

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

August 1, 2011

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 G. Lunt, Chairman; David Gomez, Member; and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

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

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

Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, requested approval to apply for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation grant in the amount of \$68,050. He stated that the grant will pay for a Health Policy Specialist position in the Health Department. No matching funds are required. He stated that the position will remain only as long as grant funding is available. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request by Mr. Rutherford for a Health Policy Specialist position in the Health Department to be funded with Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Community Transformation Grant funds.

Mr. Rutherford requested approval of two (2) part time Youth Health Educator positions in the Health Department to be funded with Arizona Department of Health Services Teen Pregnancy Prevention funds. He stated that the positions will be filled to further assist the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program already in place in Morenci Schools and will also include Clifton Schools. The persons in the position will work 10 hours weekly at \$20 hourly. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, 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 Amendment #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Tobacco Education and Prevention Services
3. Health & County Services Director: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - R. Rogers, Public Health Nurse

The Board convened as the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, 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 convened into Work Session regarding the fiscal year 2011/2012 budget. Ms. Gale presented a slideshow overview of the budget including estimated revenues and expenditures.

The Board convened into Public Hearing regarding the fiscal year 2011/2012 Budget and Truth in Taxation Hearing pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §42-17104. Several members of the public were present with 4 persons addressing the Board and expressing their concerns, discontent and opposition of the proposed increase in property taxes.

Supervisor Gomez motioned to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$.7736 with Supervisor Campbell seconding the motion. Chairman Lunt called for a roll call vote for the adoption of the Primary Property Taxes pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 42-17107.A.4 for fiscal year 2011/2012 with Supervisor Gomez voting aye, Supervisor Campbell voting aye, and Chairman Lunt voting aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board of Supervisors adopted the final budget and resolution for fiscal year 2011/2012 in the amount of \$16,911,943. The General Fund budget was set at \$9,760,765, the Special Revenue budget at \$6,551,178, and Debt Service budget at \$600,000.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Title 42 Chapter 17, Articles 1-5, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.), the Board of Supervisors did on July 5, 2011, make an estimate of the different amounts required to meet the public expenditures for the ensuing year, also an estimate of revenues from sources other than direct taxation,

and the amount to be raised by taxation upon real and personal property of Greenlee County, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said chapter of said title, and following due public notice, the Board met on August 1, 2011, at which meeting any taxpayer was privileged to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures or tax levies, and

WHEREAS, it appears that publication has been duly made as required by law, of said estimates together with a notice that the Board will meet on August 15, 2011, at the Office of the Board for the purpose of hearing taxpayers and making tax levies as set forth in said estimates, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the sums to be raised by taxation, as specified therein, do not in the aggregate amount exceed that amount as computed in A.R.S. 42-17051(A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said estimates of revenue and expenditures/expenses shown on the accompanying schedules as now increased, reduced or changed, are hereby adopted as the final budget of Greenlee County for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

ATTEST:
/s/ Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:
/s/ David Gomez, Vice Chairman

Carol Telles, Forest Ranger, Clifton District, updated the Board on activities of the Clifton Ranger District. She stated that seeding and mulching on the Wallow Fire burned area is taking place and that there is already signs of plants growing. The BAER team will continue this work for several more weeks. Fencing reconstruction is being looked at pending available funding. Hazard tree removal and disposal continues and there is a possibility that a portable mill will be put in place. Due to the Wallow Fire there will be a change in the way that forest rangers will have to work and manage the forests. The Board thanked Ms. Telles for her time and efforts.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, was absent from this meeting. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of the Greenlee County Roads Standard Operating Procedures. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to proceed with the adoption of the Greenlee County Right-of-Way Ordinance by publishing and posting the required public notices.

Mr. Ronnerud presented the Greenlee County Drainage Policy for approval. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Drainage Policy as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Greenlee County Road Acceptance Policy as presented.

Pam Pollock, Superior Court Clerk, requested approval to fill a vacant Deputy Court Clerk position in her office. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Karla Ellis, Fair & Racing Director, was absent from this meeting. Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board, presented three themes for the 2011 Greenlee County Fair that were submitted as a result of a contest. The Board reviewed the three themes and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board chose "100 Years Great.....Let's Celebrate!" as the theme for the upcoming fair. The winning entry will receive a savings bond.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution 11-08-03 in support of Arizona Forest Restoration Product's bid to secure a large-scale restoration contract through the Four Forest Restoration Initiative.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF ARIZONA FOREST RESTORATION PRODUCT'S BID TO SECURE A LARGE-SCALE RESTORATION CONTRACT THROUGH THE FOUR FOREST RESTORATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Greenlee County has experienced degraded forest and watershed health conditions over the past several decades, most significantly represented by large, unnaturally severe fires including the most recent Wallow fire in 2011, and

WHEREAS, accelerated landscape-scale, consensus-based, industry-supported community protection, forest restoration, and fire management activities such as those

proposed in the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) will enhance the ecological and economic health of Arizona's forests and provide innumerable benefits to northern Arizona's communities, including protection from unnaturally severe wildfires, as well as jobs and sustained economic revenue, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County has consistently supported the 4FRI, and advocated for awarding contracts to appropriately-scaled industries to help implement restoration activities in a cost-effective and job-creating manner, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County has previously supported Arizona Forest Restoration Products as a potential bidder for a large-scale restoration contract awarded through the 4FRI, and

