

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 22, 2026
St. Johns, Arizona

Participating via the telephone was Chairman Alton Joe Shepeherd, Supervisor Nelson Davis, and Ryan Patterson, Clerk of the Board/Manager. Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. did not have phone service.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Brian Hounshell, Emergency Management Director, presented the item to declare that an emergency exists that requires that the Board of Supervisors to meet without the 24 hour notice and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to provide required notice under the Open Meeting Law. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Motion passed.

Brian Hounshell, Emergency Management Director requested approval of a resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding rain accumulation and residual mud that directs the administration to work with other state and federal agencies to protect Apache County people, property and animals and authorizes the use of county manpower, equipment, etc. as needed as well as authorizes the Chairman of the Board to issue any necessary proclamations concerning the monsoon rain and mud accumulation as provided in A.R.S. 26-311(B). **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2026-08

WHEREAS, it is the desire and duty of the Apache County Board of Supervisors to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Apache County;

WHEREAS, the current rain accumulations and resulting muddy roadways have left many citizens of Apache County stranded in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering their lives and wellbeing, threatening to damage their homes and property and endangering their livestock;

WHEREAS, due to the current and forecasted rains, many of the roadways in Apache County will become impassable due to the mud and water runoff and otherwise damaging the roadways that will strand many citizens of Apache County in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering lives and wellbeing;

WHEREAS, Apache County acknowledges and thanks federal, state, BIA and tribal agencies now assisting with the emergency;

WHEREAS, the Apache County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-301 et seq. declares a State of Emergency to exist on private, state, federal and tribal lands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Apache County will provide mutual aid to the affected areas in Apache County pursuant to its ordinances, emergency plans and intergovernmental agreements which shall include personnel, equipment and other available resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-311, the chairman of the Apache County Board of Supervisors is authorized to issue any proclamation necessary and permissible concerning the current rain and mud emergency declared by the resolution.

Approved this 22nd day of July 2026.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Charman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

Mr. Shepherd moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed.

Approved this 17th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board