

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

June 2, 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, Derek Rapier, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public thanking the Board for their support on behalf of the Senior Nutrition Center and gave an update of improvements.

Derek Rapier, County Attorney, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that the wolf litigation has been moved to Arizona as predicted. A lawsuit has been filed in Arizona by the Center for Biological Diversity and one filed by the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties in New Mexico. The federal government immediately moved to change the Coalition suit to Arizona and the motion was granted. Arizona was successful in intervening in the lawsuit filed by the Center of Biological Diversity, as previously predicted, and move to dismiss saying Arizona is being harmed because the lawsuit doesn't go far enough.

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

Chairman Gomez opened item #2 of the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda for discussion. Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, requested to speak, and stated that the ambulance service had a problem finding the home of a citizen who died recently. He asked what the appropriate process is if a citizen dies at home. Ms. Gale explained that the agenda item is for Medical Advisor services which is different than a Medical Examiner which is what Mr. Cervantez was referring to.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services 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 the Agreement for Professional Services with Gila Health Resources for Medical Advisor Services beginning May 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016

3. Health & County Services Director: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Healthy People Healthy Community Program beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020

The Board reconvened into regular session.

The report from Carol Telles, Clifton District Ranger, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, was postponed to July.

In the absence of Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, Mr. Rapier updated the Board on the status of the dissolution of the Clifton School District stating that property issues have been addressed, records have been transferred appropriately, and tax rolls will be adjusted appropriately. A "yard sale" was conducted to sell what could be sold to the public. The entire Clifton School District boundary will be moved into the Morenci School District Boundary. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the school district boundary change to consolidate the Clifton School District into the Morenci School District as presented. Mr. Rapier clarified that due to the fact that the act of the dissolution of the Clifton School District is an act of the County School Superintendent there is no conflict with Supervisor Campbell voting on this item.

Steve Rutherford, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested approval of the Notice of Intent to apply for the mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requiring a 25% match of funds. He stated that this will give Greenlee County the ability to apply for mitigation grants (emergency) as needed. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Larry Avila, Sheriff, presented bid proposals for the purchase of a new sedan to be used as a detention transport vehicle. He stated that the vehicle will be purchased with Jail Enhancement funds and recommended award of bid to Kempton Chevrolet for the 2015 Chevrolet Impala. He stated that the vehicle is needed immediately and Kempton Chevrolet is the only bidder that has the vehicle already in stock. Other bidders would need to order the vehicle and it would be several weeks before it is received. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid to Kempton Chevrolet, due to the urgent need, for the purchase of one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Impala in the amount of \$26,443.00 to be paid with Jail Enhancement funds.

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

- The String of Pearls Committee met in Greenlee County and toured the Clifton and Morenci areas. They are interested in including Greenlee County into the

group and will help identify and publish mini-tour opportunities in Greenlee County.

- Mr. Kovach was in Tucson on May 22nd and gave a presentation on Greenlee County at the Office of Tourism to help the tourism call center better understand what Greenlee County has to offer and be able to direct tourist to Greenlee County.
- The Duncan PTA will be hosting the State Allstar 8-man Football event this weekend in Duncan
- Mr. Kovach is working with regional event planners to help avoid event conflicts not only locally but in surrounding regional areas to help avoid having major events scheduled at the same time
- The Fair & Racing Commission will meet on June 10th to further plan events for the upcoming Fair.
- The second in the Mud Drag series will be held on June 13th
- A Junior Police Camp will be held at the Fairgrounds the last weekend in June

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Chairman Gomez as the 2015 National Association of Counties voting delegate and Supervisor Campbell as the alternate.

Ms. Gale gave the county and state budget and legislative issues report during the 2015/16 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 – 05/18/2015
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1065; 1066; 1067
- C. County Assessor: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – P. Willey, full time Administrative Assistant
- D. County Recorder: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – K. Valenzuela, full time Administrative Assistant
- E. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – V. Bearden, full time Detention Officer; P. Smerglia, Detention Sergeant; S. Woodard, full time Control Room Operator
- F. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the fiscal year 2016 Intergovernmental Agreement with Eastern Arizona College for community college courses provided in Greenlee County in the amount of \$35,000.00
- G. County Administrator: Adoption of Resolution 15-06-01 authorizing a new checking account with National Bank of Arizona for the Greenlee County Event Revolving Account requiring two signatures on all check transactions

H. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – D. Madrigal, full time Secretary/Teen Court Coordinator

The Board convened into Work Session regarding the 2015/16 Budget.

Ms. Gale reviewed the need to address unfunded liability issues regarding the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. She explained that all counties, cities and towns in the state are faced with this issue. Greenlee County is currently 34.1% unfunded in the amount of \$1.7 million. She recommended that Greenlee County pre-pay a lump sum into the retirement system for the amount of both employee and employer contribution. This lump sum will earn interest that will go toward the pay-down of the unfunded liability. The Board directed Ms. Gale to move forward with her recommendation.

Ms. Gale reviewed the Amicus Brief filed by County Supervisors Association regarding the 1% Property Tax cap showing the effect it will have on counties and an approach that subrogation of taxing authority should not be given to a non-elected board. An injunctive relief has been asked for to not implement this for this year.

Ms. Gale and Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, reviewed proposed capital expenses for the Greenlee County Flood Control District including: continuation of the second phase of the flood study and mapping to move a section in the Apache Grove area out of the flood plain; replacement of the outdated Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) for aircraft at the airport; removal of noxious vegetation in the Clifton area; replacement of the outdated communication repeater on Guthrie Peak.

Mr. Ronnerud updated the Board on the Duncan Waterline Project. He reviewed a diagram of the updated water system which includes a fire hydrant at the fairgrounds and also reviewed a plan to re-route water using the current well system to use for landscaping (non-potable) and one as a backup to the Duncan water line (potable). He recommended the purchase of a backflow preventer to give to Duncan for their maintenance and certification.

Grace Nabor, Justice of the Peace, District 1, requested a part time position in her office to assist with cleanup from the last administration in that office that is still ongoing. She stated that she is open to using other funds to pay for the position. She also stated that she would like to use her Time Payment Fees to pay for a digitizing records system (OnBase). She stated that a unified fee schedule is being drafted to be used by both Justice Courts.

Charles Berube, Information Technology Manager, presented information to the Board to justify the need for an additional staff member in his office. He stated that he only has one other person in his department to handle computer and communications for all

departments throughout the county. They are responsible for not only regular duties but also 100 printers & cartridges; 22 servers, including maintenance and updates; 110 personal computers (PC's); 10 laptops; 11 tablets plus 20 new tablets coming onboard for the Sheriff's Department; many routers, switches, hubs, patch panels, cables, firewalls, mobile broadband connections. They are operating in crisis mode at all times trying to keep up. Other duties include managing phone systems in addition to the gas pump system, personnel badges, building entry security system, GIS mapping and the county E911 System. He added maintenance of the website, email services and radio dispatch services. He proposed a salary range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the new proposed position.

Mr. Berube also requested an increase in salary for his position. He stated that based on the average of the six small counties his position should be paid \$95,000 in addition to any pay increase the Board is considering for all employees.

Ms. Gale reviewed the Community College reimbursement appropriation. She received notification that Greenlee County will receive \$699,100 for the community college reimbursement for the new fiscal year.

The Board reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Gale stated that the feasibility of installing a jail kitchen at the jail will be added as well as a plan for a structural analysis for the addition of a third floor to the Courthouse Annex.

Ms. Gale presented three options for property tax rates for the Board to consider for the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

APPROVED: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board