

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

March 20, 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 was Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board. Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, was present telephonically.

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

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District.

Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, requested approval to fill the vacant Public Health Nurse position in the Health Department. This is a budgeted position. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented to be advertised and remain open until filled.

Mr. Rutherford requested approval to advertise for the Animal Control Supervisor position stating that Ernie Casias the current Animal Control Supervisor has announced his retirement effective April 10th. He also requested approval to fill an Animal Control Officer position. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

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

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, 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 reconvened into regular session.

Mr. Rutherford requested approval of the Scope of Work Agreement from Federal Engineering, Inc. for the Guthrie Peak Public Safety Mobile Radio Site in an amount not to exceed \$5,987.00 with budgeted Emergency Management Funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

In the absence of Carol Telles, Clifton District Ranger, Justin Thompson, Fire Management Ranger, updated the Board on Clifton Ranger District events:

- The Mesa prescribed burn is moving forward with 1825 acres being burned and 7200 acres remaining on the project
- The fish barrier on the Blue River is moving along.
- The next public informational session is scheduled for April 4th with the emphasis on recreation. The session will begin at 6 pm.

Chairman Lunt expressed appreciation for the updates and the informational sessions.

Sheriff Steve Tucker presented estimated costs for the past four years associated with the hiring of Cadets and then having them leave to another agency. He stated that the County Attorney is reviewing a contract to be used when hiring Cadets. He also reviewed overtime expenses for deputies explaining the need to be able to use the budgeted funds for unfilled positions to pay overtime to deputies who are covering shifts. Ms. Gale stated that the increase in the labor force at Freeport-McMoRan will make the Sheriff's Office busier. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to use budgeted funds for unfilled deputy positions to pay overtime for covering shifts.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, requested approval of a flush coat contract for the Virden Road, Old Virden Road and Franklin Road to protect the chip seal in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 with Road Funds. He stated that there different reasons that the chip seal is unraveling including the wrong oil ratio used by the company that provided that service. He is working with the company to resolve the issue. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Pearson stated that the issue for contracting with Ledcor to allow them to use the Greenlee County Virden Material Pit for road material is a non-issue due to the fact that Ledcor did not get the contract from New Mexico to pave the road from the state line to Lordsburg.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval to apply for the Federal Highway Administration Bridge Replacement Grant for Soapbox Canyon Bridge on Ward Canyon Road. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Ronnerud requested approval to apply for Federal Highway Administration Bridge Replacement Grant for four (4) historic bridges on the Black Hills Back Country Byway. He stated that the grant will pay to load rate the bridges and rehabilitation of the bridges to meet the load rate. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The legislature is moving bills through quickly.
- A firearms bill is being watched that would be costly for Greenlee County. The bill would require that a metal detector be installed and be manned to screen all persons entering the Courthouse.
- Several bills were reviewed at the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Chairman Lunt reviewed the bills.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

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

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings – 02/21/12; 03/05/12
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1040; 1042
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$140,924.29 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 145 - \$860.10; Fund 150 - \$12,865.72; Fund 195 - \$1,509.13; Fund 202 - \$160.00; Fund 239 - \$66,445.00; Fund 255 - \$59,084.34
- D. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – S. Chacon, Court Interpreter/Secretary
- E. Public Works Manager: Approval of Spring Rampage Event money float in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be reimbursed after the event
- F. County Recorder: Approval of Electronic/Digital Recording Memorandum of Understanding with eRecording Partners Network to electronically receive and transmit recorded documents in the County Recorder's office.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee meeting where a multi-year reauthorization of the Surface Transportation funding was discussed. The funding has been extended year after year and will expire on March 31st.
- B. He attended meetings with Congressman Gosar and Senator Kyl. Discussion took place regarding Secure Rural Schools Act funding,

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding and Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). He stated that at a meeting with the Gila Watershed Partnership, Jim Zornes, Acting Forest Supervisor, spoke of the after effects of the Wallow Fire and said that the matching funds by the forest service on 4FRI project is a mistake. A meeting will be scheduled to clarify this issue.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting with Congressman Flake and Jim Pena and Bill Timko with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Division where the focus of discussion was on 4FRI. The forest service is committed to awarding a contract on 4FRI in the next two to three months and that it is important to them that 4FRI is a success.

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee meeting where 4FRI was mentioned and that it is important that the contract be awarded to a company that will follow through with production into the future. He stated that the Secure Rural Schools funds have been reauthorized for one more year and expressed his disappointment that the Arizona Senators voted against the appropriation. A representative from Otero County in New Mexico spoke about the revenues that could be generated if timbering would be allowed.
- B. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting where Senator Allen and Griffin were in attendance. They indicated that they hear the counties concerns with having more cost shifts pushed onto counties but did not commit to stop shifts of HURF.
- C. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where Kevin Adams of ADOT made a presentation on highways versus funding.
- D. He attended the Coronado Resource Conservation & Development meeting where discussion continued on noxious weed projects. Three of four projects that have been completed were located in Greenlee County.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board