WHEREAS, Arizona Forest Restoration Products has shown that it has met criteria for industry partner success previously outlined by several northern Arizona counties, as well as Governor Jan Brewer, including being an Arizona company that is capable of implementing restoration that meets collaboratively-defined ecological goals, is appropriately-scaled, able to substantially offset restoration treatment costs, able to create substantial jobs, and has a proven collaborative track record, and

WHEREAS, Arizona Forest Restoration Products has played a critical role in the emergence of a broad consensus about the role of industry in landscape scale restoration, the creation and development of the 4FRI, the resolution of critical policy issues such as the Cancellation Ceiling, the creation of a vast network of political and financial support for the 4FRI, locally, regionally and nationally, the development of an unprecedented social license in Arizona, and is expected to continue to play such a critically important role during the implementation of the 4FRI, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County recognizes the critical importance of awarding a restoration contract to an industry partner that has a demonstrated economically viable business model that deploys proven technologies in proven markets and that can successfully implement landscape-scale restoration work over the coming 20 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County expresses its support for Arizona Forest Restoration Products as a trusted industry partner in its bid for one large-scale, long-term restoration contract totaling 30,000 acres per year over the next 10 years, and requests that the U.S. Forest Service give diligent consideration to Arizona Forest Restoration Product's application to be awarded such contracts through the Four Forest Restoration Initiative AG-8371-S-11-0031.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at Clifton, Arizona on August 1, 2011.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED: /s/ Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution 11-08-03 in support of S1344 – Wallow Fires Restoration and Recovery Act.

RESOLUTION 11-08-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING S1344 – THE ARIZONA WALLOW FIRE RECOVERY AND MONITORING ACT.

WHEREAS, the Wallow Fire which began on May 29, 2011 in northern Greenlee County, Arizona, is the largest forest fire on record in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Wallow Fire burned over 538,000 acres in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the ecological and economic damage from the fire will have an impact on Greenlee County for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the removal of hazard, dead and dying trees within the burned area occur in the most expeditious way possible to ensure the restoration of the forest; and

WHEREAS, the salvage of the fire-damaged trees will help prevent future fire by reducing hazardous fuels on the ground, improve the overall health and recovery of the forest, and provide an economic benefit to the communities affected by the fire; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the removal of the trees must occur within an eighteen month time frame to take advantage of the potential economic value of the timber.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors that Congress should immediately enact S1344 which will provide methods to restore the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest following the catastrophic Wallow Fire.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2011 AT CLIFTON, ARIZONA.

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson,
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman
/s/ David Gomez, Member
/s/ Ron Campbell, Member

Ms. Gale requested approval to utilize Frank Hayes as Project Coordinator for the Wild Fire and Hazardous Fuel Project Grant. She stated that Mr. Hayes' salary will be funded with grant funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale presented proposed redistricting maps for Legislative District 5. She stated that the proposed maps meet population requirements and keeps the current legislative district in tact. The proposed maps also keep Greenlee County from being included into metro areas of the state. Chairman Lunt stated that is also keeps the member counties of the Economic Counties Organization in tact. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to support the proposed Legislative 5 redistricting map as presented.

Ms. Gale updated the Board on the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project stating that 8 residents have accepted to be included in the project which will help protect their homes from flooding which is occurring as a result of the Wallow Fire. She stated that 3 of the projects include both private and forest land for which special permits were obtained. She expressed appreciation to the NRCS. The Board echoed the sentiment.

Ms. Gale presented a request from the Bureau of Land Management to submit proposed recommendations regarding the US Department of the Interior proposed designated wilderness areas which include areas within Greenlee County. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board directed Ms. Gale to draft comments that Greenlee County opposes any designation of wilderness areas.

Ms. Gale stated that she has begun working on several legislative issues including Community College tuition to go before the legislature in their next session.

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 - 07/05/11; 07/21/11
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 - Vouchers: 1076, 1077, 1078, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$67,196.56 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 140 - \$9,863.59; Fund 145 - \$4,354.16; Fund 146 - \$1,342.75; Fund 154 - \$684.47; Fund 169 - \$541.50; Fund 219 - \$50,000.00; Fund 243 - \$410.09
- D. County Administrator: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - A. Webb, County Librarian
- E. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - Y. Iglecias, Full Time Administrative Assistant
- F. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Resolution 11-08-02 to extend the revolving line of credit loan agreement with National Bank of Arizona to August 31, 2011
- G. Animal Control Supervisor: Approval to apply for the 2011/2012 Arizona Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Grant in the amount of \$10,000

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee meeting where discussion took place regarding the reauthorization of the multi-year Federal Highway & Transit programs that expired in September 2009. Several resolutions were adopted.
- B. He attended the Forest Service Fire & Flood Restoration Workshop in Springerville where several agencies gathered to help residents with flooding issues as a result of the Wallow Fire. He stated that agencies are doing an excellent job.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Forest Service Wallow Fire Salvage meeting where issues regarding the salvage and harvesting of burned wood in the Wallow Fire area were discussed.
- B. He attended a post Wallow Fire meeting with the residents of Blue where flooding issues are now a concern. Residents have spent weeks defending their homes from fire and are now defending their homes from water.

Supervisor Lunt reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee meeting where issues regarding the management of public

lands were discussed. A presentation on the amount of marijuana that is being grown and seized in forests was given. Derek Rapier, County Attorney, was invited to give his presentation on Coordination which was very well received.

- B. He attended the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties teleconference where discussion took place regarding the Mexican Spotted Owl as well as the “savory” method of fire restoration using sheep and cattle to help revegetate burned fire areas.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard G. Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board