



OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION MINUTES

JULY 26, 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, Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta and Supervisor Art Babbott were present telephonically

Absent: Supervisor Matt Ryan

Also Present: United Way Volunteer Sybil Smith, United Way CEO Carol Dykes, Contracts Manager Stacey Brechler-Knaggs, Executive Assistant District 2 - Theresa Thomas, Special Initiatives Director Kim Musselman, Flagstaff Building Official Amy Palmer, Emergency Management Director Todd Whitney, County Manager James Jayne, Flagstaff Public Works Director Andy Bertelsen, Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson, Executive Assistant District 1 - Michele Ralston, Flagstaff Fire Chief Mark Gaillard, City Manager Barbara Goodrich, Forest Restoration Coordinator Jay Smith, County Engineer Christopher Tressler, Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani, Executive Assistant District 4 - Steven Flanagan, Public Works Program Manager Allie Stender, Information Technology Manager Helen Costello, Information Technology (IT) Director Matt Fowler, Arizona Public Service Representative Janet Dean, Flagstaff City Councilmember Jamie Whelan.

Also present via telephone: Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans, City Councilmember Charlie Odegaard

Emergency Management Director, Todd Whitney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated the reason for the meeting was for the Museum Fire emergency and flood mitigation effort.

Emergency Session:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Museum Fire Emergency in Coconino County; including informational updates from different agencies involved. **Emergency Management**

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani provided an update on jersey barrier placement, specifically in the Cul de sac of Linda Vista Street and down the backside of Grand View Street where the channel runs. She stated they had to inform resident that there is not mitigation for them since they are in the channel. There are more sandbag crews being mobilized this weekend in an effort to triple the amount of sandbags.

Supervisor Babbott stated that he will be having a meeting at 12:00 p.m. today at Sechrist School for the Mount Elden Estates and Lockett Ranches communities.

IT Director Matt Fowler stated that IT Manager Helen Costello has been working on producing a map that shows where those with special needs are in the neighborhood. Helen Costello further explained how it can be used.

Program Manager Allie Stender explained that many people have received help already and they are still working out the workflow in assisting those with special needs. She stated there is a lag in the reporting system that is seen on the screen.

Supervisor Archuleta stated that she is interested in making sure that people with vulnerable children are provided assistance. She stated she is wondering if there is any information obtained knowing those parents who may have special needs children. She does not want the children to be dropped off at a house that may be flooding. Allie Stender stated that they can reach out to Flagstaff Unified School District to see if they have a list. Chairwoman Fowler also suggested reaching out to Northern Arizona Council of Governments to get that information. Councilmember Jamie Whelan suggested that Mountain Lift also might have information.

United Way CEO Carol Dykes stated that the Volunteer Center opened today at 8:00 a.m. and will be open until 7:00 p.m. through Sunday.

County Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson provided an update on communication efforts. He explained that the call center will transition from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the County Health building on King Street. He stated that when there is a flooding event it will need to be staffed 24 hours a day. He stated the EOC Joint Information Center (JIC) will be staffed until 6:00 p.m. and then will transition to virtual setup.

Emergency Management Director Todd Whitney provided an update on the EOC. He stated the EOC will remain open over the weekend. He stated there have been 7-10 people using the evacuation center.

Supervisor Parks requested that staff refer residents with complaints in his district to him.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani explained that there is a need for specific communication efforts for residents on Grand View and Paradise Streets. There is a need to provide a message to stress that parents know where their kids are and to keep kids out of drainages. She also encouraged the City of Flagstaff to look at putting up signage on Lockett Street.

Executive Assistant Michele Ralston stated that she checked with residents on Paradise Street and there are not a lot of kids; however, there are a lot on Grand View Street.

Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans stated that she would like to know when street meetings will occur. She also stated that if staff is aware that residents' sandbags are stacked incorrectly, it may be helpful for them to get assistance to get it done correctly.

Flagstaff Fire Chief Mark Gaillard spoke about the fire and stated that the earliest projected date for fire containment is August 15.

Flagstaff City Manager Barbara Goodrich stated she would like to know if there can be a community meeting put together next week for the entire community.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani stated that people doing work on the fire are at risk and that they are looking at the possibility of having a ceremony tomorrow morning. Chairwoman confirmed that she is looking to have a ceremony for all those working on the fire effort.

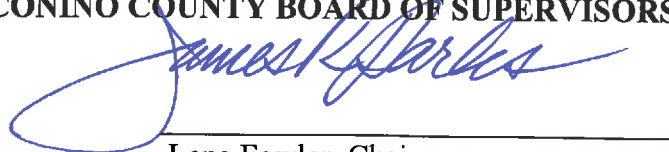
Flagstaff Councilmember Charlie Odegaard stated that many residents still have questions regarding flood insurance. He also stated that some residents are frustrated that they are limited to 15 sandbags and have to make several trips.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani stated that they are producing sandbags as rapidly as possible and trying to triple production. She also stated that for those residents on Paradise and Grand View Streets they will have jersey barriers on their properties for years to come.

Supervisor Archuleta thanked the Mayor and Vice Mayor and stated that the community meeting went well last night.

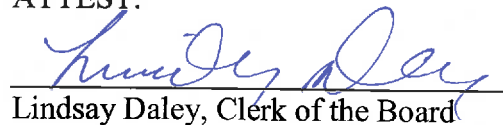
There being no further discussion, Todd Whitney adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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Lena Fowler, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

