



OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION MINUTES

JULY 22, 2019

12:30 p.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 Art Babbott. Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta was present telephonically and arrived in person at 12:41 p.m.

Absent: Supervisor Matt Ryan.

Also Present: Sheriff Jim Driscoll, City of Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans, City of Flagstaff Councilmember Scott Odegaard, 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, Director of Special Initiatives Kim Musselman, United Way Volunteer Sybil Smith, Executive Assistant to District 4 – Steven Flanagan, Executive Assistant to District 2 – Theresa Munoz, Executive Assistant to District 1 – Michele Ralston, Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson, Public Works Program Manager Allie Stender, Director of Emergency Management Todd Whitney, City of Flagstaff Councilmember Charlie Odegaard, Interim State Forester David Tenney, Policy Advisor to Governor Doug Ducey - Hunter Moore.

Chairwoman Fowler called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

County Manager James Jayne announced that this was an emergency meeting being held to address the Museum Fire that broke out July 21, 2019. He further stated the Policy Group is meeting Tuesday through Friday and staff has tentatively scheduled a community meeting for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at Flagstaff High School. He welcomed Governor Ducey's Policy Advisor Hunter Moore and advised that Congressman O'Halleran and Senator McSally may be visiting tomorrow.

Emergency Management Director Todd Whitney reviewed a draft emergency declaration and spoke about a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) that the Board will consider this afternoon for approval. It will allow for transportation services to shelter locations. He further spoke about the status of the fire.

Policy Advisor Hunter Moore noted Governor Ducey is being briefed frequently on the status of the fire and emergency operations. He is exploring an emergency declaration but is awaiting local declarations. He expressed gratitude for the working relationships between state and local partnerships.

Supervisor Babbott noted he will be attending a forest related meeting tomorrow in Payson.

Mayor Coral Evans expressed her gratitude for all the responders and local partnerships.

Supervisor Parks expressed gratitude and confidence in the expertise in responding to the emergency.

Public Information Officer Eric Peterson spoke about global and layered communications to be released, related to the status of the current SET notifications and anticipated GO notifications; adding that the Forest Service will speak about the fire and the County/City will address response and recovery management information.

There was discussion regarding the website link Coconino.az.gov/READY, maps and the current risk to Devils Tower. It was identified that if the site burned, there would be a risk to cell coverage and civilian communications.

Interim State Forester David Tenney spoke about the fire.

Deputy County Manager/Public Works Director Lucinda Andreani provided a preliminary overview of flood risk. She stated she was very confident the flood risk in Spruce Watershed would affect properties on Paradise through Sunnyside, down to Route 66. She displayed maps and spoke about flood preparations and the need for a flow analysis.

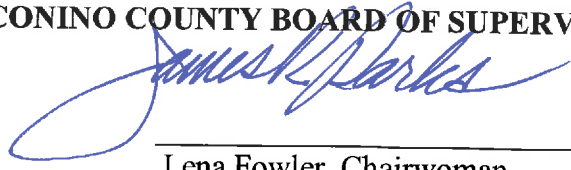
Sheriff Driscoll spoke about the locations that would be notified to evacuate this afternoon to allow for back burning; Weatherford Road, Peak View, Magdalena, Kelly McCoy and Forest Hills. They will be issuing a SET notice down to Sechrist School due to spotting; nothing South or West of Highway 180, only East and North of 180 to Fort Valley Road.

There was further discussion related to resources available for placement of animals and who will be reviewing language for evacuations.

Action Items: By majority consensus of the Board, there was support for the Sheriff to issue SET notifications now. Chairwoman Fowler signed the Emergency Proclamation Declaration of Emergency.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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Lena Fowler, Chairwoman



ATTEST:



Allie Stender, Public Works Program
Manager, *(recorded meeting on behalf
of the Clerk of the Board)*

