

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

February 17, 2015

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and presented a DVD from Shay Homes regarding housing development to the Chairman.

Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, responded to the Call to the Public and informed the Board that the Clifton School Board met last evening and voted 3 to 0 to cease operation of the Clifton School District effective June 30, 2016.

Marilyn Dooley, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that she is helping get the Clifton Senior Center open and is looking for a drop off and storage area for a yard sale she is setting up to help with the purchase of refrigerators and other supplies that are needed. She stated that any suggestions are welcome.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public and stated that she has been in contact with Royce Hunt of South Eastern Arizona Community Unique Services (SEACUS) regarding the Clifton Senior Center and that the Center will have a soft opening this week. At a previous meeting, the Board authorized \$3000 to help with what was needed to get the Center back up and running part of which was used for the new flooring and the remaining funds will be used to purchase refrigerators.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, 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

The Board reconvened into regular session.

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

- The Morenci Mafia Roller Derby team is gearing up to play in a regional league. He stated that it is important to encourage and support the team. Roller Derbies

bring in a large numbers of spectators which in turn helps our economy. The Board wished the Roller Derby team well.

- Today begins a series of water activities on Tuesdays at the Morenci Recreation Center call "Fit Tuesday".
- The Tucson television channel ads on Greenlee County have been a great success with more and more visits to the Greenlee County website coming in.
- The Javelina Chase Cycling Event is coming up in March and is gearing up to be a very large event.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of Scope of Additional Work for Drainage & Erosion Control Improvements Project at the Airport by C & S Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00 to be paid with grant funds. He stated that this additional work will show drainage affects by the drainage projects going on now and will also allow the ability to size the basins and reduce runoff from the airport. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale stated that she has had a request for sponsorship in the Javelina Chase Cycling Event and recommended a \$2000 donation from the Economic Development Fund. She stated that she has been working with the event coordinators and they understand that they need to provide insurance with Greenlee County named as an additional insured for use of the Fairgrounds and have already provided insurance for use of County roadways. John Lieberenz, Javelina Chase Cycling Event Coordinator, recognized several individuals for their support and expressed his appreciation. He stated that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event and that the event has exploded with participants and cycling groups nationwide committing to participate in the event and as of today over 100 participants have registered for the event. Supervisor Corbell expressed concerns with the \$2000 donation. Ms. Gale stated that the County has typically supported these types of large annual events once they have proven that they are stable and well organized. She gave as an example of the Color of Copper event that takes place in Clifton for which the County also supported in its second annual event. Supervisor Corbell stated that he could support this after hearing explanation. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved \$2000 to the Javelina Chase Cycling Event to be paid with Economic Development Funds.

Ms. Gale reported that the Secure Rural Schools funding has not been reauthorized by Congress and that Greenlee County will receive \$40,000 instead of \$870,000 as in previous years. This will affect funding for the Roads Fund and school districts. Once the funding is received she will come back to the Board with a distribution plan.

Ms. Gale and Ms. Pearson attended the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust Board meeting regarding the 2016 employee healthcare premiums and benefits

structure. There will be a 3% increase in premiums due largely to increases in prescription drug costs. There will be no changes in healthcare or dental benefit coverage and an increase in vision benefits. She explained a new Wellness program that will go into effect in January 2016. She explained that there is an option to begin offering Flexible Spending Accounts to employees who are interested beginning July 1, 2015. The Board directed Ms. Gale to forward with including Flexible Spending Accounts as an additional option for employees healthcare.

This is the last week to hear bills in the house of origin at the legislature. If they are not heard they are pretty much dead. There is word that next week the legislators will begin working on the budget and it is expected that it will get pushed through quickly with proposed cost shifts to counties remaining in that budget. She has concerns regarding a proposal to have counties pay into funding the Department of Revenue which would require Greenlee County to pay a large amount due to the formula that will be used in connection with the State Shared Sales Tax that is received. There is also a push to increase Vehicle License Tax (VLT) from \$8.00 to \$25.00 which is helpful to increase Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) that is used to fund Roads.

There is a push by a group for the state to not fund the Economic Counties Organization. She stated that this needs to be funded, it is a good organization and we need to let legislators know how important funding is.

She reviewed the following bills:

- HB2580
  - Supervisor Corbell stated that this bill will give more jurisdiction to the Board of Supervisors over natural resources and get more say and be more equal at the table with federal agencies. Derek Rapiere, County Attorney, stated that cooperating and/or coordination status already exists. This bill will boot-strap a county into having to pay for issues that come up instead of the state.
- HB2320 regarding prohibiting weapons in public buildings.
- SB1330 regarding the ability to get weapons
- SB1466 regarding livestock depredation
- SB1192 regarding community college districts

The County will be hosting the State Transportation Board on Thursday and Friday.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

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

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 02/03/2015

- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1042; 1043; 1044
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$1,142.06 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funding: Fund 152 - \$1,142.06
- D. IT/IS Manager: Approval to purchase network equipment for the Sheriff's Substation in Duncan in an amount not to exceed \$8,616.75 to be paid with Capital Improvement funds

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Rural Economic Development Advisory Board meeting where discussion took place regarding special taxing districts and how to help them raise money. At the round table discussion he spoke about Growing Greenlee.

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Mining Day at the Capitol event which was well attended and showcased the importance of mining to the state. Special events for future miners for participating school children were set up.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session – Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4) - discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body and discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation on the topic of proposed litigation by the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties and other groups which Greenlee County is either affiliated with or who have solicited Greenlee County to join in litigation regarding the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision on proposed changes to the 10(J) rule and already pending litigation on revision of existing recovery plan for the Mexican Gray Wolf.

The Board remained in Executive Session – Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4) - discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body and discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation on the topic of continued participation in the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, Greenlee County will not participate in litigation by the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties regarding the Administrative Procedures Act litigation.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, Greenlee County will not participate in the Notice of Intent to Sue and subsequent litigation by the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties regarding violations of the Endangered Species Act and the 10j Rule.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled agenda item #12 regarding participation in litigation by the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties on the topic of pending or proposed litigation regarding revision of existing recovery plan for the Mexican Gray Wolf.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled agenda item #14 regarding participation in litigation by groups with which Greenlee County is affiliated or groups that have solicited Greenlee County's participation in litigation regarding the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision on proposed changes to the 10(J) rule for the Mexican Gray Wolf or regarding revision of existing recovery plan for the Mexican Gray Wolf.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board voted to withdraw Greenlee County's membership with the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties effective immediately. Supervisor Campbell stated that should the current issues with the organization be rectified he would like to reconsider joining again. Supervisor Corbell echoed the statement and said he would like to get with the Coalition Board and try to settle differences and become members again.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board