

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

January 19, 2016

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona, with the following members present: David Gomez, Chairman; Ron Campbell, Member; and Robert Corbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, Derek Rapier, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that there is an article in the Arizona Republic newspaper about where Arizona stands in comparison with other states and also an article about coloring books for adults to relieve stress. He stated that he hopes that the Arizona Republic and Daily Star newspapers will return with delivery to Greenlee County.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Greenlee County Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00
2. Health & County Services Director: Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Gila Health Resources for Medical Advisor Services for the Health Department

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Carol Telles, Ranger, Clifton Ranger District, updated the Board on the following:

- Because of heavy snowfall and safety concerns, fuel wood permits have been halted at this time.
- The new acting Forest Supervisor is Steven Best until a permanent supervisor is hired. Wendy Haskins is the Deputy Supervisor and is available when needed.
- The map review for the Travel Management Revision is in process. There is not much changing in the Clifton Ranger District.
- The Ranger District is working with the Arizona Game & Fish Department on the Chiricahua Leopard Frog program and permittees installing fencing for the frog habitat.
- The Pleasant Valley allotment is very prime for grazing and the Ranger District is hoping to be able to permit it out soon.

Mike Bailey, Forest Recreation Ranger, clarified an article in the Copper Era that stated that the Forest Service was changing Blue to a Primitive designation. It is not the Forest Service, only Congress can make that type of designation.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board on the following:

- The Dorado Magazine will have an advertisement on Greenlee County in the next issue
- A new salon for hair and nails will be opening soon in the old Blimpie building on Chase Creek
- The rooms above the gun shop on Chase Creek are now available through Air B&B
- The Tourism Council met on January 13th and voted to take over the Colors of Copper Event
- The Tourism Council will have the final workshop featuring social media on January 21st in the Board of Supervisors meeting room at the Courthouse.
- The next Chamber Mixer will be on January 27th at the Train Depot in Clifton with United Way hosting
- The Annual Chamber Membership meeting will be held at the Greenlee County Country Club on February 17th
- The Community Calendar has been expanded and a link can be found on the Greenlee County website
- He is in discussions with the Arizona Newspaper for delivery service in Greenlee County

Ms. Gale opened discussion regarding a Letter of Support to the Board of Commissioners of Idaho County, Idaho, for the filling of a lawsuit against the United States Department of Agriculture (United States Forest Service) and United States Department of the Interior (BLM) on behalf of counties throughout the West and funding support in the amount of \$5,000 not to be paid out until a minimum of 100 additional Letters of Support have been obtained by Idaho County. Mr. Rapier explained that it doesn't make sense for Greenlee County to be involved in this as this is an issue of the state, not counties. He asked why this issue is being brought to counties when it hasn't been presented to the state and stated that he cannot recommend that the Board move forward with a letter of support – this is not a county issue.

Supervisor Corbell stated that he felt that \$5,000.00 is a small price to pay even if it gets shot down and that he is in favor of the letter of support.

Supervisors Campbell and Gomez stated that this is an issue that needs to begin at the state level and is not a county issue.

Supervisor Corbell moved to approve a Letter of Support to the Board of Commissioners of Idaho County, Idaho, for the filing of a lawsuit against the United States Department of Agriculture (United States Forest Service) and United States Department of the Interior (BLM) on behalf of counties throughout the West and funding support in the amount of \$5,000 not to be paid out until a minimum of 100 additional Letters of Support have been obtained by Idaho County. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The Governor's budget was released on Friday and the college tuition subsidy for Greenlee County is still in the budget at \$574,000. The budget has increased with new impacts to counties including restoration for dental in the ALTCS program and increase in Highway User Revenue Funds to Department of Safety shift from counties. The Juvenile Corrections payment and Department of Revenue cost shift to counties remain in the budget. Flexibility language still remains in the event a county needs to use special district revenue to offset cost shifts imposed on counties by the state.
- Copper prices continue to drop and sales tax revenue distribution for Greenlee County is still on track to be \$400,000.00 less than estimated by year end.
- She has begun meetings with department regarding security issues at the courthouse. Each department is reviewing their concerns and issues. A plan will be drafted and brought to the Board of Supervisors.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1060; 1061; 1062
- B. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$13,444.82 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$1365.91; Fund 160 - \$1197.61; Fund 172 - \$1383.57; Fund 237 - \$790.96; Fund 243 - \$5642.55; Fund 601 - \$3064.22
- C. County Administrator: Approval of Employee Transaction Forms: T. Hines, Public Works Manager – Facilities; D. Manuz, Public Works Manager – Roads
- D. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: S. Chacon, Court Interpreter
- E. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: P. Chanez, full time Jail Cook
- F. County Sheriff: Approval of Resolution 16-01-02 authorizing signatories on the Greenlee County Sheriff's Department Account with National Bank of Arizona

- G. County Administrator: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Restoration to Competency Services
- H. Emergency Management Coordinator: Approval of the Scope of Work and Professional Services Agreement with JE Fuller Hydrology & Geomorphology, Inc. for the Greenlee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2016 Update

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the 2016 Legislature Opening Day and Governor State of the State Address as a guest of Representative Stevens. He stated that he had an opportunity to meet several legislators and their guests.
- B. He attended the Southwest Regional 2016 Arizona State Legislative Briefing that was put on by the Forest Service and chaired by Senator Allen where discussion took place regarding healthy forests, frustration regarding the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) project, the bark beetle, and RS2477. Issues regarding the wild horses was also discussed.

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the 2016 Legislative Opening Day and Governor State of the State Address as a guest of Representative Gowen and as a representative on the County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee.
- B. He attended the County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee teleconference where a review of the State of the State address by the Governor took place and bills affecting counties were reviewed. Ms. Gale pointed out that as written, the county boundary study committee bill would not allow Greenlee County to be a member based on the population limits that are specified. Supervisor Corbell stated that he is not for it if Greenlee County cannot be a member.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board