

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE APACHE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 5, 2024
St. Johns, Arizona

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

Chairman Shirley called to order the Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' chambers, County Annex Building, 75 West Cleveland Street, St. Johns, Arizona, and welcomed all in attendance.

Ferrin Crosby gave the invocation.

J.J. Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shirley called for the Health District item.

Kimberly Cole, Health Director, requested approval of Intergovernmental Agreement #CTR055272 Title V Maternal and Child Health Healthy Arizona Families Amendment #4. Ms. Cole stated the amendment is effective July 1, 2024, and revises and replaces the Price Sheet in the amount of \$134,000. Exhibit A is also revised and replaced. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Shirley called for the Library District item.

Kiersten Nielsen, Assistant Library Director, requested approval to extend the current contract with NTUA Wireless LLC, for one-year; July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025, to provide internet services to all Apache County Libraries except for Alpine. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chris McCarthy, Jail Commander, requested approval to award RFP 2023-02 to Advanced Correctional Healthcare, to provide medical services to inmates in the Apache County Jail. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Shirley called for the regular agenda items.

Mr. Patterson presented the item following a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for FY24, discussion and possible adoption of a resolution regarding amendments to the proposals. **Mr. Shepherd moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous. Mr. Davis commented that every four years the CDBG grant comes around and the last rotation built the Mellon Center in Concho and this project at the library in Vernon is much-needed and thanked Malena for the work she did to move this forward. There was no one else wanting to address the Board during the public hearing. **Mr. Shepherd moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous. Malena Hannah stated the projects haven't changed, just the scope of work within each proposed project and this amendment changes from a standalone building for the Vernon Food Pantry, to the expansion of the Vernon Public Library to accommodate for a food pantry and distribution center. Mrs. Hannah stated regarding the fairgrounds project, at the last public hearing it was deemed ineligible for funding, but within the revised scope it would be for ADA compliance. Ms. Hannah stated the third project for the HeadStart has not changed. Ms. Hannah recommended the Board adopt the same ranking as previously approved, and also to approve the amended resolution to reflect as such. **Mr. Davis moved approval of the resolution and amended project descriptions, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
1	100%	Vernon Food Pantry	Expansion of the Vernon Public Library to accommodate the Vernon Food Pantry and distribution facility.
2		Apache County Youth Development	ADA upgrades to show arena with ADA 4-H and Fair bleachers, sidewalks and lighting.
3		St. Johns HeadStart Facility	Update to building and ADA sidewalks.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZATION TO
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND IMPLEMENT CDBG PROJECTS**

RESOLUTION NO: 2024-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE APACHE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY24 STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, CERTIFYING THAT SAID APPLICATION MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SAID APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, Apache County is desirous of undertaking community development activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is administering the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the State CDBG Program requires that CDBG funds requested address one of the three Congressional mandated National Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the activities within these application(s) address the community's identified housing and community development needs, including the needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, an Applicant of State CDBG funds is required to comply with the program guidelines and Federal Statutes and regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Apache County Board of Supervisors authorize application to be made to the State of Arizona, Department of Housing for FY24 CDBG funds, and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign application and contract or grant documents for receipt and use of these funds for projects on the attached ranking list, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to take all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities submitted in said application(s); and

THAT this application for State CDBG funds meets the requirements of low and moderate income benefit for activities justified as benefiting low and moderate income persons, aids in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight or addresses an urgent need which poses a threat to health; and

THAT Apache County will comply with all State CDBG Program guidelines, Federal Statutes and regulations applicable to the State CDBG Program and the certifications contained in the(these) application(s).

Passed and adopted by the Apache County Board of Supervisors this 5th day of March 2024.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Ryan Patterson
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Michael Whiting
County Attorney

Mr. Patterson presented the Consent Agenda items A-F and recommended approval. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval Consent items A-F, seconded by Mr. Davis.** County Manager/Clerk of the Board: A. Request approval of demands as distributed to the Apache County Board of Supervisors between February 6, 2024, to March 5, 2024. Demands are payments made, or to be made, by the County. Payee Amount MIREYA MORALES \$1025.51 APACHE COUNTY HSA \$6354.17 APACHE COUNTY MEDICAL \$198380.94 APACHE COUNTY TAX WITHHOLDING \$175798.52 ASRS LEGACY EORP \$11467.76 AZ STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$143041.01 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RET PLAN \$14505.86 CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN 520 \$1226.43 EORP LEGACY \$3039.91

