

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

November 5, 2019  
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were: Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. Vice Chairman Travis Simshauser and Supervisor Alton Shepherd. Also present were County Manager/Clerk of the Board Ryan Patterson and County Attorney Michael Whiting.

Chairman Shirley 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.

Timothy Hinton gave the invocation.

Ben Dugdale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shirley called for the Library District item.

SueAn Stradling-Collins, Library Director, requested approval to close District libraries early on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> due to low demand for library services on these evenings before holidays. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

**Mr. Shepherd moved to adjourn the Library District meeting, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shirley called for the Flood Control District item.

Ferrin Crosby, County Engineer, approval to allocate funds to the Town of Eagar in the amount of \$22,500 to cover expenses for surveying engineering and pursuit of an application to utilize FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grant. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

**Mr. Simshauser moved to adjourn the Flood Control District meeting, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shirley called for the Jail District items.

Chief Brannon Eagar requested approval to enter into a contract to house Tohono O'Odome Nation inmates in the Apache County Jail. Chief Eagar stated the jail has been housing inmates for several weeks under an emergency basis and this will allow for the funding from BIA to reimburse the county for that housing. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Shepherd, Chief Eagar and Commander Cirivello held a discussion on costs and

length of the proposed housing. Mr. Shepherd expressed his concerns with the jail district going into the red each year and though law enforcement services are required, there need to be a plan to stay within budget each year. Chief Eagar stated operating and retirement costs have increased but the amount that can be taxed to assist the jail district has not so that is part of the problem. Chief Eagar stated housing inmates assists in offsetting that deficit so hopefully other contracts can be obtained to house inmates from other entities so the deficit can be overcome. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Brannon Eagar requested approval to extend the contract with Trinity Services for an additional year to provide inmate meals at the jail. Chief Eagar stated extending the contract for an additional year will give time to go out to bid for a new contract. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Shepherd stated this will be the 9<sup>th</sup> addendum to extend the contract with Trinity. A discussion was held regarding going out to bid again. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Eagar requested approval to convert a Detention Officer I position (Range 31) to a Detention Officer III position (Range 35) and will cost approximately \$3,567. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Mr. Shepherd asked if the amount stated includes ERE's. Stephanie McCarthy, Human Resources Manager stated the amount includes all employee related expenses and worked with the Finance Department to ensure the budget would allow for the increase. Vote was unanimous.

**Mr. Shepherd moved to adjourn the Jail District meeting, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Shirley called for the regular agenda items.

Malena Bazarro presented the public hearing to gather citizen input regarding the use of FY20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Apache County. **Mr. Simshauser moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous. Ms. Bazarro stated she has prepared a summary list for CDBG Funds for FY20 and Apache County is set to receive \$233,000 and provided an overview of the criteria required to be eligible to receive the awarded. Ms. Bazarro stated this is the first public hearing and any project that is presented at this public hearing can be considered, but at the second public hearing, new projects cannot be requested or presented. Ms. Bazarro stated of all the requests she has received, she does not foresee any projects that would cause anyone to be affected by housing displacement and any funding out of the regional account that is not used by our county or any other county goes into the state's special projects fund and that can be applied for in a competitive manner.

Leon Butler, a resident of Concho, stated he is requesting a project for the Concho Community Action Network for funding for the Concho Community Center. Mr. Butler requested funding to facilitate finishing the center to get it open in order to service the community.

Barry Weller, a resident of Hunt, and representing the Concho Lions Foundation and Club, read a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Weller requested \$140,000 in CDBG funds for the drilling and facilitation of a new well on Lions Park property.

Hope MacMonagle, a resident of Concho, representing the Old Concho Water Users Corporation, stated she is requesting \$50,000 in CDBG funds to procure a backhoe since they need to own a backhoe in order to submit for USDA grant to refurbish the water system. Mrs. MacMonagle stated her initial request is for \$230,000 in CDBG funds to obtain a drafting plan but realizes that amount will not be awarded.

Steven Escobedo, a resident of Concho stated he supports the Lions Club water well project and for the Concho Community Action Network (CAN) community center.

