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MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431, et. seq.
and amendments thereto, the

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
also sitting as Board of Directors for
GREENLEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT
and

GREENLEE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
hereby gives notice that a

Regular Meeting

will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

**Zoom Video Conferencing. To join the meeting enter the following URL into your
browser:**

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Meeting ID: 892 8011 5447

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**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5th Street,
Clifton, Arizona**

AGENDA AND MINUTES

**In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Richard Lunt, Chairman, David Gomez
Member and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Jeremy Ford County Attorney;
Derek Rapier, County Administrator, Austin Adams, Deputy County Administrator and
Bianca Figueroa, Clerk of the Board**

1.) **Call to Order**

Chairman Richard Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Campbell led those present in the pledge.

B. Call to the Public

Connie Waddell, County Employee responded to call to the public on behalf of
Jean Schwennesen a local rancher. Her concerns were expressed regarding the

invasion of the Ukraine. Ms. Schwennesen's son an Air Force Veteran has responded to a request from an academy classmate a Ukrainian to organize American volunteers to help, body armor is a big need. Paul Easley was acknowledged, he responded to the request, he and his sons are sending their personal bullet proof vests on March 15th. Ms. Waddell also explained Ms. Schwennesen's son is part of an ex-military team and anticipates going to Ukraine. Ms. Schwennesen's asked for Greenlee County residents to help donate in any way they can.

Paul Easley, Lieutenant responded to call to the public and discussed conversations regarding the Sheriff's Office vehicle transmissions. He stated after investigating there were 5 transmissions that were either being rebuilt or replaced. He explained he'd met with Fleet department weekly for updates on the vehicles. He stated no physical damage had been done to transmissions. After reaching out to Kemptons in Safford to get more information Mr. Easley stated Kemptons informed him that since the Chevy Tahoe's are at least 5 years or older with 98,000 and 149,000 miles on them, that is the expected life expectancy for a Tahoe's Transmission. Mr. Easley stated he does not believe employees have been rough on the vehicles or have abused them. Mr. Easley stated after speaking with Fleet manager, they'd like to start flushing out the transmissions after 30,000.00 miles. Mr. Easley acknowledged the mechanics in the Fleet Department for their hard work.

Tim Sumner, Sheriff responded to call to the public and discussed his concerns regarding vehicle maintenance at the Fleet Department. He stated he waited for 2 hours while his vehicle was getting an oil change and was concerned with the invoice and amount for the services. Mr. Sumner stated he's looking at other options for maintenance services and vehicle leasing. He also discussed the incident that occurred at the Fleet Department with the transmission fluid and expressed his concerns regarding the machine usage prior to incident.

Chairman Lunt responded to the call to the public and discussed the freeway shut down on highway 70. He gave his appreciation and personally thanked the Sheriff and his deputies for assisting with the traffic, so people can get home safely.

- 2.) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of these items:**
 - A. **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

The Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors

3.) FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of these items:

A. Consent Agenda

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

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

The Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors

4.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator

A. Discussion/Action: Expenditure Limitation Permanent Base Adjustment – Preliminary analysis of target adjustment.

Mr. Rapier discussed Expenditure Limitation, after population research he explained population baseline was set in 1980 and in 1982 was Greenlee County's highest population, 1991 was the lowest, and currently the population is about 9,500 which is about 1,000 people lower than the estimated 2019 estimate population and has caused the county to be at or near or beyond the Expenditure Limitation for most years since it was implemented. He discussed other Counties expenditure limitations, all but 4 counties are at or near it. Some counties including Greenlee have asked for a permanent base adjustment. Mr. Rapier discussed the process for seeking voter approval to permanently adjust the population base, including interaction with the Auditor General and identifying revenue sources and expenditures.

The Board gave Mr. Rapier direction to move forward.

5.) Jeremy Ford, County Attorney

A. Discussion/Action regarding approval of Employee Transaction for Destiny Chavarria to be hired as a legal secretary/victim advocate

Mr. Ford discussed major transitions within his office, he stated they're losing a Prosecutor April 1st, and a senior paralegal is retiring April 30th. They are needing to hire a secretary prior to the pending retirement to allow cross training to occur. If approved, they'll have one extra employee for about a month. But

the position will be paid for with vacancy savings after the attorney resigns. The proposal will not involve any additional general fund dollars and not increase overall budgeted costs. The new staff person had previously interned in the office.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agenda item as presented.

6.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action: County Supervisorial District Redistricting Process

Mr. Rapier updated the board on redistricting and some of the additional work that has been done from the primary maps that were presented to the board. Austin Adams discussed voter precinct overlays and population in each map, he explained some movements still need to be made. Mr. Adams and Ms. Cathcart discussed lines that will need to be adjusted for deviation percentage and wants to keep lines as close to 2020 maps as possible. They also explained to the board many steps that need to be in consideration to move lines to stay within acceptable deviation and population.

Mr. Rapier discussed the list of priorities that were given to the board last meeting and stated the numbers were consolidated from the board's responses and will be given to the Assessor's Office as they develop the models so they'll know what's the most important things to the least important things.

Mr. Ford, County Attorney discussed the legal parameters around redistricting. He explained, Arizona law and the US Constitution and Voting Rights Act, to make sure the County is not targeting communities of interest, he stated after reviewing the numbers majority, minority districts will not be affected by the lines how ever they're moved. Deviation legally can be 10%.

