

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

September 2, 2025
St. Johns, Arizona

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

Due to Chairman Davis declaring a conflict of interest with the first item on the agenda, Vice Chairman Shirley called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:40 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona and welcomed all in attendance.

Keirsten Nielsen gave the invocation.

Jesse Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for discussion and possible approval to hire a County Engineer. **Mr. Shepherd stated based on the interviews conducted in executive session, he motioned to hire Anthony Bowler and have Mr. Patterson negotiate the salary within the salary range that will be brought back to the Board by notification, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Davis abstaining from the vote.

Vice Chairman Shirley turned the meeting over to Chairman Davis. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Shirley for handling the item and congratulated Mr. Bowler and thanked both applicants for interviewing for the position. Mr. Davis stated that he recused himself from participating in the hiring of the engineer since he has family that work in the Engineering Department and according to legal, that didn't disqualify hm from voting, but he felt it best that he was not involved in the hiring of the engineer.

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-C and recommended approval. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** County Manager: Discussion and possible approval of Consent Items: all items indicated by an asterisk (*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board Member or the County Manager object at the time the agenda item is called. County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between August 8, 2025, to August 21, 2025. Demands are payments made, or to be made by the County. Payee Amount SAMUEL A WOOD 1,398.94 APACHE COUNTY FSA 1,019.70 APACHE COUNTY HSA 7,417.14 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 216,834.49 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 194,113.63 ASRS LEGACY EORP 12,241.23 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 135,385.29 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS1,029.69 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 13,935.66 EORP LEGACY 5,686.20 NATIONWIDE 5,181.23 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL EODCRS 1,484.93 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 2,153.52 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 40112,443.66 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET

16,291.77 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,303.26 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 15,645.61 HIGH COUNTRY SIGNS LLC 2,850.00 TRUCK PRO DBA AZ BRAKE & CLUTCH SUPPLY 1,480.67 ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS LLC 7,843.00 ALSCO INC 1,015.65 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 6,187.77 AMIGO CHEVROLET 10,148.60 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT 1,934.03 COMMNET WIRELESS 1,900.00 CONTINUANT INC 1,385.22 COURTESY CHEVROLET 25,755.18 CREATIVE MULTIMEDIA INC (CMI) 14,246.25 CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO 1,062.68 DELTA TIRE LLC 1,050.68 DOYLES AUTO BODY INC 1,827.80 EMPIRE MACHINERY 1,739.51 FLAKE LEGAL PLLC 10,500.00 GILA COUNTY 10,905.59 GOLIGHTLY TIRE 3,318.71 HAMBLIN LAW OFFICE PLC 10,500.00 KLINT HEAP 1,370.01 HILLYARD/FLAGSTAFF 2,672.59 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 1,434.37 MH CONSULTING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT LLC 1,650.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 2,151.99 OVERDRIVE INC 1,454.55 PHIL STRATTON ELECTRIC IN 12,165.00 POLARIS PHARMACY SERVICES OF WARRINGTON LLC 1,164.21 PUBLIC SAFETY CANCER INSURANCE 1,150.00 QUILL CORP 3,433.56 R JOHN R JOHN LEE ATTORNEY AT LAW 10,500.00 REDW LLC 4,185.50 RUSH TRUCK CENTER 3,827.53 SOUTHWEST RUBBER & SUPPLY CO INC 2,474.27 SPARKLETTS WATER 1,198.70 ST JOHNS CITY 2,529.82 TARTAN OIL LLC (FORMER NAME: SARATOGA) 40,835.73 VERIZON WIRELESS 1,576.56 WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC WEX 5,591.16 WW CLYDE & CO 2,212.11 ZION ENTERPRISES LLC 2,100.00 PAUL HANCOCK 1,776.32 ALLEGRA 4,644.11 ALSCO INC 1,690.84 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC 4,968.98 APACHE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL 1,000.00 APACHE COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL 1,000.00 AT&T MOBILITY LLC (FIRSTNET) 5,954.11 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL 63,626.75 AZ DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES 1,405.00 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC (CARQUEST) 1,131.25 BURNHAM - IFP LLC 1,313.10 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC 1,166.66 HANGEPOINT INTEGRATED HEALTH 8,324.04 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 5,532.29 DESERT MOUNTAIN CORPORATION 15,649.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY 3,562.32 FRONTIER 4,851.19 GREER COMMUNITY FACILITIES 1,040.10 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC 1,142.33 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JAIL OPERATIONS 1,845.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,792.20 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 17,726.98 QUILL CORP 1,157.78 RHINEHART OIL CO 4,734.03 ROBERTS TIRE SALES INC 16,270.87 SANOFI PASTEUR INC 1,576.82 SPARKLETTS WATER 1,792.23 ST JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES 1,244.97 TARTAN OIL LLC (FORMER NAME: SARATOGA) 19,009.90 DALE SHAWN TAYLOR 12,500.00 US POSTMASTER 4,000.67 VERIZON WIRELESS 1,257.76 WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO 1,092.67 WW CLYDE & CO 2,749.59 GOLIGHTLY TIRE 12,642.41 SKAGGS PUBLIC SAFETY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT 4,422.10 WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS 1,178.48 specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated August 18, 2025. Finance Department: C. Request approval to amend the 2025-2026 Tax Levy resolution. Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of Superior Court, presented pursuant to A.R.S. §12-121 & §12-144, the Superior Court requests approval for the appointment of Judge Mike Penrod as a full-time Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore and the appointment shall begin September 2, 2025, and end June 30, 2026 and will not affect the FY26 budget. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval of the FY26 Fill the Gap Grant Application in the amount of \$23,924. Mr. Hancock stated these funds are generated from court fines and fees and set aside for necessary court operations within Apache County. Mr. Hancock stated the State regulates these funds and requires this application submission each fiscal year, as well as a final accounting at the end of that fiscal year and this requested amount is within the Court's budget. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Paul Hancock, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval of the FY26 Field Trainer Application in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Hancock stated these funds help cover the salary of the Courts Field Trainer. Mr. Hancock stated the State regulates these funds and require this application submission each fiscal year, as well as a final accounting at the end of that fiscal year and the requested amount is within the Court's budget. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Commander John Scruggs, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, requested approval to accept a \$5,000 monetary donation from a private citizen to the Apache County Sheriff's Office and the donation is to be deposited into a designated account under the Sheriff's Office for lawful agency use for emergency response or public safety initiatives. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Commander John Scruggs, on behalf the Sheriff's Office, requested approval of a Memorandum of Agreement for cross-commissioning with the U.S. Forest Service for Law Enforcement Officers operating within federal forest lands in Apache County. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A brief discussion was held regarding cross commissioning. Vote was unanimous.**

Jesse Thomas, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval of Amendment No. 2, replacing the Price Sheet to correct an error for Agreement No. CTR068538 Apache County Medical Reserve Corps State, Territory and Tribal Nations, Representative Organizations for Next Generation (MRC STTRONG) with the Arizona Department of Health Services. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

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 September 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- Small Counties Forum meeting on September 17, 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 September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington

Street, Phoenix, AZ.

There was no one who wanted 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 7th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Nelson Davis
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board