

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

August 19, 2013

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 10:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, resident, handed copies of documents to the Board and stated that he has requested to be on the regular agenda.

Sean Wenham, Community Development Coordinator, Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, responded to the Call to the Public and presented a check to Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, on behalf of United Way in the amount of \$41,000.00 to be used to promote educational support in science and math in local schools.

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

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 Consent Agenda as follows:

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

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Carol Telles, Ranger, Clifton Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, updated the Board on the following:

- A Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project to compare Coordination Resources Allotment Plans is underway which will assist permittee's to qualify for funding from NRCS
- An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) has been initiated on Mud Springs and East Eagle Creek

- A Range EIS and Burn EIS is in process to allow the Forest Service to take care of the land due to fire and includes re-entry burns on pastures and to cut back on overgrowth of juniper
- Forest Service firefighters are currently in Idaho and California helping fight fires
- 8 – 10 inches of rain has been recorded on the district
- Cross Memorials are no longer permitted. Persons who have installed cross memorials for lost loved ones are being notified that the cross has been taken down and can be picked up at the Ranger Station for the time being. She stated that citations will be issued if the crosses are re-installed.

Vada Phelps, Executive Director, Southeastern Arizona Workforce Connection, presented the first annual report on the status of the organization which includes Greenlee, Graham and Cochise Counties. She reported that the consolidation of the three counties has worked out extremely well. She reviewed statistics on clients for the different programs stating that they served 2,037 clients last year and she also reviewed the financial status. She is proud to announce that the organization is exceeding all performance measures but one for which the performance measure level is being met. A Board Member is needed from Greenlee County to represent the private sector.

The Board expressed their appreciation for her hard work and that of her staff in making the program successful. Ms. Gale stated that Ms. Phelps has taken the program far beyond expectations.

Ms. Gale reviewed a comparison of values, levies, and tax rates between all taxing entities in Greenlee County comparing rates for last fiscal year and the current rates to be adopted. She explained that each entity calculates and adopts their tax rate which is then presented to the Board of Supervisors, per statute, for their administrative function of adding all taxing entities rate calculations on one tax bill. The Greenlee County property tax rate of \$.7350 is \$.1137 higher than last fiscal year due to a decrease in assessed value. Supervisor Campbell made a comment stating that it is appalling and an embarrassment to have to accept the rate that the Clifton School Board is imposing on the district's citizens. Supervisor Corbell asked the County Attorney to explain the Board of Supervisors role in adopting tax rates. Mr. Rapier explained that the Board is adopting, for purposes of providing one tax bill, the rate that has been adopted by each individual taxing entity that have their own assessed valuation and adopted budgets. He stated that the Board has no authority to change any rate that has been submitted from other taxing entities. Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the fiscal year tax rates presented, Supervisor Corbell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, requested approval to purchase one (1) 2014 Mack Dump Truck from Van Guard Truck Center (State Procurement Contract) in the amount of \$147,447.36 with budgeted Road Funds to replace two (2) dump trucks.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Pearson requested approval to purchase one (1) Caterpillar 930 Loader from Empire Machinery on the City of Tucson RFP #120377 National IPA contract (piggyback) in the amount of \$211,076.59 with budgeted Road Funds which will replace two (20 908 loaders. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The County Managers have met and have begun the process of addressing legislative issues with one of the top priorities being the loss of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF). She stated that the group and others are working on ways to make up for losses in transportation revenues for counties. The ability to use excess funds in special district funds to cover for revenue losses is another issue to be brought to the County Supervisors Association for consideration.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed. The Board scheduled an Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding wolves tentatively for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5th.

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 – 07/15/13; 08/05/13
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1096; 1098; 1007; 1008
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$56,254.49 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$168.35; Fund 139 - \$873.46; Fund 145 - \$320.64; Fund 146 - \$366.61; Fund 152 - \$205.96; Fund 160 - \$197.87; Fund 195 - \$512.24; Fund 222 - \$35,877.75; Fund 231 - \$1,618.18; Fund 243 - \$14,695.51; Fund 601 - \$1,417.92
- D. Public Works Manager: Approval of Payroll Change Notices: D. Manuz, Public Works Operation Tech IV; R. Grove, Public Works Operation Tech III
- E. Clerk of the Board: Re-appointment of Frank Downs, Dean Lunt, and Chris Stauffer as members of the Greenlee County Extension Advisory Board terms ending June 30, 2015.
- F. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 13-08-01 to supersede Resolution 09-09-02 regarding the designation of County Holidays

- G. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 13-08-03 authorizing signers on National Bank of Arizona accounts controlled by the Probation Department
- H. Health & County Services Director: Approval of the fiscal year 2013-14 Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Grant application in the amount of \$10,000.00

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Wolf Environmental Impact Statement kick-off meeting where discussions took place regarding the following:
 - proposed revisions to the environmental and management plans
 - proposed expansion of the Mexican wolf environmental population areas and Blue Range wolf recovery area
 - the resolution drafted by the Arizona Cattle Growers Association for possible support

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) meeting where the highlight was the approval of the Greenlee County Special Assessment Contract that will allow Greenlee County to continue economic development projects and plans utilizing the services of Akos Kovach, Economic Development Planner with SEAGO.

The Board convened into Work Session regarding Greenlee County Roads. Discussion took place regarding the issue of county roads versus public roads. Mr. Pearson presented issues to the Board regarding complaints he has received from citizens wanting the county to work on public roads that are not in the county road system. The Board reviewed the complaints and the status. Mr. Pearson also reviewed the policy that has been established to track calls and complaints on roads so that each one is followed through and documented for future reference and reviewed the process with the Board so that they know the process and so that citizens are not given conflicting information when they call. Ms. Gale stated that the Road Department is understaffed due to cutbacks and budget and can only take care of roads as the limited personnel is able to keep up with.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board