

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

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

Chairman Ruedas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and Supervisor Gomez 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 prayers. Chairman Ruedas added that the people of Japan be kept in prayers also.

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:

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

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(3) – legal advice from the County Attorney regarding Board of Supervisors vacancy.

The Board convened into regular session and Chairman Ruedas announced that he has submitted his resignation from the Board of Supervisors. He is retiring effective March 31, 2011. Chairman Ruedas took office January 1, 1993 and has been in office since. He is also retiring from his position on the Morenci School Board, a position he has held for 34 years. Chairman Ruedas expressed his gratitude to the citizens of Greenlee County for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. He expressed his appreciation for the staff and employees of Greenlee County for their hard work and dedication and last but not least his gratitude to his family who have supported him all this time.

Supervisor Gomez stated that the issue related to the retirement/resignation of Chairman Ruedas and filling that position will be addressed at a future Board meeting. He also stated that it has been a pleasure working with Supervisor Ruedas. That he has learned from Supervisor Ruedas experience and he will be missed.

Supervisor Lunt expressed his appreciation working with Supervisor Ruedas saying, "The greatest possession and thing you can give anybody is your time. Once you have given it, it is gone. You have given your precious time to the citizens of this county for 18 years and to our future generation for 34 years and in my book that makes you a great man".

Ms. Becky Nutt, resident, introduced Mr. Don Smith, Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Gila Valley Community Foundation. Mr. Smith gave a history of the Community Foundation stating that the name was recently changed to make it more regional and include Greenlee County. The Foundation has awarded grants to various 501(c)3 organizations in the amount of \$187,599 over the past 13 years. He stated that \$20,000 is needed to establish a fund for Greenlee County which can only be used in Greenlee County. The Foundation is an affiliate of the Arizona Community Foundation, a statewide 501(c)3 public charity. He asked the Board to offer referrals and contacts to help build the Greenlee County fund. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for the information and will provide information to him.

Mr. Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, recommended that the Board reject all bids for the purchase of one (1) ambulance stating that it has been discovered that a paragraph in the specifications makes them dealer specific. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board rejected all bids and approved to re-bid for the purchase of one (1) ambulance with corrected specifications.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request for the sale of a used softball backstop to the Clifton Schools in the amount of \$1.00 with the stipulation that the backstop will be reverted back to Greenlee County's possession in the event the backstop is no longer needed.

Ms. Gale requested that the Board table the request for approval of the distribution of Forest Fees to the next Board meeting. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the item as requested.

Ms. Gale reported that at the Legislative Policy Committee meeting discussion took place regarding the proposed state budget by Senator Biggs which contains \$150 million in cost shifts to counties. This is in addition to the cost shifts that have already hit counties previously. The three major components are: shifting prison inmates to be housed locally; shifting Arizona Long Term Care System costs to counties; and taking the Highway User Revenue portion of the Vehicle License Tax from counties.

Ms. Gale also reported that Pension reform bills are moving through the house and senate. County Supervisor Association (CSA) and Arizona Association of Counties (AACO) supported bills are moving along well.

Ms. Gale stated that the County has received a response regarding the protest Greenlee County submitted on the application the Forest Service made to the Arizona Department of Water regarding public water on the Blue River and other areas. An Executive Session will be needed soon for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding this issue.

Ms. Gale advised the Board that the County Librarian, Pam Lieberenz, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year with June 30th being her last day. Ms. Gale stated that Ms. Lieberenz has done a fabulous job and will be missed.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed. The Board scheduled a special meeting on March 22nd beginning at 8:00 a.m. which will include a Work Session regarding the Medical Marijuana Act.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows excluding item A which was tabled to a future meeting:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Tabled approval of minutes to previous meeting - 03/01/11
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00
- C. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - T. Gonzales, Full Time Probation Secretary
- D. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of C. Robert Pursley, Superior Court Judge Pro Tem term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012
- E. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of D. Corey Sanders, Superior Court Judge Pro Tem term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012
- F. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Paul D. Julien, Superior Court Judge Pro Tem term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012
- G. County Administrator: Approval of the Cooperative Service Agreement with the US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Wildlife Services for wildlife damage management and the fiscal year 2011/2012 Work and Financial Plan for the program
- H. County Administrator: Approval of a temporary increase to the Fair/Racing Revolving Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for Spring Rampage expenses
- I. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Environmental Program Assistance Agreement with the Arizona State Forestry Division

