

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

September 17, 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.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public and requested prayers for the victims and their families of the Navy Ship Yard shooting tragedy.

The Board convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee 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 Greenlee County Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee 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 Greenlee County Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Ms. Gale reviewed the events leading up to the declaration of an Emergency in Greenlee County. On Thursday, September 12th Eagle Creek had high water causing damage to road crossings; on Friday, September 13th during the night Blue River flooded; on Saturday evening Ward Canyon, Soap Box and Rattlesnake washes had high water causing road damage; on Sunday, September 14th the San Francisco River had high water causing the Town of Clifton to close the levy gates; and on Monday, September 16th the Gila River had high water but with no damage. She stated that these events in addition to the several high water events from the monsoons have stretched our resources beyond belief. Governor Jan Brewer has issued a declaration of emergency for both Greenlee and Apache counties and the Arizona Department of Emergency Management will have a team in Blue tomorrow. Public Works with

assistance from Apache County has been able to open roads in Blue enough to get residents out. The Sheriff requested assistance from the Department of Public Safety to fly over the Blue area on Saturday morning to check on the status of residents for the need of rescue. Ms. Gale presented aerial photos that were taken during that flight showing the devastation including washed out bridges and roads. She stated that conversations with the Forest Service have already begun.

Orlando Lujan, resident, requested to speak to this item and stated that the residents at Martinez Ranch had 5 feet of water in their house and that they lost a bull and 10 cows and calves to the San Francisco River. He also expressed his concerns regarding the Ward Canyon wash crossing and the drop off that has been created by the high water events that have occurred in that canyon. He is concerned of the liability to the county and the safety of citizens. Ms. Gale informed Mr. Lujan and the Board that the Public Works Manager already has a plan and quotes to present to the County Engineer for approval.

In the absence of Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, Ms. Gale requested approval for two (2) new Public Works Operations Tech II Positions in the Public Works Department. She stated that the positions will be advertised and filled from those applicants. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented to be paid with Contingency Funds.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the discussion and possible action regarding temporary road maintenance contracting for further information.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell and seconded by Chairman Gomez, the Board appointed Supervisor Corbell to represent Greenlee County on the Gila Watershed Partnership in addition to Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The County Managers have met and reviewed the County Supervisors Association agenda proposals for the upcoming Legislative Summit
- Greenlee County will host the Arizona Small Counties Forum tomorrow evening
- She will attend a hearing on the Mexican Gray Wolf by the Natural Resources Committee tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.
- She presented a draft of comments regarding the Wolf to be submitted
- She reviewed issues regarding alcohol being brought onto the fairgrounds during events. She stated that ice chests will be checked at the gate this year at the fair.

- She requested approval to purchase a Polaris Ranger type vehicle for the Public Works department instead of one of the scheduled fleet vehicles on the Mohave Educational Services contract. This vehicle will get to places, such as the flooded Blue area, that regular vehicles cannot get to. The Board directed Ms. Gale to proceed with the purchase.

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 expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers – 1100; 1101; 1013; 1015;
- B. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$27,964.02 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$1,561.44; Fund 145 - \$227.66; Fund 146 - \$743.25; Fund 152 - \$1,817.02; Fund 169 - \$382.95; Fund 243 - \$23,231.70
- C. Public Works Manager: Approval of Payroll Change Notices – K. Marks, Part time Operations Tech II; W. Marks, Part time Operations Tech II; R. Randall, Full time Operations Tech I; K. Thompson, Part time Operations Tech II; B. Tredway, Full time Operations Tech II
- D. County Administrator: Approval of Economic Development Technical Assistance Contract and Economic Development Strategy Scope of Work with SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) for the development of an Economic Development Strategy Plan for Greenlee County
- E. Clerk of the Board: Approved the Ratification of the Board of Supervisors approval of the salary increase adjustment for deputies to be effective August 25, 2013 done at the September 3, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting upon unanimous approval of the Board.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He met with residents of Blue regarding the Blue River Blasting and Hazard Mitigation Project which will address safety issues on a portion of the Blue Road. He stated that the material that will be produced as a result of the blasting will be used for road repairs needed after the flooding.

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. As a part of the continuation of “Growing Greenlee” Economic Development, he met with the State Land Department to discuss the

process of acquiring state land that is of interest to developers. He stated that another meeting will take place with representatives of Freeport-McMoRan and other interested parties at the request of the State Land Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board