7.) Tony Hines, Public Works Manager – Fleet
A. Discussion/Action regarding Greenlee County's vehicle and equipment auction list

Mr. Hines discussed vehicles that haven't been used for quite some time as well as 3 pieces of equipment that will be auctioned off.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agenda item as presented.

8.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action regarding GPS units for Sheriff's Office vehicles

Tim Sumner, County Sheriff commented on the agenda item and stated the agenda item presented is getting old. He discussed his ongoing public records request, and explained he did not receive an agenda item from Ms. Figueroa for the GPS discussion, he expressed his concerns regarding the item to be tabled since he believes he has not been involved in the process.

Mr. Ford addressed the concerns and asked the Clerk if the agenda item had been posted 24 hours on the website and in public places where it was needed to be posted as in statute. Mr. Figueroa responded that both requirements had been met. Mr. Ford explained the agenda was properly posted in the correct areas and within enough time and does not violate open meeting law.

Mr. Rapier discussed the lengthy process regarding the alternative GPS units on the Sheriff vehicles. He explained the board determined after recommendation from staff that the Nextrak system that is used on all other county vehicles also be used on the Sheriffs vehicles. He explained Mr. Hines Fleet Manager made arrangements with Nextrak and the items were shipped and currently sitting in Mr. Hines' office. Mr. Rapier stated that a few days after the Board's decision, Sheriff Sumner contacted the installer and instructed them not to come to install the units in the vehicles, he wasn't going to allow the GPS units to be put into the Sheriff's vehicles. Currently the units are in the County's possession and the county has already incurred one month's fee. Mr. Rapier further explained that when the Sheriff brought his assigned truck in for service, the garage noted that the previous GPS unit had been disabled but that it was not disabled by the mechanics or garage staff.

Chairman Lunt requested an Executive Session to get legal counsel on the best way to proceed.

Mr. Ford addressed and stated an executive session would be appropriate, he explained due to the unique position to provide legal advice for all members of the County. He requested that the Board set an Executive session for another meeting and he would arrange for a civil deputy from another county to give the board advice and relieve Mr. Ford of having to give advice to two clients with conflicting views of an issue. The Board asked Mr. Ford to make the arrangements and that this item be placed on a subsequent agenda.

9.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Board Workshop regarding uses of ARPA funding

Mr. Rapier updated the board on the suggestion forms that have been received from different departments and discussed all suggestions that were made. He stated some suggestions also had background data. He expects more forms to be received for capital projects including broadband support.

10.) Derek Rapiere, County Administrator
A. County and State budget and legislative issues

Mr. Rapiere stated bills are being heard in the opposite chamber of origin and it is a period when many bills will fail. He discussed the County Out of Tuition bill, passed out of House Education Committee 10 to nothing no votes in opposition, set for appropriations do not anticipate any concerns in that committee. At this point, the bill has not drawn a single no vote and is moving forward. Rumors about budget are being discussed in the Capital, negotiation proposed by AACo and the Sheriffs regarding salaries for deputies and detention officers are under way and the bill has been held to allow for negotiations to continue. Mr. Rapiere stated budget worksheets have been sent out to all Departments and Elected Officials to start working on budgets. He anticipates scheduling budget work sessions in April.

B. Calendar and Events

Calendar and events were discussed

11.) Consent Agenda

- A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings: 2/23/2022**
- B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 5023**
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$92,456.95 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 - \$278.45; Fund 195 - \$13,763.98; Fund 289 - \$52,036.00; Fund 290 - \$26,378.52**
- D. County Librarian: Consideration of approval for Greenlee County Library System to apply for 2 grants. Citizen Science Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in the amount of \$13,100.00**
- E. Superior Court Clerk: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: D. Ortega, Deputy Clerk**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda

12.) Supervisor Reports (Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual supervisors may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented)

Supervisor Gomez stated he and Erica Gonzalez sat in on a Zoom meeting for AZ Economic Recovery Center USDA Rural Grant Guidance and stated very

informative, with good presenters. Charlene Fernandez, newly appointed director for the USDA will be in Rural Arizona on March 23rd

Supervisor Campbell stated he attended the Department of Air force, regarding the notice of intent to prepare EIS for regional special use Air Space Optimization to support Air force mission in Arizona. The meeting was an information gathering forum to hear about any concerns. Four different alternatives are being considered, which expands flight area. He stated good information, very well prepared about 20 Air Force individuals.

Chairman Lunt discussed two bills that will effect County, in the 9th week of legislative session, 1738 bills posted, 3 bills passed, 3 bills signed, memorials and resolutions 5 that have passed. Have until March 25th to hear bills from the opposite house. Stated super busy at the legislature.

13.) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Figueroa

All agenda items are for discussion and/or action as deemed necessary. The Board reserves the right to consider any matter out of order. The Board may retire into Executive Session for any of the purposes that are allowed by law, including but not limited to legal advice and/or personnel matters; as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.et.seq. Persons with a disability may request accommodation for special assistance by contacting Bianca Figueroa at 928-865-2072 (TDD 928-865-2632). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time for arrangement of the accommodation.