

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

March 8, 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. Supervisor Campbell was present telephonically.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public stating that he attended the Clifton Town Council meeting where discussion took place regarding 200 additional homes being placed in the Copper Verde area by FMI and that the Council took action adopting the 2nd of two options for street access from Shannon Hill to that area. He stated that the proposed street realignment will go through a ballfield for which the Town received funding from FMI to relocate the ballfield.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District.

Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, requested approval to fill the vacant Health Policy Manager position in the Health Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Greenlee County 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 the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Health Service Immunization Program

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, 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 public meeting was held regarding the Forest Service Plan Revision at the Ranger District Office. The 90 day comment period began on February 15 and can be sent to the Forest Supervisors office in Springerville.
- The ranger district has received clearance to clean tanks on allotments
- Grant funds have been received to improve recreational trails in the Wallow Fire area
- The Forest Service is gearing up for the fire season early due to drought conditions. She stated that because of the federal sequestration and reduction in funding, forest personnel will be reduced in other areas but not fire personnel.
- The ranger district is waiting for new instructions on handling lightning strike fires which will more than likely just be managed.
- An estimated 4200 acres are scheduled for prescribed burn.

John Armstrong, Chief Probation Officer, requested approval to fill the vacant Deputy Probation Officer position with a Surveillance Officer position. He stated that he has not been able to fill the Probation Officer position partly due to the fact that there is no housing available and the low wages. He has received a waiver from the Chief Justice at the Arizona Office of the Courts (AOC) to hire a surveillance officer to keep compliant. This position is funded by the state with 50% Juvenile Intensive Probation Services (JIPS) funds and 50% AOC funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Larry Avila, Sheriff, presented a monthly update to the Board as follows:

- He reviewed the various types of traffic stops conducted for the months of January & February
- Officers are stepping up to work on current investigations and are also making headway on several cold cases
- Due the doubled membership in Search & Rescue, a Search & Rescue academy is in preparation
- Drug Awareness programs have been implemented for business employers
- Code Red training in schools has taken place
- An Active Shooter Training program has been implemented and is being requested at several locations
- A Block Watch program is being planned for several locations throughout the county

Sheriff Avila requested approval of a Detention Sergeant position in the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the position will be filled with an existing Detention Officer position increasing the number of Sergeants and decreasing the number of Detention Officers by one. Filling this position will increase the number of Sergeants so that there is a Sergeant for every shift to provide better accountability. The position will be advertised internally for interested employees to apply. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, the Board approved the request as presented with the 5% increase in pay to be paid with Jail Enhancement Funds for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The position will be worked out in the budget for the next fiscal year.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, requested approval to fill one (1) vacant Public Works Operations Analyst position and one (1) Landfill Attendant position in the Public Works Department. He stated that both positions are budgeted positions.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill one (1) vacant Public Works Analyst position as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill one (1) vacant Landfill Attendant position as presented.

Charles Berube, Information Technologies (IT) Manager, requested approval to solicit bids for the purchase of Banking and Tax Billing and Collection Software programs and server to replace outdated exiting programs and server. He stated that the company who supplied the current programs stopped providing backup and maintenance as of December 31, 2012 citing "end of life" for the program. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Berube requested approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Cochise County, Graham County, Santa Cruz County and Greenlee County for Broadband Local Planning Assistance. He stated that the group has received grant funding to conduct a study of rural counties throughout Arizona for broadband inabilities. The project will consist of two phases with Cochise County taking the lead for the first phase. The second phase will be to provide internet or improve internet connectivity to rural areas based on the phase one study. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

The Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03.A.3 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding an amendment to the Communication Use Lease with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for property on Guthrie Peak; potential structural lease agreements; and proposed communications tower construction on Guthrie Peak.

Steve Rutherford, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested approval of amended Application of Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands regarding the communications shelter on Guthrie Peak – BLM Communications Use Lease. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Rutherford requested approval of the Pre-Engineering Proposal by Canyon Sate Wireless for the Greenlee County Communications Tower on Guthrie Peak. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Chairman Gomez opened discussion regarding the Growing Greenlee Business Development forum. He stated that the forum held on February 22nd was very well attended with approximately 90 to 100 persons in attendance. The forum was attended by several persons interested in brining business into Greenlee County. He also stated that Empire has purchased property in Duncan to place homes for their employees. Supervisor Campbell thanked Chairman Gomez and Ms. Gale for their efforts in seeing that the forum was successful and that he believes that the forum will bring business interest into Greenlee County. Supervisor Corbell stated that he has been contacted by a person interested in building a mini car race track as a result of the forum.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- As a result of the federal sequestration of funding, the County will received 5.1% less Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding. There are also decreases in federal funding the Greenlee County Health Department receives to provide services. The Public Health Services District helps to maintain services to citizens.
- A bill that has been introduced to Congress will cut federal funding for immunization programs and will force insurance companies to contract with counties to pay for immunizations.
- County Supervisor Association sponsored bills are moving through the legislature
- Arizona Department of Transportation proposed five year plan includes three options to address limited funds going into the future due to raids on Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) by the state.
- Secure Rural Schools (Forest Fees) funding has been received. A plan for disbursement will be brought to the Board at the next meeting for approval.

The Calendar of events was reviewed with a work session on the Duncan Annex building scheduled to be held the morning of April 2nd before the regular Board meeting.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting - 02/19/13
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 - Voucher 1055; 1056; 1057
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$14,560.47 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 145 - \$444.37; Fund 146 - \$363.28; Fund 159 - \$15.94; Fund 222 - \$8,242.13; Fund 243 - \$4,669.18; Fund 255 - \$825.57
- D. Jail Commander: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - T. Tellez, part time Detention Officer

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting where he met Supervisors from other counties and heard their issues and similar problems. He stated that he believes the forum is worth it.
- B. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where representatives from the Governor's Office spoke to the group regarding budgets. Discussion regarding state retirement plans also took place. Several bills going through the legislature were reviewed.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Forest Service Plan revision meeting which was well attended. He stated that the Forest Service is gathering comments regarding the Plan Revision, that they explained maps and the proposed changes. He also stated that he has collected data to use for preparing comments from the County.
- B. He attended the National Association of Counties Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Committee meeting where several issues and topics were discussed. He stated that this was his first meeting and that this was a good networking opportunity with other counties throughout the country.
- C. He attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference which was an excellent opportunity to talk with Congressional Representatives to discuss and share Greenlee County issues. Breakfast with Senators McCain and Flake also provided the opportunity to make sure they know about Greenlee County.

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee meeting where a consensus on three legislative priorities was agreed upon including: supporting funding levels of transportation programs for fiscal year 2013 and 2014; an appropriation process that addresses county and local government transportation needs; and identify existing and alternative dedicated funding sources for federal transportation programs. The Airport reauthorization bill and MAP21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century was also discussed.
- B. He attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. He echoed the comments of Supervisor Campbell and added that the visits with Congressional Delegation were very beneficial and overwhelming support for issues in Greenlee County was received.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board