

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

January 27, 2014

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in special session in the Board Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona, with the following members present: David Gomez, Chairman; and Robert Corbell, Member. Supervisor Ron Campbell was present telephonically. 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.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution 14-02-01.

**RESOLUTION 14-02-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENLEE COUNTY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FULL FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Greenlee is comprised of 1,182,080 acres of which 907,852 acres, 76.8%, is held by the federal government and unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona contains 113,417 square miles of land, with federally owned land, excluding tribal lands, comprising 42 percent of the land mass, while private land in Arizona comprises only 17 percent, and

**WHEREAS**, the national average PILT payment in Fiscal Year 2013 was \$0.66 per acre, far below the amount federal lands would return through both value based taxation and economic development, and

**WHEREAS**, Greenlee County is required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with tax-exempt federal public lands, and

**WHEREAS**, Congress failed to provide funding for the PILT program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, jeopardizing \$783,176 (2013 PILT Payment) in

PILT funding for Greenlee County and causing great uncertainty about county finances and services in Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the back of Greenlee County tax payers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to provide PILT funding to Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of Greenlee County, and substantially compromise the county's ability to provide essential services, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress provide full funding to the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 without delay, and find a solution for sustainable funding into the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Greenlee County strongly urges Senator John McCain, Senator Jeff Flake, and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to appeal to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Chairwoman, Senator Stabenow (MI), and Ranking Member, Senator Cochran (MS), and to the House Committee on Agriculture Chairman, Representative Lucas (OK-3), and Ranking Member, Representative Peterson (MN-7), to include a renewal of the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 in the final Farm Bill conference report, and to advocate for sustainable funding into the future.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2014.

**GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman  
/s/ Ron Campbell, Vice-Chairman  
/s/ Robert Corbell, Member

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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