- J. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - M. Tate, Full Time Detention Officer

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee meeting where the main topic was the delay in projects due to the proposed changes in permitting. The members of the Committee were asked to contact Senators and Representatives to ask them to reauthorize the funding of the Surface Transportation Program.
- B. He attended a meeting with Congresswoman Gifford's staff and received encouraging words on the status of Ms. Gifford. The staff is "open-armed" and will help as much as they can with issues Greenlee County faces.
- C. He attended a meeting with Representative Chester Crandell. Representative Crandell indicated that he is against the proposed state budget by Senator Biggs that is being considered by the legislature which will shift an additional \$150 million to counties.
- D. He attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. He stated that he left the conference feeling that Greenlee County has the backing and support of the Senators and Representatives.
- E. He attended a video conference with Senator Allen that was held in Graham County regarding current state and county budget issues. He stated that the conference was very encouraging.

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee meeting where several resolutions were considered with the most controversial being in reference to the resentment of the Department of the Interior Secretary's order #3310. This order has the Bureau of Land Management inventorying some of the wilderness prospective lands as Wildlands and to manage them as such. This resolution passed with a vote of 32 to 10.
- B. He met with Jim Pena, US Forest Service Director where the importance of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) was discussed.
- C. He met with Congressman Gosar where discussion regarding Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding was discussed and how important it is that that funding continues.
- D. He attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference where he attended the several educational workshops.
- E. He attended the Coronado Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) meeting. He stated that the program stands to lose \$53 million nationally. If funding does in fact cease the

RC&D Board will consider doing away with the organization upon completion of the projects that are in process.

The Board returned to the Call to the Public and allowed Mr. Marshall Hagan of Verde Lee to speak. Mr. Hagan asked the Board to address the issue of posting speed limit signs in the Verde Lee/Loma Linda area to try to slow drivers down. He stated that it has become scary just going out to get his mail.

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Ms. Gale expressed her appreciation of having had the opportunity to work with Supervisor Ruedas during the past 18 years. She stated that she has worked with 12 different Boards of Supervisors and that Supervisor Ruedas is special and is a good friend and will be missed.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The following listed expense claims against the County in excess of \$1,000.00 to one vendor as reflected in Voucher 1053 were reviewed and approved for payment: (A.R.S. §11-217)

1ST SOURCE BANK \$3,271.63; ADVANCED AIR SYSTEMS \$6,369.55; AVCOM COMPANY \$1,097.90; BRADCO INC. \$4,353.94; CANYON STATE WIRELESS \$1,817.88; CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP \$16,761.05; CDW GOVERNMENT, INC \$1,132.70; COLORADO CUSTOM WARE INC \$14,985.95; CUETO DRILLING \$2,745.40; DELL MARKETING L.P. \$1,815.02; DESERT CROSS VETERINARY \$2,410.00; DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC INC \$7,494.25; EMPIRE SOUTHWEST MACHINERY \$3,935.95; GILA HEALTH RESOURCES, LLC \$25,286.54; GILA VALLEY ORTHOPAEDICS \$1,754.00; GREENLEE COUNTY ADVANCE TRAVEL \$9,114.07; HARALSON TIRE CO. INC \$3,493.87; JEREMY J WAITE \$1,200.00; JOHN D. ZACHER \$2,896.50; JOHN DEERE COMPANY \$15,653.42; KANSAS STATE BANK \$7,274.64; KIMBALL EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$16,471.05; MARLENE SERNA (PETTY CASH) \$1,086.41; MERLE'S AUTOMOTIVE \$1,770.41; MICHAEL D PETERSON, P.C. \$6,495.00; MORENCI WATER AND ELECTRIC \$4,002.49; MT GRAHAM REGIONAL \$24,411.10; OFFICE DEPOT INC \$1,746.84; PREMIER ELECTION SOLUTIONS \$1,012.92; SAFFORD ACE \$1,148.14; SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION \$1,527.53; STATE OF ARIZ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY \$3,020.00; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF AZ \$4,182.71; TRANSOURCE COMPUTERS \$1,824.67; VALLEY TELECOM GROUP \$4,249.41; WALMART COMMUNITY \$1,070.28; WATCH SYSTEMS \$2,550.00; WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY \$1,687.00; WESTERN REFINING \$3,483.21

APPROVED: Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board