

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES WITH SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSCRIPT
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OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

Prescott, Arizona

June 28, 2005

The Board of Supervisors met in special session at 2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2005.

Present: Carol Springer, Chairman; Thomas Thurman, Vice Chairman; Chip Davis, Member (via teleconferencing).

Absent: Bev Staddon, Clerk (due to vacation).

Also present: Jim Holst, County Administrator; Dave Hunt, Attorney/Assistant County Administrator; Richard Straub, Public Works Director; Phil Bourdon, Assistant Public Works Director; Nick Angiolillo, Emergency Services Coordinator; Steve Waugh, Yavapai County Sheriff; Captain John Russell, Sheriff's Office; Chief Philip Harbeson, Sr., Camp Verde Fire District; Chief Michael Van Dyke, Montezuma-Rimrock Fire District; Chief Don Eberle, Verde Valley Fire District; Chief Mike Casson, City of Cottonwood; Chief Michael Butcher, Town of Jerome; Gary J. Johnson, Sedona Fire Inspector; Carolyn Dicus, Administrative Aide.

Clerk's note: A copy of these minutes with a supplemental transcript is available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and is also available on the County website.

E – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- E1. Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §11-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice regarding open fires in Yavapai County. The Board declined to resolve into Executive Session.

A – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A1. Reconvene in open session to consider approval of a resolution regarding open fires in Yavapai County. Approved by unanimous vote. Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Thurman. Resolution No. 1583.

Chairman Springer said they were meeting today to decide whether to impose a fire alert or a fire ban. Mr. Hunt briefly explained how the Board had enacted fire bans in previous years and the enforcement had been hard to deal with. Chairman Springer said she preferred to issue the fire ban and asked Mr. Angiolillo if there were any problems associated with the ban. Mr. Angiolillo replied that the Board had passed the fire ban for three years now and that it was a good experience. He said there has been enforcement but no penalties and that the Sheriff's Office had been called out in cases where individuals had not followed the ban. Chairman Springer asked Sheriff Waugh if they had any problems with enforcement. Sheriff Waugh said he had not been here during the last ban but knew that his office had responded with sending deputies to enforce the ban and that they should be able to handle the enforcement of the fire ban. Captain Russell said in the past, the Sheriff Office responds and brings compliance and when the ban was in place, the Sheriff Office and fire departments were called in and it provided more evidence in case of legal actions. Chief Eberly said that the fire district covered 93 square miles in Yavapai County and they needed to be working on educating people. He said if they were able to be cited, it might get their attention. Chief Casson spoke of interfacing with the community and restricting burning in the County saying the Town of Cottonwood had already implemented a restriction and everyone should be on the same page. He said this would give more ability to enforce the ban across the board. Supervisor Thurman asked if there were fines. Chief Casson replied if it was a second warning. Chief Eberly said the U.S. Forest Service had been left out and they had the best equipment for educating individuals. Chief Van Dyke spoke of an individual who wanted to burn and was told no but across the County line, individuals could still burn. Chief Butcher said they were short handed if the burns get out of control. Supervisor Thurman asked how they could educate 60,000 people coming up here this weekend. Chairman Springer said they have the resolution and asked Mr. Angiolillo to present the resolution then asked for comments or corrections. Supervisor Davis spoke of the numerous fires the previous week and said he believed the timeline was critical. Chairman Springer said this being right before a holiday weekend was a good time to remind individuals. Sheriff Waugh said he had met with Prescott Forest Service Supervisor Alan Quan and that they were supportive of this ban process. Captain Russell said they could request from ADOT at Interstate 17 to have the ban posted on their boards.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk _____ Chairman