

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

January 18, 2023  
St. Johns, Arizona

Participating via the telephone were: Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd, Vice Chairman Nelson Davis, Supervisor Joe Shirley, Jr., County Manager/Clerk of the Board Ryan Patterson, and Brian Hounshell, Emergency Management Director,

Chairman Shepherd called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for possible approval to declare that an emergency exists that requires that the Board of Supervisors to meet without the 24-hour notice and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to provide required notice under the Open Meeting Law. **Mr. Shirley moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for possible approval of a resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding the winter snow accumulation and ensuing mud and approval of a resolution that directs the administration to work with other state and federal agencies to assist stranded Apache County citizens due to damaged or impassable roads throughout the entire county and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to issue any proclamations concerning the current winter storm emergency as provided in A.R.S. 26-311. Brian Hounshell, Emergency Management Director, stated the sawmill area has received over two feet of snow and emergency services have been getting medication and needed supplies to citizens in the affected area. Vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2023 -01**  
**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire and duty of the Apache County Board of Supervisors to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Apache County;

**WHEREAS**, with the current and forecasted snow accumulations, many citizens of Apache County are stranded in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering their lives and wellbeing, threatening damage their homes and property, and endangering their livestock;

**WHEREAS**, when current and forecasted snow melts, many of the roadways in Apache County will become impassable due to the mud and water runoff and otherwise damaging the roadways that will strand many citizens of Apache County in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering lives and wellbeing;

**WHEREAS**, Apache County acknowledges and thanks federal, state, BIA and tribal agencies now assisting with the emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the Apache County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-301 et seq. declares a State of Emergency to exist on private, state, federal and tribal lands;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Apache County will provide mutual aid to the affected areas in Apache County pursuant to its ordinances, emergency plans and intergovernmental agreements which shall include personnel, equipment and other available resources;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 26-311, the chairman of the Apache County Board of Supervisors is authorized to issue any proclamation necessary and permissible concerning the current snow and mud emergency declared by the resolution.

Approved this 18th day of January 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board

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

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

/s/ Alton Joe Shepherd  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson  
Clerk of the Board