

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 21, 2015
St. Johns, Arizona**

Present were: Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. and Supervisor Barry Weller. Also present, County Manager/Clerk of the Board, Delwin Wengert and County Attorney Michael Whiting. Vice Chairman Tom M. White, Jr. and Attorney Joe Young participated via the telephone.

Chairman Shirley called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:34 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona and welcomed all in attendance.

Byron James gave the invocation.

David Romeo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Byron James, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality recognized Mayor Bryce Hamblin and Town Manager Tami Ryall with the Town of Eagar as the first municipality accepted into the Arizona Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program. Mr. James provided an overview of the purpose of the program and provide recognition and incentives for organizations to go above and beyond environmental law requirements and includes various categories of recognition and the Town of Eagar was awarded the silver level. Mr. James stated the of Town of Eagar has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement through the use of pollution prevention and resources conservation measures that exceed statutory requirement that contribute to a cleaner and more livable community. The Board thanked the Town of Eagar for the good work being done for the environment within their community. No action as needed or taken.

Mr. Wengert presented the item for possible action pertaining to a letter from Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) related to Apache County's position regarding important issues, as well Apache County's representation with the organization. Mr. stated the County received a letter from Tommie Martin, the chairwoman for ECO and read the following excerpts from the letter: Dear Chairman Shirley; over the course of the past two months, several issues involving actions by Apache County Supervisor Weller to disparage, undermine and defund ECO have been brought to my attention by Arizona Legislators and Federal Officials. Specifically, Supervisor Weller, assumedly acting on behalf of Apache County, has actively and repeatedly lobbied the Arizona Legislature to defund ECO during the recent State budget discussions. As Chairman of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization, I offered Supervisor Weller an opportunity to explain his actions and the harm they were causing to ECO and its five county members at the March 18, 2015 ECO Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Weller acknowledged freely engaging in these actions and represented that he was doing so on behalf of Apache County because in his own words, ECO is attacking Apache County. I would like to use the opportunity of this letter to clarify ECO's actions and to verify with you whether Supervisor Weller is indeed representing Apache County and acting with the approval of its Board of Supervisors when compromising the membership of Apache County in the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization and when sabotaging the work of the Organization. Mr. Wengert continued reading from the letter: I would appreciate clarification in these matters and should Supervisor Weller's actions have not represented Apache County's policies, I would appreciate from now on Supervisor Weller's actions with or related to ECO do represent Apache County's policies or that Apache County designate as its representative to ECO, a Supervisor that will work constructively with the five county member supervisors in pursuing policies and objectives that benefit all the ECO counties including and sometimes disproportionately so, Apache County

such as in the matters of economic development, forest restoration , endangered species management, coal powered generation, etc.

Mr. Weller asked that the Chairman allow any audience or guest participation before he responded to the many absurd allegations and inferences in the letter used in the back up material. Mr. Weller stated he thinks it fair to allow anyone the opportunity to insert their thoughts before he responds

Mr. White stated since the letter was sent to Chairman Shirley, what would he like to see done. Mr. Weller stated he isn't asking for action, he is asking for responses from the public before he responds. Chairman Shirley stated he is trying to get input from the other Board member. Mr. White stated he believes this issue is very important to Apache County and we need to find another supervisor that is willing to work with the other counties involved with ECO. Mr. White stated he did not want to see any funding or working relationships jeopardized with the other member supervisors so we need to get someone else to represent Apache County. Chairman Shirley stated Mr. Weller has asked him, as Chairman to allow for responses from the community to give input on this item first before he responds if that is also ok with Mr. White. Mr. White stated that was fine.

Bonnie Weller, a resident of the Concho/Hunt area, asked in the two years she has known ECO, what have they done for Apache County; of the meetings held in Apache County with Game and Fish about the wolves, not one person from ECO came to see what the people of Apache County had to say. Mrs. Weller stated the people have said no more wolves and ECO said 100 more in our county and we are giving ECO more money for what we don't want. Mrs. Weller stated we have coal powered plants and ECO is not fighting for these plants; they are working for alternative energy, solar, wind and natural gas and the power plants have said they will not convert to natural gas. Mrs. Weller stated what will happen when the plants close or when your pets are attacked and killed by wolves and we should not give ECO more money for giving us what we don't want and not fighting for what we do want.

