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MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431, et. seq.
and amendments thereto, the

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
also sitting as Board of Directors for
GREENLEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT
and

GREENLEE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

hereby gives notice that a

Regular Meeting

will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 883 6173 9203

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5th Street,
Clifton, Arizona**

AGENDA AND MINUTES

In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Richard Lunt, Chairman, David Gomez
Member and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Jeremy Ford County Attorney;
Derek Rapier, County Administrator, Austin Adams, Deputy County Administrator and
Bianca Figueroa, Clerk of the Board

1.) **Call to Order**

Chairman Richard Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Gomez led those present in the pledge.

B. Call to the Public

Derek Rapier County Administrator, responded to Call to the Public, he explained
at the last board meeting in a discussion regarding GPS, he made an analogy

that was not helpful to the discussion and apologized to the Sheriff, his family, and to the Board. He addressed the importance of continuing the discussion about responsibility, accountability, and transparency. Mr. Rapier also addressed his driving and stated that after reviewing GPS data, he is already changing his driving habits and will continue to do better.

Daniel Cervantez Clifton resident, responded to call to the Public, he provided the County Administrator a copy of an article from the Eastern Arizona Courier. "Air Force flight changes over Southern Arizona". Mr. Cervantez gave a brief discussion about the article and informed the board of an open house public meeting to discuss the proposed changes, that will be held in Clifton.

Paul Easley with the Sheriff's Office, responded to call to the public. His discussion was regarding utilization of ARPA funds. He discussed premium pay for first responders, and duties of medical personnel and deputies dealing with COVID on the front line. Mr. Easley also discussed detention staff having to make changes in operations due to COVID.

2.) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of these items:

A. Consent Agenda

1. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

The Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors

3.) PUBLIC HEARING – Pursuant to ARS 4-201 for Application for Liquor License by Travis Quint Kingsley doing business as Family Dollar Inc., 379726 Arizona 75, Duncan AZ

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing.

Valerie Smith, Duncan resident and Council member discussed the council meeting and stated the liquor license was also on their agenda and heard from small business owners regarding the impact it would have on their living and income. Ms. Smith stated the council members all were in favor not to recommend the liquor license to the mentioned establishment and is in support of small local businesses.

4.) Discussion/Action - recommendation regarding Application for Liquor License by Travis Quint Kingsley doing business as Family Dollar Inc., 379726 Arizona 75, Duncan AZ

The Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors

Brandi Bodine, Duncan resident and business owner of Stage Stop discussed her concerns. Ms. Bodine stated the funds from her business stays in Duncan to support the community such as schools and sponsoring kids at fair events. She stated if sales go elsewhere, funding will no longer stay local in the community.

Meghan Wagley, Duncan resident and business owner of Chaparral Mini Mart stated she's owned the business for 10 years and it's been great for her and her family. She expressed her concerns and stated it would be detrimental to her family and business if the establishment received a liquor license. She also stated her business funding supports the Duncan community.

Mr. Adams informed the board that a recommendation can be made, but it's not the County's decision, the decision is made by the Arizona Department of Liquor.

Chairman Lunt expressed his concerns and thoughts. He stated Family Dollar has about 18,000 stores across the United States, publicly traded, funds do not stay in the community and has not seen any support from the business to any local functions. He discussed the independent business owners how they're the biggest supporters for the community. He stated the chain business will not be affected in profit without a liquor license but will affect small businesses.

Supervisor Campbell commented and expressed his thoughts, he is in supportive of small businesses and understands how it could impact the community.

Supervisor Gomez expressed his thoughts and stated his understandings how small businesses will be impacted by the chain business having a liquor license.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board moved to recommend disapproval of the Liquor License as presented.

5.) PUBLIC HEARING – Pursuant to ARS 4-201 for Application for Liquor License Owner Transfer by Michael Joseph Basha doing business as Raley's Arizona LLC., 12 Plaza, Morenci AZ

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez and

carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing.

Daniel Cervantes, Clifton resident stated he's in favor for the liquor license for Bashas. He stated he's seen many customers purchasing alcohol and wouldn't be in opposition of the license.

John Habib, with Raley's Arizona LLC, commented on behalf of the new owners of Bashas. He stated Bashas will remain almost identical to what it has been. Same management, same employees, same stock, and same commitment to the community. He stated Bashas finds somewhere local in the community to donate to. His recommendation for the board is to recommend the liquor license.

6.) Discussion Action - recommendation regarding the application for Liquor License Owner Transfer by Michael Joseph Basha doing business as Raley's Arizona LLC., 12 Plaza, Morenci AZ

The Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors

The board expressed their appreciation and gratitude for Bashas and the support they've given to the community. All members shared a memory of how Bashas has helped and supported the County. The board hopes to the new owners will continue to support the community.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board moved to approve a positive recommendation for the Liquor License as presented.

**7.) Derek Rapiere, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action regarding Redistricting process**

Mr. Rapiere stated the redistricting discussion started last summer. Due to the Census being delayed the deadline was pushed back to July 1. Mr. Rapiere stated he contacted a consultant but has not heard back from the consultant for several months after multiple attempts to contact. He reached out to the Assessor to see if the process can be done in house. Bailey Hessen was hired in the Assessor's office as a GIS analyst.

