

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 that no more than 10 people should be gathered in a room at the same time, 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.

Citizens may watch the Board meeting live-streamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCHWVqrI5AmJKbvYbO-k2A/live>

THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

EMERGENCY MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 - 9:55 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 20-06-05 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Bush Fire that began on June 13, 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.

Emergency Meeting

Meeting Date: 06/16/2020

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. 20-06-05 issuing a Declaration of Emergency due to the Bush Fire.

Background Information

The Bush Fire began on June 13, 2020. It is located in the Tonto National Forest near the intersection of Highway 87 and the Bush Highway in Maricopa County, Arizona. The Bush Fire has now impacted the Tonto Basin area of Gila County.

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 Bush Fire.

Resolution No. 20-06-05 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. 20-06-05 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. 20-06-05.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 20-06-05 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Bush Fire that began on June 13, 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. 20-06-05



RESOLUTION NO. 20-06-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE BUSH FIRE THAT STARTED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020, IN THE TONTO NATIONAL FOREST NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 87 AND BUSH HIGHWAY, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND NOW IMPACTS THE TONTO BASIN AREA OF 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 Bush Fire that started on June 13, 2020, has created an emergency where an evacuation order has been issued as there is a 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 Tonto Basin community of the potential threat; and,

WHEREAS, the Bush Fire has 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 15th day of June 2020, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard
Clerk of the Board

Woody Cline, Chairman