David Brown, a resident of St. Johns, stated even though Chairman Shirley and Supervisor White well know the background of ECO, he wanted to provide a brief history. Mr. Brown stated prior to ECO's creation in 1993, it was an informal group of some of the finest people he has ever worked with in State or County government; Art Lee, Pete Shumway, Ron Christensen, Dixie Zumwalt from Greenlee County and Terry Bingham from Graham County, who spent endless years working with Washington and Phoenix to try and get something done about thinning the forests. Mr. Brown stated in 1993 they formed ECO and for the next 5 or 6 years, worked diligently to obtain funding sources and during that time he was a paid lobbyist by the Arizona Cattle Growers Association and worked with them through several sessions at the State legislature to obtain funding. Mr. Brown stated in 1999 the Legislature passed an allocation of money to fund ECO and upon receiving that money, ECO was then able to work to develop the stewardship contracts and other contracts that allowed the forest thinning to be accomplished these past 12 years. Mr. Brown stated without ECO, none of the forest thinning would have occurred nor would the all the other projects like 4FRI. Mr. Brown stated that without ECO, the communities like Nutrioso, Alpine, the historic Whiting Homestead, Red Cabin Ranches and most recently, the San Juan Fire near Vernon would have caused significantly more damage to private property. Mr. Brown stated the members of ECO that signed the letter regarding Mr. Weller, are all upstanding long time servants of their counties and he has known them for many years, people who have worked tirelessly to sustain and support the efforts of the five counties to save the forests and do that which is appropriate for those who are producing something in the forests. Mr. Brown stated these individuals unanimously supported this letter speaks volumes. Mr. Brown stated in regard to the wolf issue, he, as a member of the Cattle Growers Association, as an attorney for the Cattle Growers Association, as an officer in Farm Bureau, as a rancher and cattle producer, he and they support ECO and their position. Mr. Brown stated the number of jobs that

ECO has maintained over the past 12 years through the thinning projects in Apache County are in the hundreds. Mr. Brown asked the Board to appoint either Mr. Shirley or Mr. White to be on the Board of ECO so ECO can proceed forward and also asked the Board to send a letter to the new Supervisor of the Apache Sitgreaves forest to indicate that Mr. Weller does not speak for Apache County on issues of natural resources, which is key to his family's livelihood and what he has been fighting for his entire 30 years as a natural resources lawyer.

Lorraine Vaught, a resident of Vernon, commended Mr. Weller for his ethnical service to District III and representing Apache County. Mrs. Vaught stated Mr. Weller came in with good intentions and he is diligent in researching all the agenda items and finding items that should be looked at closer and he is working for the best interests of his district and Apache County. Ms. Vaught stated unfortunately there are those who from the time he was seated, who have blocked his efforts and he is not one of the good old boys. Mrs. Vaught stated that just because something has been done for years doesn't mean it's right. Mrs. Vaught stated she appreciates all the efforts Mr. Weller has made on her behalf and needs more men like him.

Mr. Weller stated he would speak to Mr. Brown's comments, he absolutely agrees that the people that put ECO together were good people and great work was done by ECO over the years when Mr. Brown was involved in and years after, but Mr. Brown has no inside knowledge of the present executive director of ECO and life does change; governments change, leadership changes and the aspects of what an organization does changes and there are major issues associated with what is going on with some of the issues associated with ECO at this point. Mr. Weller stated Mr. Brown is not the only rancher in Apache County and when he attends meetings to listen to the people associated with the impacts of the wolves in this county, he sees hundreds of people standing up asking to stop the introduction of wolves. Mr. Weller stated Mr. Brown has his right to speak to that issue but he is not speaking for the cattle growers, he is speaking for himself and some people who agree with him but when hundreds of people show up at meetings, from all around this state, there is a problem and they need to listen to that problem. Mr. Weller stated under the constitution, it is an individual's right, not the collective's right and regional organizations don't make decisions for people locally, that is a constitutional issue to him. Mr. Weller stated he chooses not to demean or disparage anyone or any organizations with his comments or with any previous activity that he has undertaken with respect to ECO or its members, but he does however, present a strong opinion that ECO, through some of its actions have been, and continue to be detrimental to the best interests of Apache County, District III and beyond. Mr. Weller stated his belief is so strong, that after he speaks, he will make the motion to withdraw Apache County's membership from ECO until such time as the organization better develops for our mutual benefit on critical Apache County issues.

