

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

August 3, 2020
St. Johns, Arizona

Present was County Manager/Clerk of the Board Ryan Patterson. Participating via the telephone was Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr., and Supervisor Travis Simshauser.

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:31 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Gabriel Freeland, District II Manager, presented the item following a public information meeting, possible approval of a grant application to the USDA, Rural Development Division for funding assistance to purchase a backhoe. Mr. Freeland stated \$123,319 was awarded with a District II cash match in the amount of \$31,319 required, and the funding is available and budgeted for in this fiscal year. Mr. Freeland provided an overview of the need for the backhoe. There was no member of the public who requested to speak on this issue. Mr. Shepherd stated these grants are ways to assist the communities and thanked everyone for their assistance with this grant application. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Gabriel Freeland, District II Manager, presented the item following a public information meeting, possible approval of a grant application to the USDA, Rural Development Division for the purchase of equipment/supplies for replacement of four radio towers and vehicle/equipment radios from analog to digital equipment. Mr. Freeland stated the USDA grant is for \$177,245 with a District II cash match in the amount of \$44,311 and that match has been budgeted for in this fiscal year. Mr. Freeland provided an overview of the need for these upgrades that will allow for universal communication. There was no member of the public who wanted to speak on this issue. Mr. Freeland thanked Ben Dugdale, Flora Nez and Craig Tsosie, and everyone who assisted with this application. **Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Simshauser.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Simshauser. Vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m. MST.

Approved this 17th day of August 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board