

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

June 3, 2014

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 was Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to Public stating that the father of Graham County Supervisor Drew John has passed away. Condolences are offered to the family.

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 Service District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Carol Telles, Clifton District Ranger, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, updated the Board on the several items and projects that the Forest Service is working on including fighting and containing three fires in the Clifton Ranger District.

Eric Schwennesen, representing the Greenlee County Cattle Growers addressed issues and concerns of the organization regarding the Mexican Gray Wolf and the proposed expansion of the recovery area that will include all of Greenlee County and the impacts on southern ranchers and their cattle.

Ms. Gale stated that it is on record that Greenlee County has opposed and objected to the wolf program since the 1980's and several resolutions and moratoriums have been adopted stating the fact that Greenlee County does not want the wolf in the county.

Chairman Gomez stated that Greenlee County does not want any more wolves and that the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Alternative to the proposed Environmental Impact Statement as a means to be at the table as the County has always been since the beginning with no support from other counties or groups until now when the proposed changes could affect them.

Supervisor Campbell stated that Greenlee County opposes having wolves in the County. At recent meetings in Albuquerque, NM, regarding the proposal he asked to have cooperating agencies pull together to develop an acceptable alternative. At public hearings it is obvious that the pro wolf groups are aligned in their support but that the counties and other groups in opposition to the wolf reintroduction are always fragmented.

Supervisor Corbell stated that cooperating agencies have no jurisdiction, no police powers and no delegation authority and that he thinks this is an assault on the sovereignty of the State of Arizona and that the only way to get the wolf out of the state is to get the federal government in line, which he is working on.

Jeff Menges, Greenlee County Cattle Growers member, also spoke to the issue stating that the Executive Director is fairly young and got caught up in the process and signed onto the Alternative proposal which is opposite of the Cattle Growers policy which requests that the wolf program be terminated and not expanded. He explained further concerns and also stated that he is working on organizing a coalition between New Mexico Cattle Growers and Arizona Cattle Growers on the wolf issue. He stated that the Arizona State Cattle Growers Association has voted to change their position on the Alternative proposal taken in the beginning to not accept the number of wolves to be allowed to only 100.

The Board thanked the group for the information that has been provided.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing – Planning and Zoning request of Ron and Yvonne Pearson to change the zoning district of Assessor Parcel 300-92-020 containing about 2 acres from RU 36 to TR 18 at 6407 Ward Canyon Road in Verde Lee.

Philip Ronnerud, Planning & Zoning Director, stated that this request is to rezone the parcel to allow for a second mobile home to be placed on the parcel. The Planning and Zoning Commission sends a positive recommendation to the Board.

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Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Planning and Zoning request of Ron and Yvonne Pearson to change the zoning district of Assessor Parcel 300-92-020 containing about 2 acres from RU 36 to TR 18 at 6407 Ward Canyon Road in Verde Lee with stipulations as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board elected Supervisor Gomez as the voting delegate for 2014 for National Association of Counties.

Ms. Gale stated that she will discuss County and State budget and legislative issues later 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 – 05/19/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1078
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$10,998.85 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 152 - \$3,442.39; Fund 159 - \$143.20; Fund 167 - \$1,255.62; Fund 243 - \$6,157.64
- D. Superior Court Clerk: Appointment of Deputy – S. Furimsky, Part Time Court Clerk
- E. Public Works Manager: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – T. Christner, Full Time Public Works Operations Tech II
- F. Public Works Manager: Approval of Annual Renewal of Spirituous Liquor License for Greenlee County Fair & Racing

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Conference in Alaska where he attended several meeting sessions including the Board of Directors meeting and a joint Public Lands Steering Committee and Environmental Energy and Land Use Steering Committee meeting where discussion took place regarding the definition of Waters of the US, Clean Water Act, wetlands and streams, and other meetings where regional issues and concerns were discussed.
- B. He attended a Federal Lands Transfer Coalition meeting where several legislators, supervisors and professional staff were in attendance. Discussion took place regarding what agency needs to be created to address land transfer issues, how to build a coalition, what legislation should be introduced as well as what would be realized if federally administered lands were taken over by the state.
- C. He attended a Waters of the US Hearing where discussion took place regarding impacts of the Act and water rights.

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The Board convened into Work Session regarding the 2015 County Budget where revenues, expenditures and individual department requests were reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah K. Gale
County Administrator