Mr. Weller stated the six page letter (from ECO) is full of unsubstantiated innuendo and accusations that attempts to demean him and his position on several matters and it is without question, the perfect example of ECO's tactics. Mr. Weller stated in his opinion, the letter is an additional reason to withdraw from their organization and he sees the letter as an attempt to silence an elected official from voicing his concern for critical issues affecting his area of elected responsibility and he disagrees with a few of ECO's methods and some of their positions on very important issues for District III in Apache County. Mr. Weller stated contrary to the letter's accusations, he represents District III and attempts to not be misleading in his presentation but in contrast, it appears ECO often attempts to speak for five counties even when there is disagreement and he has needed to call them many times on this issue so who is it that is reaching beyond their authority. Mr. Weller stated the letter incorrectly and insultingly infers his position on coal fired power plants and forest restoration and it would be remiss of him not to mention also, the significant differences in ECO's position from Mexican Grey Wolf and District III's position, which is the position and the reason that started them on separate paths. Mr. Weller stated he believes the direction suggested by Apache County and the EIS and 10J rule on the wolves would not have taken us to the release of four more wolves into the

area per the notification he received yesterday and ECO's questionable path on the issue did help lead us to more introduction of wolves in the most impacted areas. Mr. Weller stated in the letter, ECO attempts to present a litany of programs and organizational direction in a manner that suggests he disagrees with all of it and that is illogical and ridiculous, but there are specific and critical issues that he does disagree with. Mr. Weller stated there are two major issues he wanted to address that show critical differences and in his experienced opinion, ECO and its Board members actions have repeatedly marginalized and demeaned Apache County over the Mexican Grey Wolf issue by sending purposeful omission and obstructive access for Apache County's National Resources Coordinator and District III's representative to forest restoration and road discussions with state and federal authorities. Mr. Weller stated in regard to coal, please note that the six page letter presented by the ECO Chairman was directed to be written by the Executive Director, Pascal Berlioux; though he realizes it was signed by Chairman Martin, she directed Mr. Berlioux to write the letter.

Mr. Weller stated there is a 67 page ECO fiscal plan that was produced in December 2014 created with the purpose of explaining ECO's strategic plans in funding distribution and he has that documents if anyone would like to copy and review it for factual evidence and this also was written by Mr. Berlioux. Mr. Weller stated he presents this as an obvious and undeniable contrast of these two documents, along with a recent presentation to be mentioned as evidence for his actions related to them. Mr. Weller stated the ECO Board was given less than 32 hours – four days before Christmas to digest the 67 page document before voting on it due to the tactics of the executive director. Mr. Weller stated the executive director was instructed by the ECO board to have it in their hands at least one week before the vote and he requested within hours before that 67 page document hitting his email on a Saturday night, a postponement of the vote to address several issues that he spotted during a cursory review, and in his opinion that request was unprofessionally denied by the executive director and Mr. Wengert should be able to testify to the fact that it was denied. Mr. Weller stated that even though the six page letter attempts to show a more friendly position by ECO, after he pointed out the flaws and major position of concern to the legislators, it is still not based in reality and attempts to belittle the most crucial issues for Apache County's survival. Mr. Weller stated all aspects of ECO's version of supporting clean coal shown in the six page "quick lets cover our tracks" paper are factually misleading and the writer of that letter, in his opinion is either ignorant of the issues, which he doubts, or is purposely attempting to push a critical Apache County issue down the road until it cannot be saved and it is hard for him to see any other option. Mr. Weller stated that the latest information given the Apache County Board is that the Arizona Cliff would put the Apache County power plants out of business before 2020 and not the misleading 15 year window that ECO is attempting to lead us to believe in their document. Mr. Weller stated the power point presentation with those facts is also in his possession and he would provide it to be copied for anyone interested. Mr. Weller stated that in that document, natural gas cannot save the power plants in Apache County even if it were cost effective enough to convert; the latest information provided to the Apache County Board, clearly shows that natural gas can only get a power plant down to about 1100 pounds of Co2 per megawatt hour the 2020 requirements by EPA is to be less than 735 pounds of Co2 power megawatt hour. Mr. Weller stated that no other State is putting up with this the way we are and there is only two other States that have significant impacts to them and they are not nearly in the critical stage as we are. Mr. Weller stated the Arizona Cliff is that we cannot save these power plants with natural gas and that is coming from the executive director of the TEP plant and this is a crisis and Apache County does not need to be part of any organization paying them money to delay this topic any longer. Mr. Weller stated the facts are the facts and are shown in the three documents he spoke about and that is why in critical economic negotiations of the legislature, there was in process of putting more of a burden on counties and in fact, \$290,000 more burden on Apache County. Mr. Weller stated he suggested to a few legislators, from his perspective, as District III Supervisor, they could cut funding to ECO to reduce the budget burden on education and many county issues and he also feels the need to debate the propriety of any funding for any organization like ECO that uses that money to lobby the same legislature that gave it to them

