

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

February 15, 2011

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

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

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public asking that our troops be remembered in prayers.

The Board convened as the Board of Directors for the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as follows. Supervisor Lunt recused himself from voting on item # 4 due to a conflict of interest.

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00
2. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Amendment #4 of the Arizona Department of Health Services Teen Pregnancy Prevention Intergovernmental Agreement
3. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Gila Health Resources beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011
4. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Canyonlands Community Health Center beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011
5. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011
6. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Gila Valley Clinic beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011
7. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Santa Cruz Radiology beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011
8. Health & County Service Director: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Breast Center of Southern Arizona beginning January 1, 2011, ending December 31, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors for the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board of Supervisors convened into Public Hearing to hear comment on the Planning and Zoning Ordinance change to Section 1706 – Flammable Storage. Mr. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, stated that the change to the ordinance reflects a minor modification to reflect how fuel tanks and commercial applications can install above ground fuel tanks which previously weren't allowed and has now become the standard. There were no comments from the public received. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee has sent a positive recommendation to the Board.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Planning and Zoning Ordinance change to Section 1706 – Flammable Storage as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mr. Ronnerud presented an offer from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) of components and right of way from the Cold Creek Bridge that is scheduled for destruction. Mr. Ronnerud recommended that Greenlee County not accept the offer due to lack of need. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board declined the offer of ADOT for components and right of way of the Cold Creek Bridge as recommended by the County Engineer.

Mr. Ronnerud updated the Board on the status of the Arizona Department of Commerce Rural grant application stating that Greenlee County was not awarded funding from this grant. He stated that the funding would have been used to construct a hangar at the airport to be used commercially by an air ambulance service. Chairman Ruedas stated that research on the possibility of constructing the hangar needs to be continued. He stated that a meeting needs to take place with the owner of the air ambulance service to find out the status of that business. Supervisor Gomez asked whether there were other revenues available for funding the construction of a hangar. Supervisor Lunt stated that a commitment and a business plan from the air ambulance service needs to be submitted for further consideration. Ms. Gale stated that a meeting will be scheduled to get further information.

In the absence of Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, Ms. Gale requested approval to solicit bids for asphalt emulsion for fiscal year 2010/2011 County Chip Seal projects. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to solicit bids to purchase one (1) work truck for the Public Works Department and to solicit bids for the purchase of patrol unit(s) for the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Gale stated that these purchases will keep inline with the rotation schedule for vehicle purchases. Sheriff Tucker stated that the number of patrol units to be purchased is dependent upon whether the Town of Duncan is able to provide the two patrol units next week they committed to.

Ms. Gale requested approval to purchase playground equipment for the Loma Linda Park in an amount not to exceed \$33,635.79 with budgeted General Funds. She stated that a lower quote was received but that the equipment is not as sturdy as the Game Time equipment which is better quality and has a longer life span. She stated that the Public Works Manager sends a recommendation to purchase the equipment from Game Time. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of playground equipment for the Loma Linda Park from Game Time in an amount not to exceed \$33,635.79 as presented.

Ms. Gale presented two Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee Grant Projects for Upper Blue Road and Martinez Ranch Road in the amount of \$75,000 each for approval. She stated that the two projects are for one year's round of grant projects and that it was recently found out that the Forest Service will do two years worth of project approvals. Greenlee County needs to submit two additional projects by February 28th which are being prepared for the 26 Road/Red Hill Roads and Martinez Road in the amount of \$75,000 each. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the two project proposals submitted and approved the submission of any other project proposals as needed.

Ms. Gale requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Collaborative Stakeholder Group Representative and the U.S. Forest Service Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab and Tonto National Forests and to authorize Supervisor Lunt as signatory on behalf of Greenlee County. She stated that this MOU was presented at a previous meeting and was approved but has come back due to the addition of a paragraph regarding limitations. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale requested approval of the Consulting Agreement with Research Advisory Service, Inc. to provide supervisor and precinct redistricting services for Greenlee

County. The contract has a not to exceed cost of \$42,000.00 which is half the expected cost. The service includes drafting and submitting the changes to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- She presented information from the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council regarding steep federal budget cuts
- Senator Jon Kyl will be in Safford on Monday, February 21st. Ms. Gale and the Supervisors will be meeting with him there to speak with him on the Mexican Wolf and to thank him for his efforts to delist the wolf as an endangered species.
- The Forest Service Proposed Land Management Planning Rule will be released in the Federal Register on February 14th kicking off a 90 day public comment period. She will draft comments and present them at the next Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.
- Governor Brewer called a special session which began yesterday to consider what is being called the Arizona Competitiveness Package. Property tax reform is one of the major provisions of the plan which will impact Greenlee County.
- She reviewed several bills that are being considered by the legislature including Senate Bill 1296 submitted by Santa Cruz County to eliminate their out of county tuition payment requirement now that a provisional community college district has been established in that county. The Board commented that Greenlee County will support Santa Cruz County on this bill.
- She presented a request from the Town of Duncan to purchase the Old Jail Building located on Madison Avenue in Duncan to be restored. The Board directed Ms. Gale to go forward with drafting a Bill of Sale to be presented at the next meeting for approval.
- She advised the Board of the need to increase the Greenlee County Advance Travel account which was approved in the budget. She stated that the increase in cost for travel is the cause for the need of the increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

