE 1,155.33 JAY YELLOWHORSE 1,099.05 NATIONAL BANK 27,122.12 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA 2172 3,169.18 ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE INC 49,910.42 ALLEGRA 1,335.10 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 8,836.87 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 6,196.47 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL 15,994.92 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT 2,010.62 BLUE KNIGHT SECURITY LLC 4,225.00 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC 19,707.47 CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS 1,519.19 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 2,276.23 DELTA TIRE LLC 2,233.58 DESERT MOUNTAIN CORPORATION 24,126.12 CASSEY RAE DREW

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PINAL COUNTY ARIZONA 6,246.00 PITNEY BOWES 10,000.00 POWERSCREEN OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA INC 1,857.18 PREMIUM PROPANE LLC 1,403.36 QUILL CORP 2,505.19 RHINEHART OIL CO 6,602.38 RL'S A-1 AUTO BODY SHOP 5,504.53 RUSH TRUCK CENTER 1,015.11 SAFELITE AUTO GLASS 1,482.89 SPEEDY SALES AND SERVICE 1,171.30 ST JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES 2,573.97 DALE SHAWN TAYLOR 12,500.00 DANIEL TAYLOR 12,500.00 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC 2,652.24 VERIZON WIRELESS 1,663.50 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX 2,864.69 Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated December 2, 2025, and December 16, 2025. Human Resources: C. Request ratification of salaries of the Justices of the Peace in accordance with A.R.S. §22-125. Engineering Department: D. Request approval to purchase a new Caterpillar 140-15AWT2 motor grader through Omnia Contract #212816, not to exceed \$357,839, with a trade-in, utilizing District III funds. Election Department: E. Request approval, based on the recommendation of the Republican Party Chairman Joseph Greene, determine vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Donald B. Foster for the St. Johns precinct. Vote was unanimous for Consent items A-E.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for possible appointment of a member of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) for 2026. Mr. Patterson stated that Chairman Shepherd sits as president of CSA and CSA has asked to allow Chairman Shepherd to continue to serve as the LPC representative but if the Board selects someone else, they will respect the Board's wishes. **Mr. Davis stated if Chairman Shepherd will accept, he moved to retain Chairman Shepherd to serve on the LPC Committee, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Chairman Shepherd stated he would accept. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for possible appointment of a member of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) Committee for 2026. **Mr. Shirley stated if Mr. Davis was willing to continue to serve, he moved to re-appoint him to serve, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Davis stated he would be willing to continue to serve. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of Amendment #5 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Northland Pioneer College for programs and services. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Roscoe Herrera, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to accept grant funding in the amount of \$467,789.23 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. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Anthony Bowler, County Engineer, requested approval to renew the contract trucking bid for E.W. Parker with no increase in price. Contract will be effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Anthony Bowler, County Engineer, requested approval to amend the 2025 County Road Inventory by retaining the first 1,019.03 feet of County Road 4008 and redesignating the remaining portion to be determined, per Survey LS 10, Page 40. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Christy Raban, County Attorney Chief of Staff, requested approval to eliminate the positions of Chief Deputy County Attorney and Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney and create the position of Civil Chief Deputy County Attorney (Range 92) and Criminal Chief Deputy County Attorney (Range 92) and hire within the range. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** 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 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session will convene on January 12, 2026, and in the afternoon, Governor Hobbs will deliver the State of the State address before a joint session of the Legislature held at the Arizona State Capital, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- The Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on January 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- The County Supervisors Legislative Reception on January 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- The County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting on January 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

Chairman Shepherd opened the floor for call to the public.

Brandon Morre, a resident of the County, addressed the Board stating he was involved in an accident because a rancher on County Road 6040 is feeding their cattle on the side of the road and asked the county to see if the rancher not be allowed to feed that close to the road.

James Watchman Jr. Houck Chapter President stated he wanted to support the Puerco Valley Fire District since they don't have the funding to pay their staff. Mr. Watchman stated the fire district is a great asset to the community and urged the Board of Supervisors to find funding sources to assist them.

Arbin Mitchell, Navajo Nation Council Delegate representing Wide Ruins and Klagatoh Chapters and urged the county to assist Puerco Valley Fire District and the Ganado Fire District with funding assistance due to freezing of their funding. and requested a meeting between

Apache County and the Navajo Nation to address this issue

Chairman Shepherd stated that the County Attorney's Office is available to answer questions regarding the Puerco Fire District.

Michael Halliwell, Community Service Coordinator for Wide Ruins Chapter, advocated for transparency regarding the Puerco Valley Fire District. Mr. Halliwell stated he attempted to reach the Apache County Treasurer but could not get through and is trying to obtain answers to the issue with the Puerco Valley Fire District and stated that if their doors close it will drastically affect the area. Mr. Halliwell stated he wants to know why the treasurer is preventing their funding.

Gary Lewis, Executive Staff Assistant with the Navajo Nation Office of the President, thanked the Board of Supervisors for being proactive with this matter and is present today in an attempt to better understand the district's current dilemma and lend support to the chapters within the service area of the fire district from the Office of the Navajo Nation president.

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

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

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board