and why is the senate and house choosing winners and losers with our taxpayer dollars. Mr. Weller stated for the sake of time, he will not go into the many actions by ECO to prevent Apache County from being at the table to discuss Apache County's forest restoration issues in attempt to take jobs from the poorest county into their counties. Mr. Weller stated this is the new age; this isn't the history as described by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Weller stated for the record, he supports rapid, environmentally responsible and efficient forest restoration to reduce the catastrophic fire conditions that presently exists and produce jobs for our county and state citizens and any inference to the contrary is absurd and degrading. Mr. Weller asked that the item related to ECO funding be pulled from the consent agenda when it comes up; that \$55,000 in that consent item is the pass through funding from the state legislature to ECO. Mr. Weller made the motion to withdraw Apache County's membership from the ECO organization to allow the use of the funding to better service the citizens of Apache County until such time as the ECO organization becomes better suited for our present needs. Chairman Shirley stated he did not believe the agenda item was to pull any funds so he was not sure Mr. Weller's motion was correct. Mr. Whiting stated the agenda item did not specify any action to pull the membership from any organization, specifically ECO. Mr. Shirley stated the motion was not appropriate. Mr. Weller asked for a second ruling and read the agenda item, stating he believed the Board could choose zero representation so his motion was in order. Chairman Shirley called for a second to Mr. Weller's motion. Hearing no second, the motion died.

Mr. White stated he did not want to jeopardize the relationship with the other eastern counties and as Mr. Brown mentioned, either he or Mr. Shirley should be the representative to ECO. Mr. Weller stated considering the facts, he resigns as an ECO Board member and recommended either Mr. Shirley or Mr. White regularly attend the meetings to see how they actually operate. Chairman Shirley and County Attorney Whiting held a discussion regarding the proper protocol for Mr. Weller's resignation. Chairman Shirley stated as chairman, he accepts the resignation of Mr. Weller as a representative to the ECO organization and motioned to replace Mr. Weller with Mr. White henceforward. Mr. White seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept Mr. Weller's resignation and designate Supervisor White in his place to represent the Board at ECO.

Mr. Wengert presented the **Consent Items A-F** and recommended approval. Mr. Weller stated he would ask that Item C be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Mr. White moved approval of the Consent Items with the exception of Item C., seconded by Mr. Weller. **County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A.** Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between April 7, 2015 to April 21, 2015. Demands are payments made or to be made, by the County. Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. Payee Amount APACHE COUNTY HSA 2,762.92 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 137,890.45 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 128,960.34 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 88,911.00 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,296.86 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 8,404.73 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 4,787.27 NATIONWIDE 1,605.00 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 10,971.63 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 32,868.56 SECURITY BENEFIT GROUP 1,151.00 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 2,454.70 4IMPRINT 4,451.85 AGUERO, ROBIN R 1,324.98 AZ COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL 4,614.62 AZ DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES 1,520.00 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT 2,581.79 AZ SUPREME COURT 13,125.00 AZ SUPREME COURT 2,625.00 AZ SUPREME COURT 1,500.00 AZLGEBT 296,567.02 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 1,239.86 BRADCO 15,829.99 C & E CONCRETE INC 1,296.23 CAPPS, MELODY 1,398.25 COCONINO COUNTY 3,733.33 COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTERS INC 2,400.00 CREATIVE MULTIMEDIA INC (CMI) 9,575.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY 11,602.46 FRONTIER 1,744.27 GALLUP LUMBER & SUPPLY 1,770.42 HILLYARD INC 3,406.89 HOUNSHELL, BRIAN 1,041.13 ITSECUREONE 1,266.03 KARTCHNER, WADE EVAN 1,750.00 LAW OFFICE OF DEVIN BROWN

