

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). THE MEETING IS ALSO TELEVISED TO THE GILA COUNTY COMPLEX, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, PAYSON, ARIZONA.

NOTE: Per the most recent guidelines from the federal government regarding COVID-19 and to protect citizens, no citizens will be allowed in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room at the Globe Courthouse or at the County Complex, Board of Supervisors' conference room in Payson. The only exception to this statement is for public hearings. Citizens may attend the public hearing in person, one at a time, in Globe or in Payson to provide comments. A face mask must be worn while in the building; however, it may be removed while addressing the Board of Supervisors.

THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

EMERGENCY MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020 - 2:45 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 20-08-04 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires that began on August 17, 2020; and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 26-311. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

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2. A.

Emergency Meeting

Meeting Date: 08/20/2020

Submitted For: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Submitted By: Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

Department: Health & Emergency Management

Information

Request/Subject

Adoption of Resolution No. 20-08-04 issuing a Declaration of Emergency due to the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires.

Background Information

The Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires began on Monday, August 17, 2020, in the Tonto National Forest near 7-Mile Wash to Pinto Valley, AZ and now impacts the Roosevelt Estates, Roosevelt Resort, Rockhouse, Spring Creek, Hay Hook, Quail Run and Wheatfields communities in Gila County; and authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 26-311.

Evaluation

It is essential to the well-being of Gila County residents after disasters to expedite recovery and mitigate hazardous conditions threatening public safety, loss of property, and damage to County infrastructure.

Preparation of a pre-event recovery plan can assist Gila County to organize recovery in advance of a declared disaster and to mitigate hazardous conditions before and after such a disaster. Such is the situation with regard to the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires.

Resolution No. 20-08-5 is necessary to utilize internal and external resources to prepare for issues that may affect County residents and allow for financial reimbursement once we have exceeded our threshold.

Conclusion

Resolution No. 20-08-04 will prepare Gila County for recovery efforts from the above-mentioned fire and provide the legal avenue to request additional resources if needed.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Health and Emergency Management Department Director that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 20-08-04.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 20-08-04 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires that began on August 17, 2020; and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 26-311. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

Attachments

Resolution No. 20-08-04



RESOLUTION NO. 20-08-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE SALT, GIN, AND GRIFFIN FIRES THAT STARTED ON MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2020, IN THE TONTO NATIONAL FOREST NEAR 7-MILE WASH TO PINTO VALLEY, ARIZONA, AND NOW IMPACTS THE ROOSEVELT ESTATES, ROOSEVELT RESORT, ROCKHOUSE, SPRING CREEK, HAY HOOK, QUAIL RUN, AND WHEATFIELDS COMMUNITIES IN GILA COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ALL FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECLARATION PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE (A.R.S.) § 26-311.

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors is authorized by A.R.S. § 26-311 to declare an emergency exists due to wildfires which endangers life or property within the city or the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires that started on August 17, 2020, have created an emergency where there is a potential threat of damage to homes, livestock/animals and property; and,

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictional resources are on the ground expending resources to assist in notifying visitors in the Roosevelt Estates, Roosevelt Resort, Rockhouse, Spring Creek, Hay Hook, Quail Run, and Wheatfields communities of the potential threat; and,

WHEREAS, the Salt, Gin, and Griffin Fires have the potential to impact our Gila County communities and damage County infrastructure, and forecasted monsoon rains may have future impacts on County roadways and private properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby issues this Declaration of Emergency in Gila County and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2020, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

Woody Cline, Chairman