

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

February 6, 2012

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: Richard Lunt, Chairman; David Gomez, Member; and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

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

Ms. Margie Chacon, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public stating that another resident who lives on her street is feeding javelina which is attracting more and more into the neighborhood. She stated that a herd of javelina in her yard recently charged her car when she drove up and that she is also afraid that her small dog will be attacked. The situation has been reported to law enforcement including Arizona Game & Fish. She feels that feeding wildlife poses a danger to the public and is very concerned. She would like to see some type of action taken, specifically in the form of an ordinance that prohibits the feeding of wildlife. Ms. Chacon is also approaching the Town of Clifton with this issue.

Steve Najjar with Arizona Game & Fish, responded to the Call to the Public to also address the issue of feeding wildlife. He stated that the person who is feeding the javelina has been warned to cease and desist but that without an ordinance in place there is no means of enforcement. He also stated that other persons in the area of Ward Canyon are feeding javelina and other wildlife which in turn attract predators such as lions. He feels that the number of javelina will be bad this summer and it is best to try to cut the issue off at the source early.

Mr. Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, responded to the Call to the Public, and announced that the County Spelling Bee is on the 8th of February at 6:00 p.m. at the Duncan School gym. He stated that the Copper Era failed to print the article in last week's edition and he wanted to make everyone aware of the event.

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 Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 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.

Ms. Carol Telles, Ranger, Clifton District, reported the following:

- Pre-entry lighting to test conditions are continuing into the evening for the prescribed burn scheduled to take place on Bar Mesa.
- The construction of the fish barrier on the Blue River continues. The Forest Service has been in constant contact with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the fish barrier.
- Tucson Electric Power is doing maintenance around electric lines to reduce fire hazard trees that can cause arching should the trees be ignited.

Chairman Lunt expressed appreciation for the updates from the Forest Service.

Mr. John Armstrong, Chief Probation Officer, requested approval of a Court Interpreter/Secretary position in the Probation and Superior Court departments. The position will be funded with 63% Probation adult and youth fees and 37% General Funds. Billie Sanders recently retired from the Probation Department leaving a void in the federal requirement that Superior Court have an interpreter. Her other duties have been distributed to other employees in the department. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

The overview of Jail Kitchen costs agenda item was tabled due to the absence of Sheriff Steve Tucker.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing for the Planning and Zoning request of Errin Lunt to rezone a two (2) acre parcel from RU 36 to RU 02 located at 1811 Stagecoach Loop being Assessor parcel #500-43-007. Chairman Lunt recused himself from this item citing a conflict of interest and exited this portion of the meeting with Vice Chairman Gomez taking over.

Mr. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, stated that Errin Lunt has purchased a property from Lunt Dairy to begin a business. The zoning change will not affect the legal status or tax status of any other surrounding properties. Rezoning is required to comply with the Planning Regulations because the area is smaller than the RU36 requirements and to develop the "home based" business. There have been no comments received from the public for or against the rezoning.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Planning and Zoning request of Errin Lunt to rezone a two (2) acre parcel from RU 36 to RU 02 located at 1811 Stagecoach Loop being Assessor parcel #500-43-007 with the following stipulations:

- Provide a site plan meeting all requirements of the Zoning Regulations

- Apply for Zoning Use Permits for construction and for signs
- Limit access to one driveway

Chairman Lunt re-entered the meeting at this point.

Mr. Ronnerud requested approval to apply for three (3) Enhancement Grants through the Arizona Department of Transportation. One grant will be drafted for re-enforcement of historical bridges, one to begin the second phase of the York walkway, and one for the construction of a walking path between Verde Lee and Loma Linda. The Board requested that the walkway between Verde Lee and Loma Linda be designed for pedestrians only with no motorized vehicles allow on the path. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to apply for three (3) Enhancement Grants with the grant for the walkway between Verde Lee and Loma Linda for pedestrians only with no motorized vehicles allowed.

Mr. Ronnerud requested approval to apply for a Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Grant for developing a Master Trails Plan for Greenlee County. He stated that the grants are fully funded and administered through the Arizona Department of Transportation. The trails plan will allow Greenlee County to begin systematic development of a formal trail program and enhance the ability to pursue funding sources to establish a county-wide system of multi-use trails. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, requested approval of a Public Works Operations Tech IV position in the Public Works Department. He stated that he is realigning positions and duties of existing personnel and not filling the Public Works Assistant Manager position which, with the addition of the Tech IV position will be a cost savings to the Department budget. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Pearson opened discussion regarding the Forest Service Development Road Cooperative Agreement and Schedule A roads additions and/or deletions stating that the annual meeting with the Forest Service is scheduled for February 28th in Springerville. Ms. Gale stated that there is a request to consider Forest Road 514 for maintenance and that the Agreement needs to be reviewed for addition of roads for maintenance or delete roads that are currently in the Agreement. Mr. Pearson stated that the 514 road falls inline with other roads that are listed as schedule A roads which means that there is maintenance once or twice a year. After discussion and review, upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to retain the roads on the current list of roads on the

Agreement and add Forest Road 514 as a schedule A road for negotiation with the Forest Service.