1,831.50 MACIVOR, JOHN 15,964.22 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,238.52
NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE 335,072.00 OFFICE DEPOT 2,489.25 PACIFIC PONDEROSA
CO INC 1,511.64 QUILL CORP 1,954.38 SKY BLUE HVAC LLC 3,876.00 ST JOHNS CITY
7,005.51 SUMMIT HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION INC 1,696.00 THE AARONS COMPANY LLC
3,000.00 THE LIBRARY STORE INC 1,496.22 THOMSON REUTERS WEST 1,293.49 TOWN OF
EAGAR 7,049.17 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC 64,972.07 US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 5,600.00
VALLEY AUTO PARTS 2,590.80 WELLS FARGO BANK 0609 1,077.72 YAVAPAI COUNTY
GOVERNMENT 7,000.00 YOUNGS FUTURE TIRE 1,194.17 AZ ASSN OF COUNTIES 11,941.50
AZ COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION PLAN 66,540.73 AZ DEPT OF REVENUE 1,027.71
AZ SUPREME COURT 4,500.00 B & W FIRE SECURITY SYSTEMS LLC 1,254.38 BANK OF THE
WEST – 6432 3,065.56 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL 1,634.63 BRADCO 22,076.82 COUNTRY
MOUNTAIN AIRWAVES LLC 3,427.20 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 1,997.99 DIAMOND
DRUGS INC 2,923.67 EMPIRE MACHINERY 3,018.17 ETR ASSOCIATES 2,051.49 EXHIB-IT!
TRADESHOW MARKETING EXPERTS 3,878.30 FARMINGTON FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY
1,446.56 FSU CENTER FOR PREVENTION AND EIP 1,045.00 GOLIGHTLY TIRE 5,094.23
GRAVES PROPANE CO INC 1,371.99 HILLYARD INC 2,607.45 HORNE AUTO CENTER INC
1,538.57 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 1,496.34 KATHLEEN M MCGUIRE PSY D LLC 2,620.00
KTNN RADIO STATION 2,940.00 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC 4,426.77 MOHAWK AUTOMOTIVE
LIFTS SOUTHWEST 1,733.55 MOUNTAIN COMFORT HEATING AND COOLING 1,550.00
NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,726.47 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,369.52
NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 20,179.94 NORCHEM DRUG TESTING LABORATORY
1,868.41 QUILL CORP 2,130.76 REIDHEAD, BRANDY 2,410.00 SCHIFF, LAURENCE 1,200.00
SCRUBWORKS 2,846.00 SIERRA PROPANE 1,239.61 SOUTHWEST RADIO SALES INC
1,282.58 ST JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES 1,103.03 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA 6,250.00
US POSTMASTER 2,299.80 VERITAS RESEARCH CONSULTING 3,160.00 VERIZON WIRELESS
1,262.07 WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO 1,801.92 WHITE MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING CO 1,501.30
WOODLAND BUILDING CENTER 1,510.53 YELLOWHORSE, JAY 2,860.77 YOUNGS FUTURE
TIRE 3,186.27 UNITED STATES TREASURY 3,011.48 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL
27,566.78 **B.** Approval of minutes dated April 7, 2015. **D.** Request approval of a proclamation
designating April as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness month.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Buena Vista Children’s Services, Inc. is a community-based, grassroots, nonprofit organization that offers child abuse prevention awareness, children’s advocacy and child care recruitment services for the Department of Economic Security, Education and Professional Development in Navajo, Apache and Yavapai Counties; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure and safe, and it is the responsibility of our society to protect every child’s inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the hidden epidemic of child abuse, which crossed all boundaries of income, race, religion and ethnicity, continues to be one of our most serious public health issues, with over 90 percent of abuse perpetrated by people that children know, love and trust, and

