



OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION MINUTES

JULY 23, 2019

8:00 a.m.

The Coconino County Emergency Operations Center, the Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET) building, located at 2225 N. Gemini Road, Flagstaff, AZ.

Present: Chairwoman Lena Fowler, Vice Chair Jim Parks and Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta.

Absent: Supervisor Matt Ryan and Supervisor Babbott.

Also Present: City of Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff City Manager Barbara Goodrich, City of Flagstaff Contracts Manager Stacey Brechler-Knaggs, City of Flagstaff Fire Chief Mark Gaillard, County Manager James Jayne, Deputy County Manager/Public Works Director Lucinda Andreani, Information Technology Director Matt Fowler, Executive Assistant to District 4 – Steven Flanagan, Executive Assistant to District 5 – Miranda Morales, Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson, Public Works Program Manager Allie Stender, Information Technology Manager Helen Costello, Director of Emergency Management Todd Whitney, City of Flagstaff Public Works Director Andy Bertelsen, County Special Initiatives Director Kim Musselman, County Sheriff Jim Driscoll, County Chief Deputy Sheriff Bret Axlund, County Engineer Christopher Tressler, United Way Volunteer Sybil Smith, United Way CEO Carol Dykes, Executive Assistant to County Manager – Erin Ulloa, County Intern Julian Wolff, Flagstaff Police Chief Kevin Treadway, Flagstaff Streets Director Scott Overton, Arizona Representative Bob Thorpe, Kaibab National Forest Supervisor Heather Provencio, Anne Marie from Senator McSally's Office, Executive Assistant to District 1 – Michele Ralston, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley.

Also Present telephonically: Director of Arizona Division of Emergency Management Wendy Reeve-Smith, Chief Operating Officer for Arizona Gilbert Davidson, City of Flagstaff Councilmember Jim McCarthy.

Emergency Session:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Museum Fire Emergency in Coconino County. **Emergency Management**

County Manager James Jayne announced that this was an emergency meeting being held to address the Museum Fire that broke out July 21, 2019. This is a policy meeting of the Emergency Operations Center. The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Flagstaff Fire Chief Mark Gaillard and County Emergency Management Director Todd Whitney provided a brief situation report. They spoke about concerns regarding the fire from last night and they were unable to fly over the fire due to the weather. They stated that there are resources coming in. They also spoke about there being no immediate risk.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani spoke about the County's preparation for fire impacts. She explained that JE Fuller is running Flow 2D modeling of flooding to be expected, the burn footprint has doubled within the watershed and the County is lacking information on the burn severity. She also spoke about the planned community meeting in the evening and the need for messaging regarding the risk of flooding.

Flagstaff Public Works Director Andy Bertelsen spoke about the City of Flagstaff's preparation for fire impacts. He explained that the City is preparing an operations plan, which will include plans for sandbag locations and staging loaders for debris removal. He also explained that the police are bringing officers to patrol the 4th Street corridor.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani stated they are working to locate sites for sandbags that can be used for the entire monsoon season. She stated they have been in touch with the Arizona Conservation Corps to get their assistance for aid with sandbags for those with special needs.

County Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson provided an update on communication regarding the fire. He stated they addressed the scam issue last night and provided information to the public on this. He explained that he is staffing the Joint Information Center within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for any messaging needs. He also explained that a webpage has been setup for information on the Museum Fire, there is a call center within the EOC, a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant was approved that they were seeking, and there is a folder with pictures on One Drive that can be accessed if desired.

Representative Bob Thorpe stated that Hunter Moore from the Governor's Office is here, as well as the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (ADEMA), and that Senator McSally's Office is engaged and to consider these as resources.

A National Weather Service representative explained that there will be a more active monsoon today through next week. There will be outflow winds greater than 52% and a flow to the north-west that can get pushed to the burn scar at Mt. Elden.

A Representative from Arizona Public Service spoke about there not being impacts to Arizona Public Service (APS) lines at this time. He spoke about their network for protection.

County Manager Jayne spoke about the planned community meeting for the evening. He reviewed the topics that are planned for the agenda, including a flood control district presentation, Sheriff update, and information tables that residents will be able to go to. The meeting will be live-streamed, with Spanish translation and sign language provided. Mr. Jayne acknowledge those participating in the meeting from other agencies.

Hunter Moore, Policy Advisor on Natural Resources to Governor Ducey, stated that they are making plans for the Governor to visit and that everyone is working well together.

Director of Arizona Division of Emergency Management Wendy Reeve-Smith stated that they have experienced staff that have experience with the Schultz fire and flood that are available.

Gilbert Davidson, Chief Operating Officer for Arizona, offered his thanks.

United Way Volunteer Sybil Smith explained that United Way is getting ready to start up the donation fund- that there will be a need for money.

A representative from the City of Flagstaff Water Services explained that they will be monitoring tank levels because they have an underground reservoir with a pipe that goes to the City that may be impacted by the fire.

Supervisor Archuleta spoke about the preference for there to be door to door notification about the meeting tonight and a door hanger left. Deputy County Manager Andreani explained that they would have to mobilize Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members to do that.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani explained that there are approximately 20 properties at risk of flooding in the Mt. Elden Estates area.

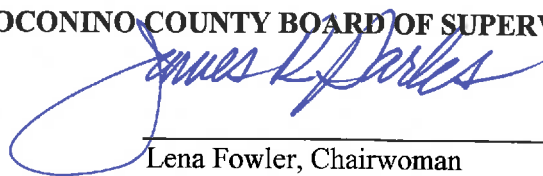
Program Manager Allie Stender explained that with calls coming into the call center, they are providing the message that if residents are concerned and can't sleep that they should use that energy to make a plan and get ready or make the safest choice for themselves and evacuate when they determine it is best for them rather than waiting for the Sheriff to tell them to evacuate.

Supervisor Archuleta also suggested using the County's notification system to make residents aware of the community meeting at 6:00 p.m. She suggested that partners can help with this such as Northern Arizona University and Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce.

There was no action taken by the Board at this meeting.

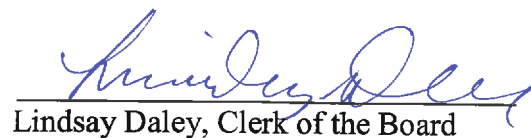
Chairwoman Fowler adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

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Lena Fowler, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