Mr. Hessen presented a few models of maps he created. He discussed the process in making the block boundaries from the 2020 Census. He created a few scenarios within a 10% target deviation per district and explained the slight variations for each model.

Mr. Rapiere stated there's enough flexibility in the deviation that will allow for any necessary changes. Mr. Rapiere's recommendation is to bring the process in house and move forward to get the process done. Mr. Rapiere stated Mr. Hessen has shown and proved the shift can be done in house and save on a consultant

who has not been responsive. Mr. Rapier presented a process redistricting form for the board, to help prioritize what criteria is the most important to each board member.

The board gave Mr. Rapier the direction he needed to move forward with the redistricting process.

8.) Jeremy Ford, County Attorney
A. Discussion/Action regarding acceptance of resignation of County Attorney, Jeremy Ford, effective April 1, 2022

Mr. Ford expressed how difficult it is to resign from the best job he had. He acknowledged the Elected Officials for their talent, cooperation and willingness to work together. He expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to be the County Attorney. Mr. Ford asked that the board accept his resignation as of April 1 and explained the reason for that specific date. He stated it would lead to smoothness of an election process for his successor. Mr. Ford has a recommendation for the board for his successor and has put a lot of effort into recruitment for his replacement.

Chairman Lunt gave his appreciation to Mr. Ford and his outstanding service to the County and for his love of the county and the public and this was reflected in his work.

Supervisor Campbell echoed Chairman Lunt and also expressed his appreciation for his service and thanked Mr. Ford for the outstanding Attorney he's been for the County.

Supervisor Gomez also expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. Ford for everything he's done for the County.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board accepted Mr. Ford's resignation effective April 1, 2022.

9.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action: Review and possible action regarding County Mask Wearing in County Buildings Policy

Mr. Rapier discussed a conversation he had with Matt Bolinger regarding Omicron. He explained Mr. Bolinger had an accurate prediction regarding the climb and drop of the variant. The threat has diminished. He explained that Greenlee County has done remarkable on taking precautions and it shows on the statewide reporting relative to other communities. He recommends the board remove the mask mandate inside the buildings and remove the signs.

Supervisor Campbell expresses his concerns regarding mask wearing. He is supportive with removing the mandate but would like to recommend wearing a mask if people cannot maintain to be 6 ft apart. He would like a recommendation sign to be up.

Supervisor Gomez expressed his thoughts regarding mask wearing, he is supportive of removing of mask mandate signs. He stated if the numbers start to rise a discussion to mandate again will be in order.

Chairman Lunt discussed his thoughts and stated the public should make a discussion to help others and help themselves.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved rescinding the mask wearing requirement inside county buildings and to change the mandate mask required signage to masks recommended signs.

10.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Board Workshop regarding uses of ARPA funding

Mr. Rapier gave the board an update and stated he has received several recommendations from multiple departments, he explained some were received that simply said premium pay nothing else filed out, some recommendations for capital projects. He stated he suspects more requests and ideas will come in.

11.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. County and State budget and legislative issues

Mr. Rapier discussed the legislative process and stated it's cross over week. Last Tuesday was the last day for hearing any bills in their original chamber. Mr. Rapier discussed SB 1173 the out of county tuition bill, made it through committee 9-0 vote, passed out of Senate with a 27-0 vote, no votes against it. It's a great start but still can go sideways. Mr. Rapier explained a fiscal note was attached to the bill but was inaccurate, he stated he has asked Mr. Aarons to work with Senator Gowen's office to have that physical note revised to reflect the true cost.

B. Calendar and Events

Calendar and events were discussed.

12.) Consent Agenda
A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings: 2/1/2022

- B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 5021; 5022**
- C. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Greenlee, The Recorder, and the Town of Duncan for the Provision of Election Services.**
- D. Superior Court Judge: Consideration of approval of the appointment of Judge Pro Tempore for Honorable Terry Bannon, Honorable Travis W. Ragland, and Honorable Garrett Whiting effective July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023**
- E. Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form for of M. Garcia, Detention Officer**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda

- 13.) Supervisor Reports (Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual supervisors may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented)**

Supervisor Campbell discusses the Gila Idol talent show in Morenci and stated it was well attended, several from the area that will go on to the finals and call backs. He did not attend this year's Legislative Conference in D.C. but did attend Agricultural Rural Affairs Committee via zoom, very informative.

Chairman Lunt attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He testified twice on a proposed policy regarding the U.S. Forest Service Rural Making Process and National Environmental Policy Act on wildland fire management. He stated discussion was lengthy regarding reasons why it would be bad policy. Chairman Lunt stated he was appointed to a committee, but still did not resolve the issue. The president of the United States spoke at one of the general sessions, discussed some policies. At the small counties meeting there was a lot of discussion on various bills at the legislature. Supervisors expressed their concerns. CSA also was discussion about various bills he stated good dialogue with each supervisor that was for or against a bill able to express themselves.

- 14.) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Figueroa

Clerk of the Board

All agenda items are for discussion and/or action as deemed necessary. The Board reserves the right to consider any matter out of order. The Board may retire into Executive Session for any of the purposes that are allowed by law, including but not limited to legal advice and/or personnel matters; as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.et.seq. Persons with a disability may request accommodation for special assistance by contacting Bianca Figueroa at 928-865-2072 (TDD 928-865-2632). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time for arrangement of the accommodation.