

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

May 18, 2015

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: 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 at 8:30 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tammy McWhinney, county resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that she doesn't feel that the County should have so many vehicles being taken home. She stated that County employees should use the car pool and check out a vehicle when needed and use personal vehicles to drive to work. She also stated that she would like to see speed bumps installed on Bobcat Road in Verde Lee to slow traffic down.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, thanked the Board of Supervisors for having a Call to the Public to allow citizens to have a voice. He stated that 8th Grade and High School graduations are this week and commended the efforts of Clifton and Morenci to make graduation possible.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County 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
2. Health & County Services Director: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: S. Powell, Certified Nursing Assistant

The Board reconvened into regular session.

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

- He is in touch with five different developers who are eager to develop in Greenlee County. He stated that land availability is being evaluated.
- The Jr. Rodeo held on May 16th was successful with 300 persons in the grandstand
- The Events Coordinator has been hired. He stated that the position has been offered to Lendsey Basteen who has accepted the position.
- The "String of Pearls" group will be visiting Greenlee County and will go on a tour of the mine, Clifton and will go witness a roundup at the Menges Ranch.

Ray and Jeannette West, Business Association of Chase Creek Arizona, updated the Board on the upcoming Colors of Copper Art Show and Wine Festival. They stated that the event is going international with artist from France and Mexico coming to display and participate in the Festival. The event is expected to last three days.

Chairman Gomez presented the first Certificate of Recognition for Public Service to Ray and Jeannette West. The Certificate was awarded in appreciation for their dedication and generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration for the overall benefit of Growing Greenlee. The Board thanked them for their enduring commitment to make a positive difference and by doing so in a professional manner. The Board will award individuals periodically with this recognition.

Mr. Kovach requested support for the Duncan Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for the 2nd annual 8-man All-star Football Event. Dusty Parsons, President of the PTA, stated that this is the second year Duncan will host this event for high school seniors from small schools throughout the state. The Arizona Coaches Association has awarded Duncan PTA to host the event for five years. She stated this is a great way to showcase the county. Last year about 500 people attended the event. This year a community festival is being coordinated to help raise money to host 44 boys. The event is estimated to cost \$22,000 which includes uniforms. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved \$1,500.00 from Economic Development funds to help support the Duncan 8-man All-star Football event.

Ms. Gale stated that she would review county and state budget and legislative issues during the budget work session. 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: 05/05/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00
- C. Economic Development Coordinator: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – L. Basteen, Events Coordinator
- D. Clerk of the Board: Approval of financing contract with Zions First National Bank to finance the purchase of 9 vehicles in the amount of \$373,000 to be paid monthly with budgeted debt funds
- E. Clerk of the Board: Approval of financing contract with Zions First National Bank to finance the purchase of a tractor and a truck in the amount of \$151,000 to be paid monthly with budgeted debt service funds

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Rural Business Development Advisory Council meeting where representatives of the Arizona Commerce Authority spoke about mining, SRP representatives spoke about water issues, and promoting exports to Mexico was discussed. He stated that under the Call to the Public he spoke about solar projects in Greenlee County.

Supervisor Campbell reported that he received an email message from Jim and Clarice Holder expressing their appreciation for the work Greenlee County has done on the wolf litigation issue and for supporting northern ranchers.

The Board convened into Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Work Session.

Ms. Gale reviewed the following regarding the 2015/16 budget:

- She reviewed the estimated expenditure limitation. She explained the formula used in calculating the limitation which is population based using both the current population and the population in 1978. The 2015/16 limitation is \$13,084,421.
- She reviewed estimated revenues and will review again at the next meeting when she has received more accurate amounts.
- She reviewed the fact that in this coming fiscal year there will be 27 pay periods instead of the usual 26. This happens about every 10 years. She explained that the employees in hourly positions will get an extra pay period in the fiscal year and will not see any difference in pay. However, salaried employees, who are paid on an annual salary, will see a reduction for the entire fiscal year in their paychecks due to the 27th pay period. Elected Officials, whose salaries are set by statute and are paid on a calendar year basis, will see a reduction in their paychecks for 14 pay periods until December 31, 2015. She recommended and presented a 3.8% increase for all hourly and salaried employees.
- The budget requests affecting the General Fund for each individual department was reviewed.
 - Assessor – incomplete. Ms. Durr has been gone and still needs to meet with Ms. Gale.
 - Attorney – requesting the purchase of a digitizing program and equipment to digitize records and the maintenance of both, and shifting the entire salaries of the paralegal and legal secretaries to the General Fund.
 - Board of Supervisors – requesting an increase in phone stipend and countywide increase for meal allowance when traveling from \$39 to \$50
 - Elections – purchase of a new voting system including software and hardware
 - Justice of the Peace, District 1 – requesting a new Chief Deputy position, a part time position to be funded from special funds and the position to be tied directly to finishing the cleanup of records from

previous administrations. Requested a modification to the office and other courtroom needs.

- Justice of the Peace, District 2 – requesting the purchase of a storage unit, implementation of a debit/card payment system
- Ms. Gale stated that the fee schedules for the two Justice of the Peace (JP) districts are different. They are coordinating and drafting a unified new fee schedule and will present to the Board for approval. She also stated that “on call” wages for Judge Pro Tem for both JP’s has been included in the budget.
 - Recorder – requested the ability to hire an Administrative Assistant to be in training before the Administrative Assistant who is resigning in July leaves, hire a part time for election preparation, and the replacement of a new server specific for recordings.
 - Superior Court Judge – costs for the Supreme Court to come to Greenlee County to hear oral arguments, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) fee increase, and increase in pre-trial services and Indigent Defense
 - Superior Court Clerk – requesting to take the part time position to full time with ½ of the funding from General Fund for FY 2016 and 100% from General Fund in FY 2017, implement a \$40.00 courtroom fee, and implementation of a debit/credit card payment system
 - Treasurer – incomplete. Ms. Berube still needs to meet with Ms. Gale.
 - General Services – restoration to competency will increase to \$39,000 per person with Pima County, title 36 commitments will increase, senior citizen programs will remain the same, the Eastern Arizona College contract will remain the same, the Community College tuition costs estimate has not been received yet, and there is an overall increase in liability insurance
 - Library – state grant support has been received and the Library System Technology Fund grant has been received.
 - Sheriff – requesting the purchase and replacement of all firearms – 33 weapons in the amount of \$16,500, replacement of a breathalyzer, purchase of first aid kits for deputies, the Byrnes grant requires \$32,000 in matching funds
 - Constable 1 – requesting an increase in phone stipend
 - Constable 2 – no requests
 - Public Fiduciary – continue with part time while in training
 - Planning and Zoning – requesting the reclassification of the Administrative Assistant position to a Planner position
 - County School Superintendent – no requests, but supports an increase in wages for employees
- Ms. Gale reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan and will update it to include the Blue Public Works Facility

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
MAY 18, 2015
Page 5 of 5

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board