Ms. Gale reviewed the Calendar of Events. The next Board meeting on March 1st will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 02/01/11
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1048; 1049; 1050

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Arizona Counties (ECO) & Environmental Economic Communities Organization (EECO) meeting where members have been meeting with members of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) to get support on the 4FRI. The group will be meeting with the Regional Forest Director, Corbin Newman regarding 4FRI to get the support of the Forest Service.
- B. He attended the 4FRI meeting where the MOU approved earlier in the meeting has been adopted and is in the process of getting signatures.
- C. He attended the Arizona Water Supply/Demand meeting where final reports of each water supply/demand group are due by February 28th with the combined final report due in October 2011. The groups address water issues in the state and include agriculture, industry, municipalities and supply. He stated that there are 53 watersheds in the state of Arizona.
- D. He attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting where the several bills being considered by the legislature of concern to counties were reviewed.
- E. He attended the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committee meeting where discussion took place regarding the order by Secretary of the Interior, sent out on December 22nd, requesting that BLM directors submit recommendations regarding Wildlands. He stated that this is a way to circumvent the Wilderness Act and will be an item for discussion on the agenda for the next BLM RAC meeting.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He gave an update on the four (4) Arizona Department of Commerce Rural Grants awarded to the SouthEastern Arizona Government Organization (SEAGO) region which includes Bylas, Safford, Douglas and Clifton. He stated that Clifton only received a portion of their request.
- B. The new SEAGO newsletter will be distributed monthly and will have good information on SEAGO projects and accomplishments.

Supervisor Ruedas reported the following:

- A. He attended the Mexican Wolf meeting held in Globe where discussion took place regarding ranchers not receiving information on wolf releases, etc. Two wolves, one male and one female, were released in the Hawk's

Nest area. The wolf population has increased from 42 to 50. Other issues that were discussed include: Wildlife Services personnel were not utilized in the count; the Recovery Plan may be written by 2017; Defenders claim that all depredation claims have been paid with ranchers claiming that they are still waiting for payment.

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

The following listed expense claims against the County in excess of \$1,000.00 to one vendor as reflected in Vouchers 1048, 1049 and 1050 were reviewed and approved for payment: (A.R.S. §11-217)

ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS \$3,794.21; \$9,625.00; AZ STATE PRISON COMPLEX \$1,150.00; BANKCARD CENTER \$6,297.72; BASHA'S \$1,265.45; BRADCO INC. \$2,775.70; CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL \$11,417.48; DAVID BRUCE GRIFFITH \$8,000.00; DES - UNEMPLOYMENT TAX \$1,339.00; DESERT CROSS VETERINARY \$1,835.00; EASTERN AZ COUNTIES \$6,000.00; EMPIRE SOUTHWEST \$1,934.86; FREEDOM FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY \$29,291.25; GILA HEALTH RESOURCES, LLC; \$27,162.52; GREENLEE COUNTY ADVANCE TRAVEL \$2,592.05; GREENLEE COUNTY ADVANCE TRAVEL \$2,586.99; HEINFELD, MEECH & CO., P.C. \$3,494.85; JE FULLER / HYDROLOGY \$6,500.00; JOHN D. ZACHER \$2,807.00; JOSI Y. LOPEZ \$2,200.00; KANSAS STATE BANK \$9,255.51; LARRY ROBERTS \$1,125.00; MERLE'S AUTOMOTIVE \$1,879.17; MORENCI WATER AND ELECTRIC \$4,388.80; MT GRAHAM REGIONAL \$7,929.30; OFFICE DEPOT INC \$1,178.28; SAFFORD ACE \$4,610.36; SAFFORD AUTO SUPPLY \$2,035.59; SEABHS \$14,620.00; SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION \$1,726.45; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF AZ \$1,697.42; TOWN OF DUNCAN \$4,301.98; UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY \$2,250.00; VALLEY TELECOM GROUP \$3,012.74; WESTERN REFINING \$1,533.16; WILLDAN HOMELAND SOLUTIONS \$20,000.00

APPROVED: /s/ Hector Ruedas, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board