

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 24, 2023

St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Vice Chairman Nelson Davis and Assistant Clerk of the Board, Beth Bond. Participating via the telephone was Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Supervisor Joe Shirley, Jr, County Manager/Clerk of the Board Ryan Patterson and Brian Hounshell, Emergency Management Director.

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

On behalf of Mr. Patterson, Beth Bond, Assistant Clerk of the Board requested approval 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. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

On behalf of Mr. Patterson, Beth Bond Assistant Clerk of the Board requested approval of a resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding snow melt accumulation and residual mud that directs the administration to work with other state and federal agencies to protect Apache County within the Navajo Nation, people, property and animals 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 snow melt and mud accumulation as provided in A.R.S. 26-311(B). **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2023 -09**

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

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

**WHEREAS**, that due to the current snow melt accumulations, many Apache County citizens within the Chinle Wash on the Navajo Nation are stranded in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering their lives and well being, threatening to damage their homes and property and endangering their livestock;

**WHEREAS**, many current roadways in Apache County are impassable due to the mud and water runoff and otherwise damaging the roadways that will strand many citizens of Apache County in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering lives and wellbeing;

**WHEREAS**, the Apache County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-301 et seq. declares a State of Emergency to exist on private, state, federal and tribal lands;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Apache County will provide mutual aid to the affected areas in Apache County pursuant to its ordinances, emergency plans and intergovernmental agreements which shall include personnel, equipment and other available resources;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-311, the chairman of the Apache County Board of Supervisors is authorized to issue any proclamation necessary and permissible concerning the current snow melt and mud emergency declared by the resolution;

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:  
/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board

**Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the Emergency meeting, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board