

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

August 14, 2023
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Nelson Davis and Supervisor Joe Shirley, Jr. Also present was Clerk of the Board/County Manager Ryan N. Patterson and Chief Deputy County Attorney Celeste Robertson. County Attorney Michael Whiting participated via the telephone.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona, and welcomed all in attendance.

Kimberly Cole gave the invocation.

Timothy Hinton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shepherd called for the Health District items.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval of the Maternal and Child Health Healthy Arizona Families, CTR055272 - Amendment #3, revising the scope of work and price sheet in the amount of \$91,587 for FY24. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval of the contract with Alena Thompson, FNP to provide reproductive health services at the St. Johns and Round Valley Clinics once a month and has been budgeted for in FY24. **Mr. Shirley moved approval seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the Health District meeting, seconded by Mr. Shirley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shepherd called for the regular agenda items.

Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, County Supervisors Association (CSA) introduced Jason Whiting, Navajo County Supervisor, the sitting CSA president. Mr. Whiting thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued service and input to CSA. Mr. Sullivan provide a report on recent County Supervisors Association activities including discussion on the recent legislative session and budget. No action was needed or taken.

Timothy Hinton, Finance Director, requested approval of the 2023-2024 Tax Levy for all County jurisdictions. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Matt Fish, Community Development Director, presented the item following a public hearing, discussion, and possible approval of the Fifth Amended Plat of the Hidden Paradise Subdivision, allowing Gary McNamara to split his 10-acre lot creating two (2) +/- 2-acre lots and one (1) +/- 6.05-acre lot. Property is located at 38 County Road 8405 in Vernon, Arizona, Parcel 106-25-010A. Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved on July 6, 2023. **Mr. Shirley moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous. There was no one wanting to address the board during the public hearing. **Mr. Shirley moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous. **Mr. Davis moved to approve the amended plat, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the consent agenda items A-F and requested approval with the exception of item C. **Mr. Shirley moved to approval of the consent agenda items A, B, D, E, F and remove item C, 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 July 25, 2023, to August 14, 2023. 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. B. Request approval of minutes dated July 25, 2023. ~~C. Request approval to amend the current Indigent Defense Attorney Contract with current contractors.~~ D. Request approval of a resolution declaring recognition of fallen firefighters and emergency services personnel.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING RECOGNITION OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL
Resolution #2023-**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, an average of 90 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year, including nineteen firefighters who lost their lives during the Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona on June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Rodeo-Chediski, Wallow, Cedar Creek, Rattlesnake, and Whiting Knoll Fires brought awareness of the local sacrifices, hazards, duties, responsibilities that we as a community face and those faced by emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel are at a higher risk for chronic heart problems and respiratory issues. Today they are in a higher risk group during this terrible Covid-19 pandemic, several emergency responders have paid the ultimate sacrifice this year with our health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the

protection of lives and property in our local community; and

WHEREAS, the National Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

WHEREAS, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Apache County, Arizona, now calls upon all citizens of Apache County and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations in Apache County to observe the first Saturday in October, October 7, 2023, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff. The Board encourages appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Apache County, further calls upon citizens of Apache County to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Adopted this 14th day of August 2023

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

Engineering Department: E. Request authorization to create and fill an Equipment Mechanic II position (Range 38) for the Limestone Pit. This request will not impact the FY24 budget. Sheriff's Office: F. Request approval to accept the donation of five used dispatch workstation desks from the City of Prescott Regional Communications Center. These workstations will be used to update and expand the capacity and functionality of the dispatch center. Vote was unanimous for approval of consent agenda items A, B,D,E & F and removing item C.

Troy Czarnyszka, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval for the FY24 Fill the Gap grant application in the amount of \$48,729.27. Mr. Czarnyszka stated these funds are generated from court fines and fees and are set aside for necessary court operations within Apache County. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Troy Czarnyszka, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval for the FY24 Field Trainer grant application in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Czarnyszka stated these funds help cover the salary of the Court Field Trainer. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Dedman and Chief Deputy Roscoe Herrera requested approval of Agreement M23-0026 between Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and the Apache County Sheriff's Office for the prosecution and imprisonment of border related crimes in the amount of \$2,210,524. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Sheriff Dedman and Chief Deputy Roscoe Herrera requested approval to create a Detective position (Range 54). Sheriff Dedman stated this position will be paid with grant funds and will not exceed the FY24 budget. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

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

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

Approved this 5th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board