

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 1, 2025
St. Johns, Arizona

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

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.

Matt Fish gave the invocation.

Preston Raban led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Davis called for the Library District items.

Keirsten Nielsen, Library Director, requested approval of the completed Strategic Plan for the Sanders Public Library. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Keirsten Nielsen, Library Director, requested approval to enter into a three-year agreement for professional services with Infinity Communications and Consulting. Mrs. Nielsen stated this agreement is for Category One E-rate consulting services, in the amount of \$5,000 per year and has been budgeted for in FY26. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Keirsten Nielsen, Library Director, requested approval of a Lease Agreement between the Apache County Library District and the Vernon Community Park Committee, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$25.00 per month. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Keirsten Nielsen, Library Director, requested approval of a Lease Agreement between the Apache County Library District and the Sanders Unified School District #18, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$325.00 per month. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Davis called for the Public Health Services District items.

Kimberly Cole, Health District Director, requested approval of a billboard rental contract with RW Billboard Advertising, effective August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. Ms. Cole stated the Tobacco Prevention Grant is funding the expense in the amount of \$4,050 to advertise the ASHLINE Program and has been budgeted for in FY26. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health District Director, requested approval of Intergovernmental Agreement CTR076419 Healthy People Healthy Communities, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The Health District will participate in the following fixed price portions of the IGA: Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program at \$272,050, Health in Arizona Policy Initiative Program at \$53,469.09, and the Suicide Mortality Review Program at \$25,000. Ms. Cole stated this has been budgeted for in FY26. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Davis called or the regular agenda items.

Chairman Davis welcomed Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, County Supervisors Association as well as Kaitlin King and Yvonne Ortega also with CSA. Mr. Sullivan introduced Lynne Pancrazi, a Yuma County Supervisor and the current CSA President. Supervisor Pancrazi addressed the Board and thanked them for their participation in CSA and look forward to working with Supervisor Shepherd since he is CSA President elect and she is looking forward to working with him over the next year. Mr. Sullivan provided a power point presentation on recent County Supervisors Association activities including discussion on the recent legislative session and budget. Chairman Davis and Supervisor Shepherd thanked Mr. Sullivan and his staff for all they do for the County. No action was needed or taken.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of Consent Agenda items A-H. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between May 22, 2025, to June 24, 2025. Demands are payments made, or to be made, by the County. S Payee Amount MATTHEW G FISH 1,944.00 ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS LLC 9,318.00 ALSCO INC 1,898.67 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 8,992.24 BACKWOODS TEES 4,135.47 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 20,979.81 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 3,939.30 CENTER FOR RURAL AMERICAN JUSTICE INC 50,000.00 John Lucas COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES LLC 5,737.50 CORDANT HEALTH SOLUTIONS 1,698.81 CURTIS BLUE LINE 3,069.04 DISCOUNT TIRE 1,453.35 ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE 2,035.44 FLEET PRIDE 5,828.71 FRONTIER 1,545.91 GLOBAL MARINE GROUP INC 210,383.41 GREER COMMUNITY FACILITIES 1,015.72 HIGH COUNTRY PROPANE 2,114.46 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION ASSESSING OFFICER IAAO 3,520.00 LIFELOC TECHNOLOGIES INC 1,614.00 NAPA 1,648.19 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 2,554.83 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 6,805.06 NFOCUS SOLUTIONS 1,947.00 NTUA WIRELESS, LLC 5,220.02

