

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING

April 21, 2020  
St. Johns, Arizona

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Board of Supervisor's special meeting was held telephonically with availability for members of the public to email their comments and listen to the meeting via the telephone. Participating by telephone was: Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr, and County Attorney Michael Whiting. Present at the meeting was Supervisor Travis Simshauser and County Manager/Clerk of the Board Ryan Patterson.

Due to telephone difficulties, Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:18 a.m., (delaying the meeting 18 minutes) in the Board of Supervisors chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of the Election Department, requested approval to accept Election HAVA grant funds in the amount of \$130,192 to be used for election security. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval to accept the Public Health Emergency Preparedness COVID-19 grant ADHS17-133163 in the amount of \$184,972. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Troy Czarnyszka, Superior Court Administrator, requested approval to relocate two vacant Clerk positions; one from the Round Valley Justice Court and one from the Puerco Justice Court to be relocated to the Clerk of the Court and Superior Court. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of District II, requested approval of a resolution authorizing Apache County – District II, to request a grant from USDA-Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in the amount of \$85,950, with a \$28,650 match, to be used to purchase equipment for the Elderly Wood Project. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson, on behalf of District II, requested approval of a resolution authorizing Apache County – District II for a grant submission in the amount of \$177,245 to USDA – Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program for radio tower enhancement and fleet radios. **Mr. Simshauser moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley.** Vote was unanimous.

Stephanie McCarthy, Human Resources Manager, requested authorization to update Apache County Human Resources Policy Manual Section 4.1: Political Activity. Ms. McCarthy provided an overview of the change to the policy and stated the policy only applies to employees wanting to run for a political office, not elected officials since elected officials are not considered to be employees. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Whiting presented the item following a possible executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(3), discussion and possible approval of a settlement agreement with Transwestern Pipeline to set centralized tax valuations for 2018 and 2019 based on Court determination of the value from the 2017 tax year. Mr. Whiting stated he did not believe an executive session was needed. **Mr. Shirley moved approval of the settlement agreement, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board