

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EMERGENCY MEETING

January 9, 2024
St. Johns, Arizona

Present were, Supervisor Nelson Davis, Clerk of the Board/County Manager Ryan N. Patterson and Chief Deputy County Attorney Celeste Robertson. Participating via the telephone was Chairman Joe Shirley, Jr. and Vice Chairman Alton Joe Shepherd.

Chairman Shirley called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona.

Mr. Patterson presented the item 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. Patterson stated the agenda has been posted in the required locations. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented the item for 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 all the districts are working to clear the snow in their areas and we are beginning to get distress called throughout the county from citizens that are in need of assistance. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2024 -02
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 9th day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

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

Approved this 6th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board