

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

March 22, 2011

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in special 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 Lunt led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, requested approval to fill a vacant Registered Nurse position in the Health Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

The Board convened into a Work Session regarding the Medical Marijuana Act. Presentations were made by Derek Rapier, County Attorney, and Michael McCarthy, Chief Deputy County Attorney, regarding the legal issues surrounding the enactment of the new law including dispensaries, cultivation, and locations. Mr. Rapier stated that an ordinance is being drafted regarding medical marijuana in Greenlee County. Mr. Ronnerud, County Engineer and Planning and Zoning Director, presented issues regarding zoning of dispensaries and stated that the issue will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 31st.

Mr. McCarthy discussed the issue of medical marijuana as it pertains to employers and employees. He stated that the Greenlee County Drug and Alcohol Policy for employees will need to be adjusted to address medical marijuana. The Board directed Mr. McCarthy to draft the revised policy to include that use of medical marijuana by employees will not be allowed on the job with the rule to mirror that of the prohibition of alcohol or drugs currently in place.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Ms. Gale requested approval of the distribution of Forest Fees. She stated that the funding came in \$145,000 less than expected. She has requested an explanation of the reason for the difference. She stated the funds that were received need to be distributed. Upon motion by Supervisor Lunt, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the distribution as follows:

- \$200,000.00 Accommodation School
- \$250,000.00 Road Fund
- \$ 40,000.00 Blue School District
- \$ 5,000.00 Eagle School District
- \$115,139.71 Distributed to School Districts (based on 100th day student count)
 - \$ 4,775.10 Clifton
 - \$27,830.21 Duncan
 - \$82,534.40 Morenci

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- She reviewed revenues stating that they on target with the budget projection
- She reviewed issues regarding the proposed state budget and the impact to counties.
- Due to an error in the amount of assessed valuation being used, the Arizona Department of Revenue has made a \$189,000 reduction in state sales tax distribution to Greenlee County to correct the error.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board