

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 #2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Well Woman Healthcheck Program
3. Health & County Services Director: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Maricopa County Health Care for the Homeless and Arizona Department of Health Services for Deputizing and Oversight of Greenlee County Health Department to provide vaccines for Children (VFC) purchased vaccine to entitled underinsured children

The Board of Supervisors reconvened into regular session.

Karen Soohy, County Librarian, requested approval to apply for the Library Services & Technology Assistance (LSTA) Grant in the amount of \$19,000.00 to purchase scanning equipment and related installation expenses and part time salary to digitize historical community and county documents for the Arizona Project. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Briana Othon, Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition Coordinator, updated the Board on the different statistics of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drug use by the youth in our county. She stated that youth groups have been formed and are geared toward making a difference in their communities. The annual Coalition Conference will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Eastern Arizona College Activity Center. The Board applauded the efforts of Ms. Othon and the Coalition and expressed their full support.

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

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval to apply for the US Department of Agriculture Technical Assistance and Training Grant and Solid Waste Management Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 requiring 25% matching funds to be paid with Landfill Closure and Development Funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to be paid with Landfill Closure and Development Funds. The agenda was corrected to state the matching funds would be paid with Landfill Closure and Development Funds instead of Airport Grant Funds.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The federal government has passed appropriations that do not include Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments. People are attempting to find an area (bill) to add a bill addressing this issue. The Chairman and Ms. Gale will meet with Senator McCain this afternoon regarding this issue. This loss of revenue to Greenlee County represents 8.5% loss to the General Fund.
- Bullet Proof Vest Program Grant funds have been cut from federal funding
- At the State of the State address, Governor Brewer spoke about K-12, Child Protective Services, and Mental Health issues. Her budget release does not include reinstatement of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) to counties.
- She has drafted a list of top five federal funding issues at the request of County Supervisors Association (CSA) staff which include: PILT funding, Secure Rural Schools funding, Endangered Species Act, Waterway Issues, and Forest Service Management in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.
- The State Veterinarian is no longer allowing counties to purchase euthanasia drugs under the state license for Animal Control. The County will either have to hire a licensed veterinarian or contract with one. The Governor's office has been contacted regarding this issue for help due to the limited resources in rural counties.
- County Supervisors Association is drafting a building and maintenance plan for their office space which is the responsibility of the counties, to build up the fund and address much needed repairs and improvements for the building.
- The new population estimates of 10,913 for Greenlee County will impact the expenditure limitations for the County in a positive way with the final values to be submitted to the Board from the County Assessor on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Gale updated the Board on the progress of the several flood damage repair sites on the Blue River Road that are currently in progress.

- Ms. Gale met with the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts personnel regarding the Certification requirement of the Public Fiduciary. She is drafting a new job description and will present a plan of action for replacing the Public Fiduciary to the Board for approval at a later meeting. Nora Garza, the current Public Fiduciary will retire at the end of May.
- Public Works employee, Justin Ewing, will be moved into a temporary assignment of Public Works Assistant Manager in charge of Road & Fleet. Tony Hines will remain Public Works Assistant Manager and will be in charge of Facilities, Landfill and Parks & Recreation.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed. The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

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 – 01/07/2014
- B. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1042; 1043
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$11,220.46 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$505.55; Fund 222 - \$10,714.91
- D. Public Works Manager: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – J. Ewing, Public Works Assistant Manager
- E. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Greenlee County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore (part time): Paul D. Julien, D. Corey Sanders, and Kimberly Corsaro, effective July 1, 2014 ending June 30, 2015
- F. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore (part time): Richard Jernigan, effective January 1, 2014 ending December 31, 2014
- G. Public Works Manager: Approval to purchase and install motors for two Sheriff's Office vehicles
- H. County Librarian: Approval of revised Greenlee County Library System Bylaws and Technology Plan
- I. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – S. Madrid, part time Detention Officer

The Board convened into Work Session to discuss building codes for Greenlee County. The County currently does not have a building code. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, explained the process of establishing codes and different types of options. He also stated that the salary for a building inspector has already been budgeted. Ms. Gale stated that the Board needed to give their input whether to go forward with drafting a plan and codes. The plan will include public hearings for public input.

Supervisor Corbell stated that he is in favor of going forward with drafting codes as long as an “opt out” clause is included. He stated that this way if a person opts out of building to code and cannot finance or sell the property afterwards then that is their business.

Supervisor Campbell stated that he is in favor of going forward with developing the codes.

Supervisor Gomez echoed the statements of the other supervisors and added that it is important to go forward with establishing codes and stated that it is very difficult to attract developers and builders to do business in Greenlee County without the codes. Greenlee County is the only county in the state without building codes.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board