OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
May 20, 2026
Phoenix, Arizona

Present were Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr Supervisor Nelson Davis, Ryan Patterson Clerk of the Board/Manager, Chris Resare Chief Deputy County Attorney, Rita Vaughan Human Resources Manager, Joseph Langkilde, Finance Director and Beth Bond Assistant Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors work session at 4:00 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association Building, Chapa Room, 1905 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Patterson provided an overview of the history of the allocation of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments between public roads and public schools and that the allocation for 2024 and 2025 must be split between HURF and the schools that are adjacent to forest land.

Mr. Resare stated he researched what percentages other states have approved historically and stated 75% schools and 25% HURF is what most other entities are following.

Mr. Langkilde provided a spreadsheet of percentage breakdowns of how the funding could be allocated. Mr. Langkilde stated the three schools that are eligible for the SRS payments are 60% to Round Valley, 20% to Vernon, and 20% to Alpine.

A discussion was held regarding the percentages allocated to the three schools who are included in the Secure Rural Schools funding and Mr. Resare stated 75% to schools and 25% to HURF would be following what most other states allocate. A discussion was held regarding the 75/25 split and Mr. Langkilde was directed to place an item on the agenda for the SRS allocations for 2024 and 2025.

Mr. Patteson presented the item regarding vacancies within the Engineering Department.

Ms. Vaughan provided a packet with applications and pay ranges for the Board's review.

A discussion was held regarding the vacancies within the Engineering Department and the differences in qualifications between the Public Works Director and the Engineer.

A discussion was held regarding the needs within the Engineering Department such as oversite for the surveys, easement issues and 911 addressing as well as the needs of each of the three District offices.

Ms. Vaughan was directed to set up interviews for the Board to interview the applicants that have applied within the Engineering Department.

Due to time constraints, the item for the update in the Round Valley Rodeo Grounds appraisal was not discussed.

The work session was adjourned.

Approved this 7th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepehrd
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board