Joe Trujillo, President of the Old Concho Water Users Corporation expressed his support for the backhoe purchase using CDBG funds.

Billie Bell, representing the Concho Elementary, expressed support of the CDBG funding for the Concho Community Center.

Joe Jarvis, representing the Town of Springerville, requested funding for equipment for the fire departments; replacing outdated air packs in the amount of \$150,000 and extraction equipment in the amount of \$35,000. Mr. Jarvis stated he is also requesting funds for parking lot preservation and automatic handicap accessible doors for the Round Valley Senior Center in the amount of \$37,000; \$25,000 for the parking lot and \$12,000 for the handicap accessible doors.

Terry Shove, President of the Boys and Girls Club of Round Valley requested CDBG funds to purchase a modular building to expand the classroom size for after school activities. Ms. Shove requested \$140,000 to cover the modular building and installation. Ms., Shove also requested \$12,5000 to renovate the kitchen in the club's main building.

Ms. Bazarro stated on behalf of Apache County, requested funding for the St. Johns Annex heating system and new roof.

There was no one else wanting to address the Board during the public hearing. **Mr. Simshauser moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Shepherd asked if there were any other requests submitted for consideration and asked what areas the public notice was advertised in. Ms. Bazarro stated public notice was published in the White Mountain Independent newspaper for both Navajo and Apache Counties as well as their website. Ms. Bazarro stated the notice was also posted in local post offices and the county building. Ms. Bazarro stated for the first public hearing, she requires some detail be submitted prior the public hearing and then a summary is given to the board to make sure it is on record. Mrs. Bazarro stated before the second public hearing, she will go to NACOG with all the detailed information she has been given, and NACOG will review the qualifications and obtain a ranking of the projects to be brought back to the county's second public hearing and then at that time the board of supervisors will choose their top three projects for potential funding. Mr. Shepherd asked how far north was the public notice posted. Ms. Bazarro stated the notices were posted in southern Apache County. Mr. Shepherd asked how to obtain larger allocations in the future. Ms. Bazarro stated counties are allowed three projects and towns are allowed one project so that is why incorporated areas request county funds, and there is always more need than the funds will cover.

Mr. Joe Varel, a resident of Vernon complained about the dirt roads in the Eagle Ridge area, the ATV's that kick up dust and requested the speed limit in his neighborhood be reduced to 15 miles per hour.

Motion passed to close the public hearings. There was no action to be taken on the public hearing, only to gather input and submissions for CDBG funds.

