OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
June 29, 2025
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Chairman Nelson Davis and Ryan Patterson, Clerk of the Board/Manager. Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. and Supervisor Alton Joe Shepherd participated via the telephone.

Chairman Davis called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Mr. Patterson 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. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for discussion and possible approval of a Resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding the Oak Ridge Fire that directs the administration to work with other state and federal agencies to protect Apache County people, property, animals and lands from the Oak Ridge Fire 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 current Oak Ridge Fire as provided in A.R.S. 26-311(B). **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Mr. Shepherd commented that with the end of the fiscal year coming to a close, he recognizes the need for possible reimbursements and asked that Emergency Management Director Brian Hounshell take the lead on obtaining any possible reimbursements if funding is made available and asked that maybe an emergency fund be established to be able to pull from. Mr. Patterson stated a fund can be established there is funding available to assist with the fire. Vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2025- 14
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NORTHERN APACHE COUNTY DUE TO THE OAK RIDGE FIRE

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

WHEREAS, a fire which has been titled the Oak Ridge Fire has escalated to over 1800 acres, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Ridge Fire is currently 0% contained and is threatening homes, and communities in St. Michaels and surrounding areas warranting an emergency response, and;

WHEREAS, the Apache County Sheriff's Office along with the Navajo Nation and other government agencies are on standby to evacuate areas within northern Apache County and;

WHEREAS, due to current wind and weather conditions existing in Apache County there is an extreme danger of the fire spreading to other areas within Apache County, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Apache County Board of Supervisors to request assistance of other government agencies, and initiate preparations to aid and protect citizens within Apache County;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Apache County declares a State of Emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-301, et seq., to exist on private, State and Federal lands, and;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to issue any necessary proclamations related to Oak Ridge Fire emergency, including imposing any curfews; ordering the closing of any businesses; closing to public access any public building, street, or other public place; calling upon law enforcement agencies for assistance and notifying constitutional officers about whether their offices may remain open or close for the emergency, as provided in A.R.S. § 26-311(B), without further resolution of the Board, and;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Apache County asks the state to provide public information and provide for survival and recovery from fire and fire related disasters.

Adopted this 29th day of June , 2025.

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ Ryan Patterson
Clerk of the Board

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