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158,106.51 SAMUEL A WOOD 1,555.40 APACHE COUNTY FSA 1,826.98 APACHE COUNTY HSA 6,495.15 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 221,795.39 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 191,147.60 ASRS LEGACY EORP 9,722.06 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 139,582.50 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,024.86 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 13,594.67 EORP LEGACY 4,944.81 NATIONWIDE 4,825.49 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS 1,484.93 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 3,012.36 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 12,376.54 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 12,995.14 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,573.26 TOBIE KLISEN OVERSON 1,831.90 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 9,379.87 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL 2,231.08 AZ DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES 1,300.00 BEST TINTING AND AUTO GLASS 3,241.88 BOLDPLANNING INC 14,959.96 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC 20,020.16 BURGESS LAW LLC 7,192.42 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 1,313.10 C&I SHOW HARDWARE & SECURITY SYSTEMS INC 4,597.60 CENTERLINE SUPPLY INC 2,297.00 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 1,452.36 CASSEY RAE DREW 2,650.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY 5,192.35 FERRELLGAS 1,172.84 KIMBALL EQUIPMENT COMPANY 1,686.27 MEAD PUBLISHING 1,100.00 MUTUALINK INC 250,000.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 3,998.28 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 11,262.70 NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT – NACOG 17,682.00 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 2,058.83 PREMIUM PROPANE LLC 1,030.54 QUALITY EMULSIONS LLC 123,886.49 QUILL CORP 2,391.84 RHINEHART OIL CO 4,372.28 RUSH TRUCK CENTER 1,408.42 SAFELITE AUTO GLASS 3,605.83 DARYN SELLS 2,358.89 TREAD MASTERS TIRE & LUBE 1,760.94 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS INC 1,558.77 WHITE MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO 2,425.17 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX 4,259.15 YAVAPAI COUNTY GOVERNMENT 7,250.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 2,385.16 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 1,041.91 AZ CONSTABLES ASSN 1,860.00 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL 3,293.27 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 1,313.10 CENTER FOR RURAL AMERICAN JUSTICE INC 50,000.00 CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 24 2,112.00 EMPIRE POWER SYSTEMS AND EMPIRE SOUTHWEST LLC 1,212.05 FRONTIER 4,796.52 FRONTIER 1,558.96 MH CONSULTING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT LLC 2,380.20 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2,739.24 PERFECT PRINTZ LLC 2,333.05 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT 10,000.00 QUALITY EMULSIONS LLC 161,163.31 QUILL CORP 4,034.75 RHINEHART OIL CO 2,749.17 RIGG LAW FIRM PLLC 5,000.00 TARTAN OIL LLC (FORMER NAME: SARATOGA) 11,285.18 DALE SHAWN TAYLOR 8,000.00 TESAB PARTS CENTER INC 3,157.37 WAYFAIR LLC 1,692.47 Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated June 3, 2025, and June 5, 2025. C. Request approval of a resolution designating Ryan Patterson as the Chief Fiscal Officer. RESOLUTION NO.

2025-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL RECITALS: WHEREAS, A.R.S. §41-1279.07(E) requires each county, city, town, and community college district to annually provide to the Arizona Auditor General by

July 31 the name of the Chief Fiscal Officer the governing body designated to officially submit the current year's annual expenditure limitation report (AELR) on the governing body's behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Apache County Board of Supervisors desires to designate Ryan N. Patterson as the County's Chief Fiscal Officer.

WHEREAS, Entities must submit an updated form and documentation for any changes in the individuals designated to file the AELR.

ENACTMENTS:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE APACHE COUNTY,

ARIZONA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows: SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein. SECTION 2. Ryan N. Patterson is hereby designated as the County's Chief Fiscal Officer for purposes of officially submitting the fiscal year 2025 AELR to the Arizona Auditor General on the governing body's behalf.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Apache County, Arizona Board of Supervisors, this 1st day of July, 2025.

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

ATTESTED TO:
/s/ Beth Bond
Assistant Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren
County Attorney

D. Request approval of an Agreement with REDW for recruitment and consulting services. E. Request approval of a proclamation designating August as Child Support Awareness Month.

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the County of Apache joins the Nation in recognizing August as Child Support Awareness Month, and reaffirms its commitment to strengthening Arizona's families by providing child support services to improve the economic stability and well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona will always be committed advocates for our children, whose safety and security remains top of mind; and

WHEREAS, a child who receives emotional and financial support is more likely to feel safe and

secure and is better equipped with the courage to be their very best in life; and WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Security Division of Child Support Services (DCSS), is robustly committed to putting Arizona's children first and to humbly serving Arizonans with excellence, respect, integrity and kindness, as well as being an overall champion for economic growth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, DCSS strongly advocates for parenting responsibilities because parents and children benefit when both are engaged with their child at every stage, regardless of marital status; and

WHEREAS, DCSS recognizes the commitment of legal guardians who accept responsibilities of children in the absence of parents; and

WHEREAS, strengthening individuals and families with an emphasis on fiscal responsibility promotes the safety and well-being of children, provides stability, improves the lives of children, and provides opportunities for families to be able to enhance their children's future; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month values parents' involvement in their children's lives and who make regular child support payments to safeguard their children's future.

