

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS. SAFFORD, AZ July 6, 2021

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

The Graham County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session this date with the following present:

Danny Smith	Chairman
Paul R. David	Vice-Chairman
John Howard	Member
Dustin Welker	County Manager / Clerk
Hannah Duderstadt	Deputy Clerk

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 28, 2021, and ratification of the board meeting held on June 21, 2021 were approved.

Health Director Brian Douglas requested approval to amend the Healthy People Healthy Communities IGA. Upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor David, the request was unanimously approved.

County Manager Dustin Welker requested approval to adopt Resolution 2021-08, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Graham County, Arizona, Issuing a Declaration of Emergency due to the Pinnacle Fire. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE PINNACLE FIRE WHICH STARTED JUNE 10, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ALL FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECLARATION PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE (A.R.S.) §26-311.

WHEREAS, the Graham County Board of Supervisors is authorized by A.R.S. §26-311 to declare an emergency exists due to the Pinnacle Fire and the potential for after fire flooding from the same, which can endanger life and property within the city and towns, or the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, the fire has burned over 34,000 acres and continues to burn; and

WHEREAS, the fire has created an emergency situation which warranted evacuation status alerts endangering life and property; and

WHEREAS, the multiple fires and post-fire flooding potential have created conditions which may impact and damage county infrastructure and citizens of Graham County; and

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictional resources have been and are on the ground expending resources to provide fire suppression, mitigation, and multiple responses to local community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Graham County Board of Supervisors issues this Declaration of Emergency in Graham County and the Chairperson is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to A.R.S. §26-311.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2021, at Safford, Graham County, Arizona.

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/S/: Danny Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

/S/: Dustin Welker, Clerk

Under current events report, Supervisor David reported on the following: Rural Transportation mtg.; Southeastern AZ Committee Action mtg.; Retirement dinner for Safford Library employee; Fourth of July Festivities;

Supervisor Howard reported on the following: 6/28 Mt. Graham Surgical Facility tour; 6/29 NRCS Pinnacle Fire mtg.; 7/3 Town of Thatcher 4th of July celebration; Weather update in Bonita;

Manager Welker reported on the following: CSA's upcoming briefing on Legislation; expressed thanks to all department heads and elected officials for fiscal year-end;

Demands and hand written warrants were unanimously approved upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard. Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §11-217, as amended in 1996, those demands/warrants for any supplier which total more than \$1,000.00 are as follows:

<u>SUPPLIER/PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF WARRANT</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS – ADULT DIV.	\$43,028.27
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS – JUVENILE DIV	\$43,997.16
DYNAMITE SOLUTIONS	\$3,252.77
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$1,487.46
JOSHUA BENSON, PA-C	\$1,900.00
PULLTARPS XXX	\$1,027.12
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	\$17,139.18

Under Call to the Public, Torey Cranford discussed the recent Initiative petition for tax on cannabis cultivation.

Under Call to the Public, Heather Dukes discussed the initiative petition regarding cannabis and what the initiative is proposing.

Under Call to the Public, Dennis Wells discussed taxing of federal reserve notes and bonds for elected officials.

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Chairman Smith called the first work session to order at 8:35 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Ted Prina	AZ Community Foundation for Gila Valley
Brian Douglas	Health Director
Melissa Matlock	Parks Director
Steve McGaughey	P & Z Director
Melanie Tluczek	Gila Watershed Partnership Director
Dustin Welker	County Clerk / Manager

An update on the Linear Park was discussed.

Chairman Smith adjourned the work session at 9:20 a.m.

Chairman Smith called the second work session to order at 9:20 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Brian Douglas	Health Director
Melissa Matlock	Parks Director
Steve McGaughey	Planning & Zoning Director
Steven D. Puzas	Highway Supervisor
Dustin Welker	County Clerk / Manager

Various Health, Highway, P & Z, and Park issues were discussed.

Chairman Smith adjourned the work session at 11:05

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Danny Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dustin Welker, Board Clerk