

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
June 4, 2013
St. Johns, Arizona**

Present were: Chairman Tom M. White, Vice Chairman Barry Weller and Supervisor Joe Shirley. Also present, County Manager/Clerk of the Board Delwin Wengert and County Attorney Michael Whiting.

Chairman White called to order the Apache County Board of Supervisors meeting and the Public Health Services District meeting at 8:32 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona and welcomed all in attendance.

Barry Weller offered the invocation.

Judith Pepple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman White called for the Public Health Services District items.

Chris Sexton, Health Director, requested approval to reduce the salary of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Division Manager from range 56 (\$50,554-\$75,831) to range 53 (\$46,944-\$70,417) and the position is currently vacant and the salary is paid from grant funds. Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Weller. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the Health District meeting, seconded by Mr. Weller. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman White called for the regular agenda items.

There was no one wanting to address the Board during Call to the public

Chief Deputy Sheriff Brannan Eagar requested the item of a public hearing for possible approval of an updated Apache County Outdoor Fire Ordinance be removed from the agenda. Chairman White removed the item.

Mr. Wengert requested approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application recommendation for Ann Avenenti, Corporal Joe McCarthy – American Legion Auxiliary, for a Battle of the Bands event located at the Concho Lions Club Park, Concho, Arizona on July 6, 2013. Mr. Weller moved approval, seconded Mr. Shirley. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wengert requested approval of a Liquor License Extension of Premises/Patio Permit Application recommendation for John May, Ye Old Tavern for the 15th Annual Worm Races in Alpine, Arizona on July 6, 2013. Mr. Weller moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Wengert presented the **Consent Items A-C**. Mr. Shirley moved approval, seconded by Mr. Weller. County **Manager/Clerk of the Board: A**. Request approval of minutes dated May 21, 2013. **B**. Request approval of demands dated May 21, 2013 to June 4, 2013. Demands are payments made by the County. Specific details of the Demands may be requested through the County public record request process. Payee Amount VERITAS RESEARCH CONSULTING 4,373.46 WILSON, MICHAEL J 2,340.00 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL 142,223.00 APACHE

COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING 126,621.42 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYST\ 77,741.25 COLONIAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INS 1,100.36 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN 7,527.08 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 3,868.66 MERITAIN HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING 1,304.20 MUTUAL OF OMAHA 1,187.53 NATIONWIDE 1,515.00 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL 401 12,135.07 PUBLIC SAFETY SHERIFF RET 23,781.26 SECURITY BENEFIT GROUP 1,796.00 SUPPORT PAYMENT CLEARING HOUSE 2,579.21 ADHS AZ HEALTH CARE COST 22,400.00 AMIGO CHEVROLET 1,636.60 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 6,000.00 AUTO SAFETY HOUSE LLC 1,996.66 AVAYA COMMUNICATIONS 1,381.19 AZ SUPREME COURT 1,200.00 BAUMAN HOME AND AUTO INC 1,664.49 BERGE FORD INC 110,051.96 BLUE HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL 1,291.52 BRADCO 5,686.34 BURNHAM MORTUARY 1,658.04 CARDIAC SCIENCE CORPORATION 1,092.59 CLYDE, VICTOR J 1,555.50 CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE INC 2,447.60 DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION 2,459.25 FLYNN, LARRY A 2,700.00 FOUR CORNERS WELDING & GAS SUPPLY 2,994.20 FRONTIER 5,256.82 HATCH CONSTRUCTION 4,515.76 HIGHWAY TECHNOLOGIES INC 3,449.10 HILLYARD INC 1,509.47 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 8,501.11 KWKM POWER 95.7 1,462.68 LAWSON PRODUCTS INC 1,986.65 NAVAJO NATION WATER CODE ADMIN 1,369.00 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 1,800.46 NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY 2,260.96 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 3,219.01 OFFICE DEPOT 1,150.82 OVERDRIVE INC 2,082.49 PATTERSON, DANA BRYCE 8,500.00 QUILL CORP 3,556.41 SMITH, JOHN R 2,880.00 THE GUIDANCE CENTER 1,725.00 TJP COMMUNICATIONS 2,360.00 UNIVERSAL FLEET CARD 1,204.86 WOODLAND BUILDING CENTER 1,872.58 YOUNG, JOSEPH 7,770.00 ST