Mr. Pearson requested approval to apply for the 2012 Arizona Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuels Project Grant stating that the grant is a continuation of the Wild Fire and Hazardous Fuels Grant project currently underway. The State Forestry Department is happy with the way that the project is progressing. Mr. Pearson read letters from several residents who have taken advantage of the project thanking the Board for extending this opportunity to residents and encouraging them to continue with the new grant. Ms. Gale stated that the Public Works Department and staff have done a fabulous job and that the state is using Greenlee County's project as a model for future grants of this type. Greenlee County is fronting the money instead of making property owners front the money to have the fuels reduction jobs done around their properties. The Board extended their appreciation to the Public Works Department personnel for their work. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Pearson requested approval to apply for the Governor's Office of Energy Policy Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). He stated that because the previous EECBG project of \$117,000 was completed, Greenlee County is eligible for an additional \$50,000. The funding can be used toward transportation projects including the proposed walkway between Loma Linda and Verde Lee that was discussed earlier this meeting. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- Bills that are being considered by the legislature are being monitored especially those that have impacts to the county including ALTHCS eligibility, the community college subsidy, 5% assessed value growth limit
- The county has new valuation of \$94 million which reflects \$28 million in new construction. Based on these numbers the tax rate for Greenlee County will decrease 18% or \$0.14 mainly due to the value of the mine.
- She reviewed several bills that could impact the services that can be provided to citizens in the future by the county, cities and schools and which are also being watched by Arizona Association of Counties and Arizona County Supervisors Association. There are 1300 bills being considered by the legislature.
- Greenlee County has been awarded the Partner in Conservation Award by the U.S. Department of the Interior for recognition of outstanding conservation achievements obtained through collaboration and cooperation partnerships with individuals, communities, agencies and organizations through the Gila Watershed Partnership.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Ms. Pearson requested that the amount not to exceed in item N of the Consent Agenda be corrected to \$22,865. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved with the requested change as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings – 01/17/12; 01/31/12
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1033; 1034; 1035
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$150,637 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$372.31; Fund 140 - \$2,501.15; Fund 145 - \$860.10; Fund 152 - \$2,101.27; Fund 195 - \$3,202.25; Fund 237 - \$22,637.00; Fund 239 - \$90,630.00; Fund 255 - \$28,515.20
- D. Public Works Manager: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – D. Manuz, Public Works Operations Tech III
- E. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notices – M. Huntsinger, Detention Sergeant; T. Ortega, Part-time Jail Cook
- F. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Payroll change Notices: J. Alonso, Juvenile Program Coordinator; J. Galusky, Deputy Probation Officer; J. Miranda, Probation Finance Officer
- G. County Treasurer: Approval of Appointment of Deputy for Rene Ontiveros, Chief Deputy Treasurer
- H. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Richard Jernigan as Justice Pro Tempore beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012
- I. IS/IT Manager: Approval of street name change due to a spelling error in the Greenlee Mountain Ranchettes subdivision from Cuemo Cir to Cuerno Cir
- J. Emergency Management Coordinator: Approval of the renewal of the AWOS Inspection, Verification and Maintenance Services Agreement with AVCOM for the Greenlee County Airport to be paid with budgeted Airport funds
- K. IS/IT Manager: Approval to purchase twenty on (21) Dell replacement computers in an amount not to exceed \$18,624.92 with budgeted General Funds
- L. IS/IT Manager: Approval to purchase two (2) Panasonic laptops in an amount not to exceed \$7,115.43 with budgeted Bio-Terrorism funds
- M. IS/IT Manager: Approval to purchase one (1) Server Rack for the Elections Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,875.85 with budgeted HAVA Block Grant funds

- N. County Engineer: Approval of change order #2 to PAVEX for Airport runway and taxiway crack sealing project in an amount not to exceed \$22,865 with budgeted Airport Grant funds

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the County Supervisors Association (CSA) Legislative reception and Board meeting. He stated that there was record attendance at the reception where he had the opportunity to meet and speak with several Senators and Representatives. The Governor's budget was discussed at the CSA meeting. It was stated that the principles guiding the development of her budget include the need to evaluate short term procedures to determine their fiscal long term impacts on the state. Also discussed were the 100 year celebration of Arizona's Statehood and the five major talking points for the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference which include: Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI); continued Secure Rural Schools Act funding; full funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes funding; federal tax intercepts legislation; and continued funding of Block Grants.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Forest Service Range Management meeting. He stated that this was the second informational meeting where the forest service has invited permittees to attend to provide better understanding of range management that is done by the forest service in relation to permittees. He stated that five ranchers were present. The Forest Service will continue to have informational meetings every other month on different topics to try to enhance their relationship with residents.

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting with Speaker of the House Tobin where discussion took place regarding the prisoner shift to counties; the contribution to the state requirement from large counties; Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) funding shifts from counties to the state and the impacts to counties and schools. He stated that Speaker Tobin was receptive and has been listening to the concerns of counties.
- B. He attended the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) meeting where it was decided to cancel the annual legislative conference in light of the cost and the poor attendance last year. The several bills before the legislature were discussed and decisions were made on whether AACo will support, monitor or oppose each bill.
- C. He attended the Eastern Counties Organization (ECO) & Environmental Economic Communities Organization (EECO) meeting where the Arizona Game & Fish revealed their "Habby" maps which will help inform the public about different species and their habitats that exist in each county.

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ECO/EECO is being used as the sounding board to promote the maps. Also discussed was the fact that a contract on 4FRI has not been awarded and the need to get this put into place before the approaching fire season arrives.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board