



OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EMERGENCY SESSION, SPECIAL SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

August 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. – Special Session

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Judy Begay, Supervisor Patrice Horstman and Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Absent: Vice Chair Lena Fowler

Also Present: Deputy County Attorney Yvonne Vieau, County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Emergency Management Director Wes Dison, Human Resources Director Erika Philpot, Deputy Clerk of the Board Valerie Webber and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Ryan called the Emergency/Special Session meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Chair Ryan explained that item #1 on the agenda was added because of flood events that occurred yesterday. Chair Ryan introduced County Manager Steve Peru.

1. As members of the policy group of the Emergency Operations Center, the Board of Supervisors may receive an update, participate in discussion, and provide direction regarding the ongoing Museum Fire Flood Emergency- specifically the recent flood event from August 17, 2021, including informational updates from the Emergency Operations Center, Incident Command, Flood Mitigation Team and Public Information Office. **Emergency Management** *(added to the agenda the evening before the meeting due to a flooding event, of which there is a local emergency declaration for on-going flooding)*

County Manager Peru stated that the emergency item was added to the agenda, and he read the agenda title for item 1. He explained that there were flood events that took place yesterday and called on Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani to speak.

Supervisor Patrice Horstman spoke about how she looked at the Forest Hills and Magdalena area and how the flooding exceeded the area, which is outside the Museum Fire scar area. She also spoke about the Facebook Live event happening today at 3:00 p.m. and encouraged people to share the information on social media. She also thanked staff for their work and said that the channeling that was done in the Mount Elden Estates area was working.

Upon inquiry from Chair Ryan, Deputy County Manager Andreani stated that people should call the call center if they are elderly or disabled and need support, or if they need assistance with debris removal.

Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez thanked County and City staff that dealt with the different flooding issues. He asked if there are any services for people that may need a place to go. Deputy County Manager Andreani stated they should call the call center and staff will engage Red Cross.

Engineer Tressler explained that the County is receiving calls from people saying that they received flooding for the first time and wondering if the flood mitigation measures the County and City have done have changed flows. He explained that the County can't mitigate for every scenario. He also spoke about how they are working with the City of Flagstaff and training them to insure they are part of the effort as well.

Supervisor Vasquez thanked staff for their work and spoke about the flooding at Killip School.

Deputy County Manager Andreani spoke about people that may be frustrated or angry as the flooding is repetitive and that the County is on their team and that staff is working to help. She also said there is a joint City of Flagstaff and County meeting on Monday where more information will be presented.

Supervisor Horstman spoke about the flooding occurring outside the Museum fire scar area and that people needing assistance can call the flood call center. She also spoke about the City and County being limited on resources and it is important to advocate for FWPP funding for long term and permanent mitigation efforts.

Supervisor Judy Begay spoke about communication being important and she also inquired about activities that would happen if the County were to address forest restoration regarding flooding. Deputy County Manager Andreani explained that there may always be flood events during the monsoon season; however, post wildfire areas have repetitive and sustained flooding. Deputy County Manager Andreani spoke about the high priority areas and what areas are at risk.

Community Development Director Jay Christelman spoke about there being four, two-person damage assessment teams, three of which are at the Lake Mary RV Park due to the impact of the hail event from the night before yesterday. He explained that there were up to 80 structures damaged and some displaced from their foundations, which will need to be reported to the state. He also explained that there is a two-person crew at the Forest Hills area right now and that they plan on reconvening with the City of Flagstaff in both the Cheshire and Sunnyside areas for damage assessments with city staff. He also stated that onsite wastewater systems are being comprised in the Forest Hills area and will be looked at also.

Absent: Vice Chair Fowler

Also Present: Erika Philpot, Yvonne Vieau

At 10:20 am, candidate Trey Williams joined the meeting.

At 11:17 am, candidate Trey Williams left the meeting.

At 11:22 am, candidate Gregory Nelson joined the meeting.

At 12:22 pm, candidate Gregory Nelson left the meeting.

Chair Ryan adjourned the executive session at 1:03 p.m.

Chair Ryan reconvened the public session at 1:18 p.m.

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez, Supervisor Judy Begay.

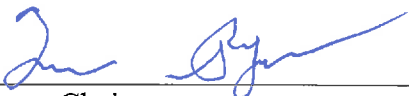
Absent: Vice Chair Fowler

Also Present: County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Attorney Yvonne Vieau, Clerk of the Board Lindsay Daley.

There being no further discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

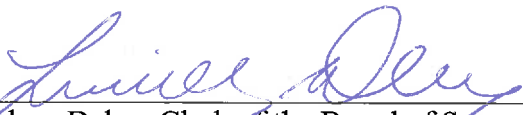
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Matt Ryan, Chair

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