JOHNS/CONCHO SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOC 1,500.00 MCDANIEL, RONALD D 4,907.69 AMAZON COM INC 2,106.18 ASHTON'S REPAIR INC 4,475.75 CHEVRON USA INC 1,205.59 COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTERS INC 1,020.00 COURTESY CHEVROLET 28,651.72 DIAMOND DRUGS INC 1,665.52 DOYLES AUTO BODY INC 2,286.66 EMPIRE MACHINERY 2,183.15 FRONTIER 1,795.17 GMCO CORPORATION 46,166.02 GOLIGHTLY TIRE 1,468.31 GRAVES PROPANE CO INC 1,465.13 INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES 1,748.20 KATHLEEN M MCGUIRE PSY D LLC 2,575.00 LAW OFFICE OF MARSHA GREGORY 8,500.00 NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 1,352.83 NEWMAN SIGNS INC 1,267.25 NORCHEM DRUG TESTING LABORATORY 2,023.26 RIGG LAW FIRM PLLC 1,600.50 SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION OF SHOW LOW 1,684.97 ST JOHNS CITY 6,892.24 STAPLES CREDIT PLAN 1,811.60 VEHICLE LIGHTING SOLUTIONS INC 1,536.61 VERITAS RESEARCH CONSULTING 1,923.54 VERIZON WIRELE 3,098.98 WATCH SYSTEMS LLC 7,500.00 WOODLAND BUILDING CENTER 1,371.62 YOUNGS FUTURE TIRE 1,283.04 TPX ENTERPRISES 1,006.25 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 75,010.58

Personnel Items: C. District II: Request authorization to convert the currently vacant full time Administrative Assistant III (range 30) to a part time (24 hours per week) Administrative Coordinator (range 38) and fill the vacancy. Vote was unanimous. Angela Romero, Election Director, requested approval of the Canvass of the May 21, 2013 Special Election. Mr. Weller moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley. Vote was unanimous.

Lyle Levfevre, Information Technology Director, requested approval to enter into a Service Agreement with Frontier Communications to provide upgraded network communications. Mr. Lefevre stated that the new service is to include internet access to the Round Valley Annex, Ganado, St. Johns, Chinle and Ft. Defiance. Mr. Weller and Mr. Lefevre held a discussion regarding the costs and the other proposals that were reviewed. Ben Dugdale with the IT Department provided an overview on how the upgraded network would increase the internet services. A discussion was held regarding utilizing video conferencing in the future and to be able to do that, the service up north needed to be improved. Mr. Weller moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shirley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman White provided notification of the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) meeting on June 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the High Country Conference Center, 201 West Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona. No action was needed or taken.

Mr. Wengert presented the item for discussion and possible direction regarding the 2013-2014 Budget. Ryan Patterson, Finance Director provided an overview of the proposed budget. Mr. Patterson stated that the overall budget last year was 51.5 million and this year it is reduced to 50.5 million. A discussion was held regarding the list of personnel actions items that would be included in the budget. Mr. Weller stated that he is concerned with the long term effects to the taxpayers not knowing the future of the economy and being that both Mr. Patterson and he are LDS and don't wager, they do have differences of opinion on where things might be a year from now. Mr. Weller stated that he is of one opinion that the economy will not be in good shape and is very concerned and asked that for District III, on his personnel action items, he requested the Administrative Coordinator be removed as well as the temporary Secretaries. Mr. Weller stated that he can't see impacting the general fund with his activities and asked every department to consider the impact to the general fund very carefully as we go forward because in his opinion, the economy is extremely unstable. Mr. Patterson stated that he will make the necessary adjustments to Mr. Weller's budget to reflect the eliminated positions. A discussion was held regarding the personnel actions items and the need for additional manpower in the Assessor and Treasurer offices. A discussion was held regarding the proposed cost of living increase for the employees. Mr. Wengert stated that the Board will consider approving the tentative budget at the June 18th meeting. Mr. Weller stated that he will be traveling during the June 18th meeting so he would like to meet with Mr. Patterson, Ms. Houston and Mr. Wengert prior to that meeting to go over any last minute modifications to the budget. Recorder Lenora Johnson addressed the Board and encouraged them to approve the cost of living increases and asked if Mr. Wengert, Ms. Houston and Mr. Patterson would work with her on her budget because she needs some additional funding for a project she is working on with the Navajo Nation. Mr. White stated that what is the table is an across the Board increase of 4% for all employees and he would rather see those employees over 50,000 get 3% and those below that get 4% and would like to see those numbers calculated and provided before the next meeting. Mr. Patterson stated that he will calculate whatever the Board directs him to do. Mr. Shirley stated that he would rather see a 4% across the Board increase for all employees; that there are employees who have student loans and have worked very hard to acquire their education and thinks the budget can handle those increases. Chief Deputy Sheriff Eagar stated that years ago the County did the varying percentages to employees and that reduced the distance with the pay structure between sergeants and commanders; that since the commanders are exempt, they don't make overtime and those increases closed the gap so much between the employees that the sergeants ended up at the end of the year making more money than the commanders because the sergeants are eligible for overtime. Chief Eagar stated that the varying pay increase messes up the pay grades within the Sheriff's Office. No action was needed or taken.

Mr. Shirley moved to adjourn the Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Weller. Vote was unanimous.

Approved this 18th day of June, 2013.

/s/ Tom M. White, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

/s/ Delwin Wengert
Clerk of the Board