Mr. Patterson presented the consent agenda items A-F and recommended approval. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between October 1 to November 5, 2019. 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 3,972.99 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 174,582.99 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 138,871.59 ASRS LEGACY EORP 5,889.13 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 111,657.91 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,258.09 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 9,954.55 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 4,601.02 EORP LEGACY 2,720.34 NATIONWIDE 2,291.15 NATIONWIDE TRUST FSB 3,220.35 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 16,207.12 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 44,235.52 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE 1,588.64 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC (IT DEPT) 1,055.64 ASHTONS REPAIR INC 1,108.64 AZ SUPREME COURT 3,120.00 BOB BARKER COMPANY INC 1,131.07 SUSAN K BYRUM 3,455.20 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC 1,283.04 JOSHUA T COVEY 2,100.00 CS&S COMPUTER SYSTEMS 1,548.03 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 2,894.27 DOYLES AUTO BODY INC 1,302.87 EATON SALES & SERVICE 1,220.32 GALL'S INC 1,158.01 KLINT HEAP 1,350.52 HI TECH WINDSHIELD & GLASS CO 1,189.11 HILLYARD/FLAGSTAFF 1,286.52 HOME DEPOT 1,900.67 IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC 1,977.00 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 2,583.80 IT CREATIONS INC 7,735.00 KARPEL COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC 6,000.00 LINCOLN STRATEGY GROUP 4,500.00 MOORE LAW FIRM PLLC 1,160.50 MOUNTAIN COMFORT HEATING AND COOLING 19,865.25 NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE 1,317.61 OCLC INC 3,397.85 ORACLE ENGINEERING GROUP INC 2,860.00 PAVEMENT MARKING INC 9,681.59 PRIDE GROUP LLC 4,630.24 PRO PETROLEUM 18,636.91 QUILL CORP 4,359.48 SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES INC 2,399.37 SOUTHWEST ROCK PRODUCTS LLC 51,652.86 SW ECOLOGY LLC 1,250.15 THOMSON REUTERS WEST 1,987.74 TJP COMMUNICATIONS 1,717.52 TORRISON CONSULTING LLC 4,859.00 TOWN OF SPRINGVILLE 3,000.00 VALLEY AUTO PARTS 6,584.66 VERITAS RESEARCH CONSULTING 2,500.00 VERIZON WIRELESS 4,463.23 VERNON FIRE DISTRICT 5,608.89 WHITE MOUNTAIN AMBULANCE SERVICE INC 1,245.19 WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS 1,261.38 YAVAPAI COUNTY GOVERNMENT 8,000.00 YELTON AND ASSOCIATES 4,916.67 TOBIE KLIESSEN OVERSON 1,216.99 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT 5,000.00 ALBERT NELSON JR 1,000.00 IVAN LEWIS 2,100.00 JOE TOHONNIE JR 1,000.00 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 1,704.81 ARIZONA STATE FORESTRY DIVISION 1,653.10 AZ COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION PLAN 66,514.97 AZ DEPT OF RISK MANAGEMENT 1,075.29 AZ SUPREME COURT 2,550.00 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 3,824.56 COLL CONSULTING LLC

6,435.04 ERNEST COLLINS JR 8,266.38 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION  
1,351.98 DESERT VIEW FUNERAL HOME LLC 8,279.00 BEN DUGDALE 1,373.05  
HAWKER AND EVANS ASPHALT CO 278,185.59 KATHLEEN M MCGUIRE PSY D LLC  
2,055.00 ALANE M MOORE 1,800.00 ALLAN T MOREZ JR 1,800.00 NATIONAL BANK  
2,916.86 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 22,432.00 OFFICE DEPOT  
1,060.13 OVERDRIVE INC 6,888.34 PACIFIC CONCEPTS 1,350.52 PERFORMANCE  
AUTO & 4X4 CENTER 1,598.00 PRO PETROLEUM 33,302.62 QUILL CORP 5,161.73  
RHINEHART OIL CO 16,855.61 ST JOHNS CITY 3,870.98 THE AARONS COMPANY LLC  
3,000.00 TRINITY SERVICES GROUP INC 15,766.29 TX SYSTEMS INC 3,284.23  
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1,588.64 ADVERTISING IDEAS 1,427.50 ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS INC 4,630.00  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC (IT DEPT) 2,109.84 AZ DEPT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES 1,275.00 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL 31,281.28 BREWER LAW OFFICE  
PLLC 8,500.00 SUSAN K BYRUM 1,447.60 C&I SHOW HARDWARE & SECURITY  
SYSTEMS INC 2,106.37 COUNTRY MOUNTAIN AIRWAVES LLC 1,115.37  
DAN BROOKS SURVEYING LLC 1,080.00 EMPIRE MACHINERY 2,134.01  
FRONTIER 4,557.10 FRONTIER 1,841.97 GALLUP BLUEPRINT 1,619.11  
HATCH CONSTRUCTION 19,380.31 HOLLAND SALINE & LEWIS 8,500.00  
HOME DEPOT 1,155.69 IINA' BA' INC 1,190.15 JOHNSON APPRAISAL GROUP PLLC  
1,124.89 ROBERT A LEES II 2,595.94 WAYNE LYNCH 6,191.46 MOORE LAW FIRM  
PLLC 1,457.50 MOUNTAIN COMFORT HEATING AND COOLING 1,010.67 NAVAJO  
COUNTY FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER 1,125.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY  
AUTHORITY 2,590.36 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 15,741.20 NICK D  
PATTON ATTORNEY AT LAW PLLC 1,133.00 DANA BRYCE PATTERSON 8,500.00  
QUILL CORP 1,664.24 SAFEWAY INC 1,331.52 LAURENCE SCHIFF 1,800.00  
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1,482.70 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA 7,500.00 YAZZIE'S AUTO PARTS INC  
1,853.15 REED'S TREE SERVICE 6,000.00 ALTON JOE SHEPHERD 1,372.20  
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EMEDCO 1,525.95 FILEONQ INC 4,138.40 FRONTIER 1,285.09 GMCO CORPORATION  
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1,105.00 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 5,223.87 IT CREATIONS INC 26,150.00  
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TECHNOLOGIES INC 2,452.92 SPECIAL EDITIONS PUBLISHING 9,500.00 SURFACE

