

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

March 1, 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 and Richard Lunt, Member. Supervisor Gomez joined the meeting late. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Ruedas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Supervisor Lunt led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public asking that everyone keep our troops in their thoughts and prayers.

The Board convened as the Board of Directors for the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Ruedas, 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

Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Ruedas, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to increase the Greenlee County Advance Travel account retroactive to February 15, 2011 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Gale stated that the increase is needed due to the increase in the cost to travel. The increase is in the current budget.

Ms. Gale presented a request from the Town of Duncan to purchase the Old Duncan Courthouse and Jail building located on Madison Street in Duncan. She stated that the building requires extensive structure renovation and needs to be cleaned out. Supervisor Lunt stated that the Pride Society will attempt to secure funds to renovate the building and use it as a museum. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Ruedas, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the sale of the Old Duncan Courthouse and Jail building in the amount of \$1.00.

Ms. Gale presented documentation regarding the State Budget as proposed by Senator Biggs. She stated that this proposed budget will impact counties in the amount of \$150 million. It is unknown at this time where that money is supposed to come from. The cost shifts will cause expenditure limitation issues for counties as well. Supervisor Lunt stated that he met with Representative Barton and Crandell yesterday and that they indicated that they understand that shifting costs to counties doesn't fix the problem of the state budget.

He stated that the Senator and Representatives representing Greenlee County have been standing up for the county and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

Ms. Gale spoke about the Pension Reform bills that are before the legislature stating that the bills are trying to fix problems with the Elected Officials Retirement Pension Plan as well as the other pension plans.

Senate Bill 1411 regarding County Authorities which takes away the authority of Boards of Supervisors to set county budgets has passed committee and will need to be fought in the House. Both the Arizona Association of Counties and County Supervisors Association are keeping a close eye and working opposition of this bill.

Ms. Gale presented information regarding the Greenlee County Ambulance service showing the number and types of calls responded to for the last calendar year. Greenlee County paid \$300,000.00 last year. She stated that the Ambulance Service is doing very well.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The Spring Rampage program planning is coming along and will be held on April 1st and 2nd. Help is needed to setup and judging of the Show and Tell exhibition.
- The Board directed Ms. Gale to file a protest on the application of the Forest Service for water rights on the Blue River and KP Creek.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

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 – 02/15/11
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1051; 1052
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$21,579.47 to the following funds to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 205 – Pandemic Flu - \$21,579.47
- D. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Amendment #3 to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Memorandum of Understanding documenting the change in federal rules for the use of HAVA funds
- E. Public Works Manager: Approval of Empire Customer Service Agreement for Preventative Maintenance on four (4) motor graders

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting hosted by Navajo County where County Supervisors Association Director Craig Sullivan gave a legislative update.
- B. He attended the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization meeting where he passed the gavel to Drew John. Supervisor Gomez was Chairman of the organization for the past year and will now take the position of Treasurer. The following items were discussed during the meeting: Due to the bad PR going on at border towns a coalition has been formed to try to cleanup the negative publicity and a presentation on transportation was shown which presented the possibility of a commercial bus transportation route from Lordsburg, New Mexico to Safford and Globe.
- C. He attended a meeting with Senator Kyl where Mexican Wolf and Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) issues were discussed. Senator Kyl will be retiring at the end of his term.

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Counties Organization (ECO) and Environmental Economic Communities Organization (EECO) meeting. He stated the Chris Knopp, Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor, was in attendance and discussed the Forest Travel Management Plan. The 4FRI Memorandum of Understanding was also a topic of discussion.
- B. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where the state budget and impact to counties was discussed.
- C. He attended a meeting with Corbin Newman, Regional Forest Service Director, regarding 4FRI and the need to have the support of the Forest Service on the Memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman Ruedas reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Association of Counties Legislative Conference where the Governor attended and spoke of issues surrounding the state. He had a positive visit with Representative Barton regarding Greenlee County issues.

The Board toured the new Election Building which was just completed. The building also houses the Animal Control office. All election related activity will now take place at this building which meets required security standards for all election equipment.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The following listed expense claims against the County in excess of \$1,000.00 to one vendor as reflected in Vouchers 1051 and 1052 were reviewed and approved for payment: (A.R.S. §11-217)

1ST SOURCE BANK \$3,271.63; AZ STATE TREASURER \$15,892.00; CARPET TILE AND MORE LLC \$1,241.95; CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL \$21,301.16; CLH INTERNATIONAL INC \$5,377.57; COALITION OF AZ/NM COUNTIES \$5,000.00; DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC INC \$3,709.84; EMPIRE SOUTHWEST \$3,175.07; GILA HEALTH RESOURCES, LLC \$1,669.04; GREENLEE COUNTY ADVANCE TRAVEL \$12,124.01; HARALSON TIRE CO. INC \$1,219.50; JEREMY J WAITE \$2,900.00; JOSI Y. LOPEZ \$1,500.00; KANSAS STATE BANK \$21,759.96; KANSAS STATE BANK OF \$5,822.79; KEMPTON CHEVROLET-BUICK \$1,295.13; MERLE'S AUTOMOTIVE \$1,769.58; MICHAEL D PETERSON, P.C. \$4,750.00; MT GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL \$1,777.00; OFFICE DEPOT INC \$1,514.96; RAYMOND W. PETERSON DPM \$1,300.00; ROSETTA STONE LTD \$1,885.50; SAFFORD ACE \$1,993.75; SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION \$1,692.82; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF AZ \$2,328.84; THE AARONS COMPANY \$3,000.00; UNION DISTRIBUTING CO OF TUCSON \$25,879.81; VALLEY TELECOM GROUP \$2,435.30; WALMART COMMUNITY \$1,299.96; WEST PAYMENT CENTER \$1,614.72; WESTERN REFINING \$3,024.96; WILLDAN HOMELAND SOLUTIONS \$42,800.00; ZUMAR INDUSTRIES INC \$1,511.10

APPROVED: /s/ Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board