NOW THEREFORE, the Apache County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of August 2025 as

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

Human Resources: F. District II: Request authorization to create an Automotive Parts Inventory Clerk position (Range 31) and an Administrative Assistant II position (Range 30). Community Development: G. Request approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) allowing Richard and Dana Smith to construct a second dwelling on their property located at 2 County Road N3099 near Vernon, Arizona (A.P.N. 106-52-004W, situated in Section 15, Township 10N, Range 24E). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions on June 12, 2025. Emergency Management: H. Request approval effective July 1, 2025, end the State of Emergency as declared in response to the Greer Fire as firefighting efforts have concluded, hazards have been mitigated and public safety is restored. Vote was unanimous for approval of Consent Agenda items A-H.

Judge Michael Latham, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval of the Superior Court-Probation Reorganization Proposal. Judge Latham stated the requested changes will result in a savings in overall personnel costs and will not increase the FY26 budget. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Chris Padilla, on behalf of the Engineering Department, requested approval to purchase a 2025 Kenworth T480 4,000-gallon water truck through Omnia, Contract #212816 utilizing District I funds. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Chris Padilla on behalf of the Engineering Department, requested approval to grant Conexon Connect a utility easement going through County properties 201-08-010 in Concho, and 106-39-006 in Vernon. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval of an amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement CTR068538 Apache County Medical Reserve Corps State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generations (MRC STTRONG) extending the end date to May 31, 2028. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of Emergency Management: Discussion and possible approval of Agreement No. EV25-0069, between the State of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Apache County Emergency Management to allow ADEQ to fund and administer an air quality sensor loan to Apache County. The sensor will be utilized as needed for air quality monitoring related to smoke from prescribed fire and/or wildfire. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of Emergency Management: Discussion and possible approval of the Disaster Assistance Agreement for State Declared Disasters between the Department of Emergency Management, State of Arizona (“Division”), and Apache County (“Applicant”). This Agreement shall apply to all assistance funds provided by the Division to the Applicant as a result of SD2502-GREER FIRE, which occurred May 13, 2025, to May 26, 2025, and pursuant to the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency on May 17, 2025. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Commander Jeff Soderquist, on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office, requested approval of an Emergency Facilities and Land Use Agreement between the USDA Forest Service and Apache County during the Greer Fire beginning May 14, 2025, and ending at the end of the incident. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Christy Raban, County Attorney’s Chief of Staff, requested approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Shawn Taylor of Taylor Law Office for special prosecution services and will not affect the FY26 budget. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Christy Raban, County Attorney’s Chief of Staff, requested approval of FY26 Drug, Gang and Violent Crime grant from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of a liquor license application recommendation for Becky Ivins, Standford General Store, 4 County Road 8235, Concho, Arizona. **Mr. Shirley moved**

approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of CDBG Funding Agreement 127-25 between the Arizona Department of Housing and Apache County for the Vernon Food Pantry Improvements. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson requested the 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 the continued employment of Apache County Engineer Ferrin Crosby with possible changes to the terms of his employment including potential discipline, up to and including termination of employment be removed from the agenda due to Mr. Crosby's resignation. No action was taken.

Mr. Paterson requested the item for discussion and possible action regarding the continued employment of Apache County Engineer Ferrin Crosby with possible changes to the terms of his employment including potential discipline, up to and including termination of employment be removed from the agenda due to Mr. Crosby's resignation.

Mark Osterman, a resident of Vernon, addressed the Board and stated based on his research regarding wind energy, he found some counties in Oklahoma that are six years ahead of Apache County with their wind energy and provided contact information in case the Board wanted to reach out and talk to them about the negative impact wind energy brings to areas.

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 18th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board