

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

March 4, 2025  
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Chairman Nelson Davis, Ryan Patterson Clerk of the Board/Manager and County Attorney Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren. Supervisor Alton Joe Shepherd participated via the telephone. Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. was excused from the meeting due to travel.

Chairman Davis called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:32 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.

Stephaine McCarthy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Patterson stated there was an event yesterday afternoon requiring us to evacuate the county annex and several homes here in St. Johns due to a fire and the Board of Supervisor's wanted to recognize those who responded to the fire and are grateful for their service and efforts to protect lives and buildings. Those that responded were Apache County Emergency Management, St. Johns Emergency Management & Fire, Vernon Fire, Concho Fire, Greer Fire, Alpine Fire Round Valley Fire, State Forestry, United States Forest Service, Timber Mesa Fire, Apache County District III, The Apache County Sheriff's Office, St. Johns Police Department and Arizona Department of Public Safety. Mr. Patterson stated we are grateful for them and their efforts during the fire. Mr. Pattersons stated there have been two other fires; one in Alpine and one in the Springerville/Eagar area over the past month and we are grateful to all those who have responded and assisted during the fires.

Chairman Davis stated he echoed Mr. Patterson comments and stated it was amazing to watch the departments come together to put out the fire.

Matt Fish gave the invocation.

Stephaine McCarthy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Davis called for the Public Health item.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director presented the submission of the Quality Management Plan for 2025. This is required per Arizona Administrative Code for Outpatient Treatment Centers for Perpetual Clinical Licensing. **Mr. Shepherd moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

**Mr. Shepherd moved to adjourn the Public Health Services District meeting, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

Chairman Davis called for the regular agenda items.

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-F and recommended approval. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** County Manager/Clerk of the Board:

A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between February 4, 2025, to March 4, 2025. Demands are payments made, or to be made, by the County. Payee Amount ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS LLC \$53582.00 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY \$8450.66 ALLEGRA \$2936.61AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC \$6104.52 APEX SOFTWARE \$1640.00 BEACON FIRE AND SECURITY LLC \$1750.00 BLOCKBUSTER INC \$2038.08 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC \$42582.00 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC \$12281.71 CENTER FOR RURAL ARIZONA JUSTICE \$50000.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY \$1283.33 FRONTIER \$4309.43 GOLIGHTLY TIRE \$3781.23 HIGH COUNTRY PROPANE \$4456.34 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION ASSESSING OFFICER IAAO \$1200.00 JAMES KEMP THIN BLUE LINE LANDSCAPING \$7500.00 NAPA \$1839.64 NATIONAL TEST SYSTEMS \$1651.76 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE \$3277.65 NTUA WIRELESS, LLC \$5220.02 PERSONNEL SAFETY ENTERPRISES \$7656.43 PREMIUM PROPANE LLC \$4977.66 QUILL CORP \$3635.56 RHINEHART OIL CO \$7979.85 RIGG LAW FIRM PLLC \$5718.50 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC \$2115.88 SIERRA PROPANE \$3178.03 STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES \$6914.07 DALE SHAWN TAYLOR \$8000.00 TREAD MASTERS TIRE & LUBE \$2270.92TY LIN INTERNATIONAL \$6093.91 VERIZON WIRELESS \$4475.64 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING \$184755.68 ASRS LEGACY EORP \$9722.06 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$133133.29 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN \$13290.02 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 \$1002.53 EORP LEGACY \$4944.81 NATIONWIDE \$3552.34 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS \$1484.93 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB \$3259.56 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 \$12376.54 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET \$15575.76 CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION \$23297.52 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC \$7169.27 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) \$5121.43 AUGER CANYON ENTERPRISES INC \$12915.00 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT \$1260.50 BITSOI, DONNIE \$1400.00 BRAD HALL & ASSOCIATES INC \$22194.51 COMMNET WIRELESS \$1900.00 John Lucas COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES LLC \$4462.50 CORNERSTONE DETENTION PRODUCTS \$2555.80 EMPIRE MACHINERY \$11189.35 FLEET PRIDE \$4517.93 HANCOCK COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY \$1632.00 KLINT HEAP \$1391.92 HIGH COUNTRY PROPANE \$1835.60 HILLYARD/FLAGSTAFF \$2332.21 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES \$5292.75 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC \$4999.98 LSQ GROUP HOLDINGS LLC \$9075.38 MEAD PUBLISHING \$2500.00 NATIONS GAS TECHNOLOGIES INC \$1652.57 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY \$8557.54 NVINT INC \$72969.00 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS \$9624.76 PITNEY BOWES \$1053.73 RHINEHART OIL CO \$8253.96 SETON NAME PLATE CO \$1367.81 SKAGGS PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT \$1063.40 SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC \$9135.28 ST JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES \$1258.86 THE AARONS COMPANY LLC \$3000.00 TRUCK PRO DBA AZ BRAKE & CLUTCH SUPPLY \$1298.62 US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY \$6200.00 VERIZON WIRELESS \$2065.24 WHITE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER \$2157.80 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX \$4561.36 DOUGLAS LANCE PEARCE \$1241.80 NATIONAL BANK \$19575.36