CONTRACTING INC 1,757.50 THOMSON REUTERS WEST 1,092.25 TRUCK PRO DBA  
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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC (IT DEPT) 2,034.71 AMAZON COM INC 2,035.05  
APACHE COUNTY BOS - SPIN # 14-3016753 4,068.00 AZ DEPT OF ECONOMIC  
SECURITY 1,422.82 YOLANDA BEGAY 2,633.04 JUDITH A BENDER 1,425.00 BOB  
BARKER COMPANY INC 1,203.40 CHANGEPOINT INTEGRATED HEALTH  
16,820.00 ERNEST COLLINS JR 5,492.00 CRIBS FOR KIDS INC 2,462.30 GENES FRAME  
& ALIGNMENT INC 1,377.40 GLAXO SMITHKLINE PHARMACY 4,166.82 GROUND  
PENETRATING RADAR SYSTEMS LLC 1,850.00 HILLYARD/FLAGSTAFF 1,396.64  
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VERIZON WIRELESS 4,584.70 YAVAPAI COUNTY GOVERNMENT 7,500.00 YOUNGS  
FUTURE TIRE 5,510.68 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT 5,000.00 TOWN OF  
SPRINGVILLE 22,500.00 B. Request approval of minutes dated October 1, 2019 and  
October 24, 2019. Election Department: C. Election Department: Discussion and possible  
approval, based on the recommendation of the Democratic Party County Chairman, Steven C.  
Begay, determine vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Maggie  
Murphy for the Houck Precinct. D. Election Department: Discussion and possible approval,  
based on the recommendation of the Republican Party County Chairman, Delos Bond, determine  
vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Eva Ulibarri Marie to the Flat  
Top Precinct. Community Development: E. Request approval of a Conditional Use Permit  
allowing Gregg Levendoski to grow, harvest and process HEMP on his 40-acre parcel. Property  
is located between St. Johns and Sanders in Witch Wells Ranches Subdivision Unit 5, #25  
County Road N7200. A.P.N. 205-26-039. The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously  
recommended approval October 3, 2019 with conditions. F. Request approval of a Conditional  
Use Permit allowing Justine Plant to place a 1996 manufactured home on a 25.73-acre parcel as  
a guest house. Property is owned by her grandparents, Keith & Patsy Plant and her Father, Leon  
Plant. Property is located off Highway 180A in Hunt, AZ. A.P.N. 204-07-007D. The Planning &  
Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval October 3, 2019 with conditions. Vote  
was unanimous.

Troy Czarnyszka, on behalf of Superior Court, requested approval to hire Brittany McNeil as an  
Automation and Field Training Director with a starting salary of \$42,500 with an effective date  
of October 28, 2019. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.**  
Vote was unanimous.