WHEREAS, children who survive child abuse endure lasting physical, mental and emotional scars, including feeling of shame, self-doubt, poor self-image, the inability to trust others, learning disabilities, sleep disturbances, dating violence, difficulty in trust and coping skills, and eating, speech or post-traumatic stress disorders; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by providing safe havens and emotional, social, legal and financial support for victims and at-risk families; and by holding offenders accountable, we can ensure that all of Arizona’s children grow to their full potential as healthy citizens; and

WHEREAS, providing the proper support and enhancing a child’s understanding of his or her own self-worth are crucial components in providing a bright future in raising healthy Arizona children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Joe Shirley, Chairman on behalf of the Apache County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim this month of April, 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

IN THE COUNTY OF Apache and urge all citizens to cherish our children and protect them from harm.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

/s/ Joe Shirley, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Delwin Wengert
Clerk of the Board

Personnel Items: E. Treasurer's Office: Request approval to extend Allisa Norton, temporary Accounting Specialist I at \$11.02 per hour, through July 31, 2015. **F. Probation Services:** Request approval to downgrade the vacant Assistant Director position (Range 53) to a Field Supervisor (Range 45). This will result in a cost savings of \$8,414. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Weller stated regarding **Consent Item C.**, the request for to pay the annual dues of \$6,000 to the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) as well notification of a pass through amount of \$55,000 from the State of Arizona, he asked the item be removed from the consent agenda for the many reasons he stated in his previous presentation. Mr. Weller stated he absolutely does not believe Apache County should be putting funding into this organization and it is inappropriate by the state legislature to be funding an organization such as this and the fact that ECO in some occasions, is detrimental to what the citizens of District III would like to see take place so he will not be supporting this item. Mr. White moved to approve Item C, the request for approval of the dues of \$6,000 to ECO and the pass through amount of \$55,000 from the State, seconded Mr. Shirley. Mr. Wengert stated the \$55,000 was money approved in the last legislative session from the State and passed through to ECO for projects and in the last legislative session they approved \$275,000 and the \$55,000 was Apache County's portion of that so it does not cost the County anything and goes to projects ECO does. Mr. Weller stated that it does cost; we all pay taxes in this State and our money is going to the State and it is their distribution so it costs us dearly. Mr. Weller stated that funding also comes through the County for a reason; because the legislature still recognizes that counties still have their own individual say and it is not a regionalization issue and we have the right to stand up and oppose the issues that a regional organization is trying to push forward. Motion passed 2-1 with Mr. Weller voting nay.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Brannon Eagar requested approval of Agreement SAP-15-003 between Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Apache County's Sheriff's Office for the Substance Prevention and Education grant agreement in the amount of \$11,600. Chief Eagar stated the grant requires no matching funds and the funds will be issued to purchase a drug incinerator which is very needed in the County. Chief Eagar stated there are three prescription drug boxes in the County and a significant amount of prescriptions are collected that people don't want to fall into the wrong hands or send it the sewer system and the incinerator will allow them to properly dispose of those drugs and small amounts of other drugs they get during their regular course of business. Chief Eagar stated there is also funding included for educations all materials regarding prescription and drug abuse and recommended approval. Mr. Weller moved to approve, seconded by Mr. White. Vote was unanimous.

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

George Walsh, Vernon, Arizona stated the posting for this meeting on the bulletin board as required by the disclosure statement was not posted within 24 hours of the meeting so that may need to be looked at by the County Attorney as to whether any actions taken today are null and void and may need to be re-heard. Chairman Shirley responded that the agenda was reposted outside the building and posted on the internet so the public was made aware of the Board meeting today.

Mr. Wengert stated there is an election going on the Navajo Nation today and Mr. Shirley may be the next President of the Navajo Nation and wished him luck.

Lorraine Vaught, a resident of Vernon, Arizona stated once again the powers to be got their way; it is sad that special interest and personal agendas take precedence over the best interest of Apache County and the actions today result in cutting your nose off despite their face and the decisions made in this meeting, for the most part, will come back to bite them and she hopes in the years to come they can live with it.

Mr. White moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weller. Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 5th day of May, 2015.

/s/ Joe Shirley, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Delwin Wengert
Clerk of the Board