

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 (D), THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021, AT 9 A.M. BY PHONE TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE BACKBONE FIRE AND BLEVINS FIRE OCCURRING IN GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA. THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

EMERGENCY MEETING - SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 21-06-04 to issue a Declaration of Emergency for the Backbone Fire that began on June 16, 2021, and the Blevins Fire that began on June 18, 2021, in Gila County.
(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: 06/19/2021

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. 21-06-04

Background Information

On the evening of Friday, June 18, 2021, Michael O'Driscoll, Health and Emergency Management Department Director, requested that an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Supervisors be scheduled due to the Backbone Fire and Blevins Fire occurring in Gila County. An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 9 a.m. for the Board to adopt Resolution No. 21-06-04 for the issuance of a Declaration of Emergency due to the Backbone Fire and the Blevins Fire.

Evaluation

Each Board member attended the meeting on June 19th with Jessica Scibelli, Deputy County Attorney; Jacque Sanders, Deputy County Manager; Michael O'Driscoll, Health and Emergency Management Department Director; and Melissa Henderson, Deputy Clerk of the Board, present by phone. Mr. O'Driscoll presented information regarding the subject fires and he reviewed the contents of Resolution No. 21-06-04. The Board unanimously adopted the resolution.

Conclusion

Per Arizona Revised Statute, a notice and agenda of the Emergency Meeting was published and posted as soon as possible after the meeting.

Recommendation

N/A

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 21-06-04 to issue a Declaration of Emergency for the Backbone Fire that began on June 16, 2021, and the Blevins Fire that began on June 18, 2021, in Gila County.

(Michael O'Driscoll)

Attachments

Resolution No. 21-06-04



RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE BACKBONE FIRE THAT STARTED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021, IN THE TONTO NATIONAL FOREST 12-MILES WEST OF STRAWBERRY, GILA COUNTY, AND NOW IMPACTS THE TOWNS OF PINE AND STRAWBERRY, AND THE BLEVINS FIRE THAT STARTED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021, AT THE HIGHWAY 188 AND HIGHWAY 288 JUNCTION SOUTH OF ROOSEVELT, GILA COUNTY, IMPACTING RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA; 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 Backbone Fire that started on June 16, 2021, has created an emergency where evacuation orders have been issued and there is a threat of damage to homes, livestock/animals and property; and,

WHEREAS, the Blevins Fire that started on June 18, 2021, has created an emergency in the area of Highway 188 and the Highway 288 junction, south of Roosevelt, which is impacting residents of the area; and,

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictional resources are on the ground expending resources to assist in evacuations and sheltering; and,

WHEREAS, the Backbone Fire and the Blevins Fire 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 19th day of June 2021, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

Tim Humphrey, Chairman