

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

August 4, 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 were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

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

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and presented a puzzle picture to the Board in appreciation of their visit to the Senior Citizens Center to hear concerns. He also stated that today is the first day of school for Morenci and that he thinks it was a wise decision hiring Dr. Woodall as Superintendent of Morenci Schools.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public and expressed her appreciation to the Road Crew and Sheriff's Office for their assistance with the flooding over the weekend. The Board echoed her comments.

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 Amendment #6 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services Emergency Preparedness Program

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board – Approval of the Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board removed item H from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Ms. Claudette Langley, representing the Southern Arizona Diaper Bank, addressed the Proclamation of September 8th as Diaper Need Awareness Week stating that this is an effort to bring awareness of the severe need for diapers for children and the elderly. She stated that the Diaper Bank services residents in 10 counties including Greenlee, Child Family Services, and SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Area on Aging. The Diaper Bank distributed 742,000 diapers last year and the greatest need are diapers sizes 4 – 6, pull-up diapers, and adult diapers. Greenlee County is the first county in the state to make the proclamation. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

Michelle Pursley and Julie Morris, with Child & Family Resources Program, addressed the Board expressing the need for diapers in their work with families.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board proclaimed September 8th as Diaper Need Awareness Week.

Linda Durr, County Assessor, requested approval to fill the vacant Chief Deputy position in the Assessor's Office. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Karen Soohy, County Librarian, gave the annual Greenlee County Library System report. She reviewed the following:

- Grants received include: \$23,000 State Grant in Aid; \$5,000 Library Services and Technology Assistance Grant; \$5,000 donation from AZ BlueCross BlueShield in recognition of their 75th anniversary to promote libraries
- Partnerships: Gila County Department of Education for GED prep materials – seven students have been served by this partnership: Graham County – Safford City Library for Tutor.com services – 401 students have utilized the service; Graham County – Safford City Library for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which has served 819 children. There are 391 active participants and 428 have graduated (reached the age of 5 years old and no longer eligible); Arizona State Library for Brain Boxes which are available at the Morenci and Duncan libraries with 166 children participating; Arizona State Library for Zinio a free online magazine service offered
- Circulation: Blue Library - 290; Clifton – 3,231; Duncan – 10,515; Morenci – 6,809; Total – 20,845

The Board expressed their appreciation for her hard work and dedication.

Ms. Gale presented a power point slide presentation on the fiscal year 2014-15 Greenlee County Budget and reviewed the following:

- General Fund is \$11,562,861 which reflects a 8.9% increase
- Total budget is \$23,979,451 which reflects a 18.75% total increase (9.35% General Fund and Special Revenue Funds including grants and 9.4% for Capital Projects)
- Assessed value is \$458,425,787 reflecting an increase of \$122,710,659 (36.55%)
- A proposed decrease in the primary property tax rate from \$0.7350 to \$0.5500
- Public Health Services District tax rate increase from \$0.2081 to \$0.2300
- Flood Control District tax rate increase from \$0.1647 to \$.1900
- Estimated revenues and revenue streams
- Estimated expenditure
- The Capital Improvement Plan

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Robert Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 42-17104 – Budget and Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Ms. Pearson read a letter into the record from Richard Ward stating that he is against any tax rate increase.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Supervisor Campbell moved for the adoption of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Greenlee County Primary Property Tax Rate at \$0.55 per \$100 of assessed value. Supervisor Corbell seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Chairman Gomez called for a roll call vote with Supervisor Campbell voting aye, Supervisor Corbell voting aye, and Chairman Gomez voting aye. The vote passed unanimously, setting the new tax rate at \$0.55.

Supervisor Campbell moved for the adoption of the fiscal year 2014-15 Greenlee County budget as follows: General Fund budget in the amount of \$11,562,861 and the Total Budget in the amount of \$23,979,451. This includes the Flood Control Budget in the amount of \$157,000 and the Public Health Services District Budget in the amount of \$1,954,440. Supervisor Corbell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

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 1, 2014, 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 4, 2014, 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 18, 2014, 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 2014-2015

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill a vacant Teen Court Assistant position in the Probation Department as presented. John Armstrong, Chief Probation Officer, was not in attendance to present his request.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval to apply for a Community Assistance Grant with the National Park Service for technical and planning assistance in developing trails and birding opportunities in and around Duncan and Clifton. He stated that no matching funds are required. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Ronnerud requested approval for the formation of a Building Code Advisory Board pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §11-862. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the formation of a Building Code Advisory Board.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the appointment of members to the Building Code Advisory Board pending County Attorney review of the requirements of an advisory board.

