

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
August 27, 2013
St. Johns, Arizona**

Present were: Vice Chairman Barry Weller and County Manager/Clerk of the Board Delwin Wengert. Chairman Tom M. White, Jr. participated via the telephone. Supervisor Joe Shirley, Jr. was unavailable due to flooding issues in District I. Attorney Joe Young participated via the telephone.

Chairman White called to order the Apache County Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:01 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Mr. Wengert presented the item for approval of a course of action to retain administrative authority of the Vernon Fire District subsequent to the resignation of the entire governing board. Possible actions include the appointment of a temporary administrator of the Fire District, as well as a converting the Fire District from a three to five member board. Mr. Weller moved to retain administrative authority of the Vernon Fire District, seconded by Mr. White. Mr. Weller stated that the Board has 30 days to decide an administrator and in speaking with the Elections Department it is impractical to hold an election until March of 2014. Mr. Weller stated that he has a recommendation for an the Board to administer the Vernon Fire District and appoint an administrator so the community can someone to oversee the Fire District. Mr. Weller stated that he Vernon Fire District held a 3 member Board and he would prefer to move towards a five member board but that is not needed to be decided today. Chairman White asked if there was anyone to address this issue. Hearing none, motion passed.

Mr. Wengert presented the request for the appointment of an administrator pursuant to A.R.S. §48-803 to assume the duties of the governing board of the Vernon Fire District as outlines in §48-805, subsequent to the resignation of the entire governing board. Mr. Weller stated that he has done a search for a temporary administrator for Vernon and asked if Mr. White had any candidate in mind. Mr. White stated that since Ganado and Ft. Defiance was so far away he didn't have anyone in mind. Mr. Weller stated that that he interviewed several very good candidates and moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Collin Dewitt, who has significant experience as a fire chief and in management. Mr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Weller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. White. Motion passed.

Approved this 17th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Tom M. White, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Delwin Wengert
Clerk of the Board