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BUILDING CENTER C/O NATIONS BEST \$1468.35 SHOW LOW FORD INC \$79179.92. Specific details of the demands may be requested through the County public record request process. B. Request approval of minutes dated February 6, 2024, and February 22, 2024. C. Request approval of the tax exemption and reimbursement for the Sanders Valley Baptist Church for parcels 207-25-002 and 207-26-365, pursuant to ARS 42-11153. The exemption was filed late due to an administrative oversight within the organization. County Attorney's Office: D. Request approval to reimburse Garek Kartchner for relocation expenses in accordance with Apache County Human Resources Policy Manual Section 1.7. School Superintendent's Office: E. Request approval of acceptance of Utilities Funding Program Grant in the amount of \$25,000 total from Salt River Project and Tucson Electric Power. Elections Department: F. Request approval based on the recommendation of the Republican Party County Chair, Alan Barwick, determined vacancies exist in the office of precinct committeeman and appoint Nancy Roanhorse for the Puerco Precinct, Carol Whitney for the St. Johns Precinct, Barry Emerald for the Springerville Precinct, Lemos Fulmer and Lea Fulmer for the Eagar Precinct and Cynthia Loney for the St. Michaels Precinct. Vote was unanimous for consent agenda items A-F.

Mr. Patterson requested approval of a resolution designating the month of April as National County Government Month and recognize "Forward Together" as this year's theme. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

**Celebrating April 2024 as
National County Government Month
Resolution 2024-04**

WHEREAS, counties are one of America's oldest forms of government, dating back to 1634 when the first county governments (shires) were established in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 330 million Americans with essential services to create healthy, vibrant and safe communities; and celebrating this year's National Association of Counties theme of "Forward Together" to spotlight the vital role counties play; and

WHEREAS, Apache County takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the approximately 72,000 residents Apache County serves to provide essential services in efficient and cost effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Apache County employees work diligently and with commitment to innovation and creativity to: build infrastructure, maintain roads, provide land use and economic development policies, maintain public safety, provide healthcare, administer justice, keep communities safe, run clean elections, among many other public service functions of our organization; and

WHEREAS, Apache County takes pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its wide diversity of people, culture, and landscape in cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities and in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by Apache County and its employees;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that in the spirit of encouraging all citizens and organizations to recognize the important role and contributions of Apache County and its employees who work in public service, we do hereby recognize and celebrate April, 2024 as “Forward Together” National County Government Month.

Signed this 5th day of March 2024.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

Mr. Patterson requested approval of a resolution to accept Gila River Indian Community Grant funding on behalf of the Alpine Fire District, in the amount of \$167,491. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024 -05
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF APACHE COUNTY,
ARIZONA, ACCEPTING GRANT MONEY FROM GILA RIVER
INDIAN COMMUNITY FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Alpine Fire District has identified the need to replace a necessary front-line emergency vehicle and;

WHEREAS, the Alpine Fire District has applied for a grant to purchase such equipment with the Gila River Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, upon award of \$167,491 by the Gila River Indian Community the Apache County Board of Supervisors resolves to accept these monies on behalf of the Alpine Fire District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Apache, Arizona as follows:

The grants funds proposed by the Gila River Indian Community in the amount of \$167,491, for the purchase of equipment be acknowledged and accepted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the County of Apache, Arizona this 5th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

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

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board

Mr. Patterson requested approval to create a 19-hour a week Assistant Clerk of the Board position (Range 46) and hire within the salary range. **Mr. Davis moved approval, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.** Vote was unanimous.

J.J. Thomas, on behalf of Emergency Management, requested approval of Contract MRC 24-2107. Mr. Thomas stated this is an agreement between the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Apache County, in the amount of \$10,000 to build the capacity of a local Critical Incident and Stress Management (CISM) unit and no match is required. **Mr. Shepherd moved approval, seconded by Mr. Davis.** Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Patterson presented notification of the following meetings where two or more members of the Apache County Board of Supervisors may be in attendance. No action was needed or taken.

- The Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting on March 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- Small Counties Forum meeting on March 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. held at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.
- The County Supervisors Association (CSA) meeting on March 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the County Supervisors Association building, 1905 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.

There was no one wanting to address the Board during call to the public.

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

Approved this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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

/s/ Ryan N. Patterson
Clerk of the Board