David Romeo, Chief Deputy Treasurer, requested approval of a “Certificate of Removal and Abatement of Taxes” pursuant to ARS 42-18351(1) and the total tax to be abated: \$490.32, total interest to be abated: \$469.49, total fees to be abated 00.00 for a total of \$959.81. Mr. Romeo stated a list of parcels included in the abatement are available in the Treasurer’s Office or in the agenda backup material on the County website. Mr. Romero stated the abatement is due to dilapidated mobile homes that no longer have a value. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Ferrin Crosby, County Engineer, requested approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County for Apache County Road Department employees to participate in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Roadeo. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** **Vote was unanimous.**

Jack Ingram, Communications Manager, requested approval to enter into a Non-disclosure Agreement with E. F. Johnson Company for the purpose of evaluating new Kenwood VHF repeaters for deployment in Apache County. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Kerry Pena, Emergency Management Director, requested approval of a State Homeland Security Grant Program (Agreement #EMW-2019-SS-00002-S01) in the amount of \$24,660 to purchase firewalls for additional cyber-security. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Chief Brannon Eagar, on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office, requested approval to accept two grants from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety; 1.) in the amount of \$5,200 for DUI enforcement overtime, materials and supplies and 2.) in the amount of \$6,000 from Selective Traffic Enforcement (STEP) for overtime. Chief Eagar stated both grants require no matching funds and will be used to purchase materials and supplies needed to perform DUI Enforcement and pay Apache County Sheriff’s Office deputies’ overtime to patrol the county roads and highways, providing additional patrol at minimal cost to the county. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Mr. Shepherd asked the term of the grant. Chief Eagar stated the grant is for one year. Mr. Shepherd asked for a supplemental report on how the funding is spent and requested a copy of that report. Chief Eagar stated there is a quarterly report generated and he will provide the report to Mr. Shepherd. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Brannon Eagar, on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office, requested approval to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for public safety related to the collection and sharing of information within the Northeastern Arizona 911 User’s Association (NAUA) area to assist during emergency events and to develop a partnership focused on preparing for and responding to emergencies. This Cooperative Agreement will allow the Northeastern Arizona 911 User’s Association to continue to pay for our 911 emergency telephone lines, with an average monthly cost of approximately \$2,100. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Mr. Shepherd asked why the Navajo Nation isn’t included in the agreement. The Sheriff’s Office Communications Supervisor Levi Coffelt stated the NAUA determines how state 911 funds are

spent across the state and also determines what agencies are included in the agreement; and on the Navajo Nation, there are not currently any 911 recognized agencies within the region. Mr. Shepherd stated that there needs to be advocacy done because there are people being neglected within District I and District II and there are taxes paid on cell phones used on the Navajo Nation. Sheriff Dedman stated the reason there is no inclusion in the agreement is because the Navajo Nation does not have 911 addressing but they are working on establishing rural addressing and then they will be able to get the 911 system in place. Vote was unanimous.

Brannon Eagar, Chief Deputy Sheriff, requested approval to accept the donation of four PVS-7 night vision goggles from Apache Industries LLC in Springerville, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Harding, the owners of Apache Industries thanked the first responders and the night vision goggles are a small contribution toward the efforts of keeping the citizens safe. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Sheriff Dedman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Harding for their contribution. Vote was unanimous.

Michael Whiting, County Attorney, requested approval/ratification of a contract between Apache County and the City of St. Johns for use of a storage facility. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Michael Whiting, County Attorney, requested approval to convert two vacant Attorney I positions to two Attorney II positions and hire Celeste Robertson at the starting salary of \$73,116 based on her 7 years of intermittent employment with the County Attorney's Office and this amount has been budgeted for fiscal year 2020. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

Michael Whiting, County Attorney, requested approval to promote Tyron Jensen from an Attorney I to an Attorney II with a corresponding salary of \$73,116 and this amount has been budgeted for in 2020. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** 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.

- Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on November 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. located at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- The Small Counties Forum meeting on November 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- The County Supervisors Association meeting on November 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

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



David Moncibaiz, representing the Chamber's Baptist Church addressed the Board regarding the tax exemption status filing process for the church. Mr. Moncibaiz requested a clarification on the process for filing. Chairman Shirley referred the issue to staff to address Mr. Moncibaiz's concern.

Art Modica, a resident of Concho, stated he provided Mr. Patterson with a packet of information regarding the water adjudication and asked that the county get more involved with the water issue because of affects every citizen that has a well. Mr. Modica thanked Mr. Simshauser and Mr. Crosby for the work done on his road.

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

**Mr. Shepherd moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019.

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

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board