Ms. Gale requested approval of a letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting an extension of the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed revision to the nonessential experimental population of the Mexican wolf. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- Congress passed funding for the Highway Trust Fund through May 2015 to keep the Trust from collapsing and having states start rationing funds on the program.
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a public comment period on the 11th in Pinetop on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the 10j rule. She recommends that the County make comments indicating how unhappy we are with the process. Supervisor Campbell will be attending the hearing and making the comments. Ms. Gale stated that there was too short of a timeframe allowed to be able to adequately review the 467 pages of the EIS.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

The Board tabled the June 3rd minutes on the Consent Agenda to another meeting. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows pending County Attorney approval on items K, Q, & S:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings: 06/18/14; 06/24/14; 07/01/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1086; 1087; 1088; 1089; 1090; 1000; 1001; 1003
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$294,172.42 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$253.64; Fund 139 - \$2,010.34; Fund 145 - \$286.88; Fund 152 - \$65.03; Fund 167 - \$2,568.62; Fund 169 - \$1,534.69; Fund 195 - \$1,167.67; Fund 219 - \$38,244.19; Fund 222 - \$86,814.93; Fund 243 - \$9,835.79; Fund 601 - \$57,450.46; Fund 800 - \$93,940.18
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: J. Monjaras, Detention Officer
- E. Clerk of the Board: Appointment of Extension Advisory Board members: Bill Cook, Robert Lunt, and Leon Reynolds and appointment of Extension Board Alternates: Crystal Noland, Steve Rutherford, Steve Ahmann, Shirley Winkle, Twig Winkle

- F. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Rescinding Resolution 14-05-01 regulating open burning in unincorporated areas of Greenlee County
- G. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of Proclaiming September, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- H. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Proclaiming the week of September 8th through 14th as Diaper Need Awareness Week
- I. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Proclaiming the month of August, 2014 as Child Support Awareness Month
- J. County Attorney: Approval of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Crime Victim Compensation Program Grant Agreement for fiscal year 2015
- K. County Sheriff: Approval of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement (Byrnes Grant) for fiscal year 2015
- L. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the Joint Field Trainer Agreement with Graham County for fiscal year 2015
- M. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 Cooperative Extension Appropriation of County Funds in the amount of \$22,307
- N. Public Works Manager: Approval of supplemental funding for the Fair & Racing Revolving Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid back after the Fair
- O. IT/IS Manager: Approval of the purchase of equipment, hardware and software to upgrade the County telephone system in the amount of \$28,549.30 with budgeted General Funds
- P. Superior Court Judge: Approval of Contract for Provision of Indigent Representation for fiscal year 2015 for Attorney's: Carolyn Clark; Daisy Flores; Lynn Hamilton; Rebecca Johnson; Josi Lopez; Michael D. Peterson; Jeremy Waite; and Stephen Lundell
- Q. IT/IS Manager: Approval of the fiscal year 2015 Intergovernmental Agreement with Graham County for Internet DS3 and Arizona Counties Insurance Pool (ACIP) Video T-1 Circuits in an amount not to exceed \$20,400.00 to be paid with budgeted General Funds
- R. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 14-08-01 authorizing the Treasurer to invest and reinvest all monies as authorized by law for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §35-327.G
- S. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 14-08-02 authorizing the County to execute, issue, sell and deliver the County Revolving Line of Credit Loan Agreement and County Revolving Line of Credit Promissory Note to National Bank of Arizona commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,800,000; approving a form of County Revolving Line of Credit Loan Agreement and County Revolving Line of Credit Promissory Note; and related matters

- T. Clerk of the Board: Appointment of Ryan Henry to the Greenlee County Employee Merit Commission
- U. County Librarian: Approval of the Greenlee County Library System Strategic Five Year Plan

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties meeting where a legislative update was presented that included the jumping mouse and prairie chicken. Cochise County has set aside \$100,000 in funds to be used to begin lawsuits regarding the Mexican Gray Wolf issues. He stated that the 25th Celebration event for the Coalition was very good with some good speakers, food, and dancing.
- B. He meet with Michael Lacy with the Arizona Department of Water Resources regarding water rights and the impact line and asked questions which will be addressed and answered in 4 – 6 weeks.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee meeting of which he serves as a member, where food growing and safety issues were discussed, strong economies of resilient counties presentation, and several resolutions and policies changes were discussed.
- B. He attended the National Association of Counties Conference that was very educational and informative. He had the opportunity to meet supervisors from across the nation and discuss issues that impact counties.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee meeting of which he serves as a member, where a main topic of discussion was funding as well as discussion on MAP 21.
- B. He attended the National Association Counties Conference where he met with persons of the National Jail Association regarding building a new jail facility in Greenlee County and received some very valuable information. The conference was very educational and informative.
- C. He gave an update on Growing Greenlee stating that the State Land Department has sent a list of contractors who have purchase state land. He stated that an architect and developer are interested in building homes in vacant lots throughout Greenlee County.
- D. He attended the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce Mixer that was hosted by Freeport-McMoRan and attended by 57 persons.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised

Statutes §38-431.03.A.03 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding legal requirement for disposition of county property.

The Board convened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03.A.04 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding the contract with SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) for economic development services.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Ms. Gale opened the discussion regarding the contract with SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) for economic development services. She stated that the contract was entered into a year ago as the best avenue at the time to get assistance and expertise needed for economic development and to promote Greenlee County. The Contract will expire in September and opens the opportunity for the Board to look at other options including hiring an Economic Development person. The three Board members expressed their interest in hiring a person in this position and will make a decision at a later date after meetings and negotiations with SEAGO.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board