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SAFETY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT \$19312.22 STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES \$16084.86 TREAD MASTERS TIRE & LUBE \$1579.92 TRUCK PRO DBA AZ BRAKE & CLUTCH SUPPLY \$1216.34 VERIZON WIRELESS \$1161.88 WASTEQUIP MOUNTAIN TARP \$7000.00 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 February 4, 2025, and February 6, 2025. C. Request approval of a resolution to accept Gila River Indian Community Grant funding on behalf of the Greer Fire District, in the amount of \$171,000. Election Department: D. Request approval, based on the recommendation of the Libertarian Party County Chair, Thomas Tanner, determine vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Trish Esparza for the Springerville Precinct. Community Development: E. Request approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) allowing Brent Sexson to convert an existing prefabricated metal garage into an in-house microbrewery for distribution to retail outlets. The proposed microbrewery will be located on approximately 37 acres in the Windsor Valley Ranch Subdivision, Lot 255, off County Road 8640 in Concho, AZ, A.P.N. 201-82-255, Section 28, Township 12N, Range 25E. F. Request approval to waive the \$300 fee for a Temporary Use Permit for the Greer Civic Association, a non-profit organization, to hold the annual Greer Days Community Event on June 20 & 21, 2025. Motion passed.

Jason Moore, Chief Deputy Assessor, requested approval to re-hire Rebecca Urias as a full-time employee. Mr. Moore stated this request is due to Apache County Human Resources Policy Manual Section 1.68(A): Re-employment. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

Craig Tsosie, Chief Deputy Recorder, requested approval of a contract due to Tyler Technologies introducing a new service. Tyler Payments will handle all credit card payments. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

Jesse Thomas, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval of Amendment #1 between Apache County and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Grant #HFI-22-324, extending the end date to December 31, 2025. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

Jesse Thomas, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval of a resolution declaring Stage I fire restrictions for unincorporated areas within Apache County beginning Friday, February 28, 2025 due to drier than normal conditions and competition for available firefighting resources. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

#### Resolution # 2025-07

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO SEVERE TEMPERATURES AND EXTREME FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, Apache County Board of Supervisors has previously enacted Ordinance 2019-10 establishing the Apache County Outdoor Fire Ordinance detailing restrictions and punishments in certain situations of high fire danger, and;

WHEREAS, Apache County has a legal and ethical obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Apache County, and;

WHEREAS, the people, lands, infrastructure and economic activities within the boundaries of Apache County are under imminent threat from wildfire due to strong winds, relatively high temperatures and extremely dry conditions, and;

WHEREAS, the threat of such fires serves as a detriment of the County's residents' health, safety, welfare and economic well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, effective February 28, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., the Board of Supervisors of Apache County, Arizona, does hereby establish Stage 1 Fire Restrictions as defined in Apache County Ordinance 2019-10, with the obligations and sanctions established therein.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at St. Johns, Arizona on March 4, 2025.

By: /s/ Nelson Davis  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ Ryan Patterson, County Manager

Christy Raban, Chief of Staff for the County Attorney's Office, requested approval to enter into a 60-month contract with Axon Enterprises, a Digital Evidence Management Program. The total 60-month contract is \$82,244.18 and is within the FY25 budget. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of a liquor license application recommendation for Juanita Esparza, RL Winery, located at RR HC 65, County Road STN 5309, Concho, Arizona, and stated no protests were received. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Motion passed.

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 Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on March 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

Small Counties Forum meeting on March 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 March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

Chairman Davis opened the floor for the call to the public.

Monica Boehning, a resident of Springerville, Arizona, voiced her concerns regarding Coconino Aquafer the entire county shares and the wells that are fed by the aquafer and whatever industries that are permitted to operate in Southern Apache County sit over the aquafer and whatever toxic chemicals contaminate the ground surface without proper and timely cleanup will eventually pollute the groundwater that all of northeastern Arizona depends on. Ms. Boehning stated there are at least six new alternative energy industries very likely to apply to start operating in Southern Apache County soon and the current county ordinance does not have anything close to what it takes to do proper permitting for such industries and requested proper industrial zones established and ordinance protection in place for our groundwater environment.

Linda Weiland, a resident of Eagar, Arizona urged the Board to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to start updating the utility renewable energy system ordinance as soon as possible. Mr. Weiland stated developers are flocking to Apache County to maximize profits, possibly by minimizing environmental protections based on weak ordinances. Ms. Weiland encouraged the Board to work to increase tourism and stated the 22-23 county budget showed tourism is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer and asked the Board to work with other entities within the county on a "visit Apache County campaign" to promote county destinations.

Raymond Smith, Jr., a resident of Window Rock, stated road N9402 south of I-40 in in bad dis-repair and asked for assistance to repair and improve the road. Mr. Smith stated the Houck area has a cemetery and asked for assistance with upgrading the parking lot.

Yvonne Murphy, a resident from the Lupton area and the TseSiAni Chapter Manager, asked for assistance with Road N9402 since so many residents rely on that road to commute to school and doctor visits and is a lifeline for medical and emergency services.

A person identifying as "Good Citizen" addressed the Board regarding citizen rights under the Constitution and read the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution.

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

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

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025

/s/ Nelson Davis  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board