

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

March 24, 2015

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 8:30 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walter Mares, U.S. Navy Veteran and Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and told of a newspaper story of a dog digging up a Purple Heart and the recipient was found and honored. He also stated that about five or six years ago some military dog-tags were dug up at Maud's belonging to Henry W. Stubbing, Jr. and it was discovered that he lived in the house Mr. Mares now lives in. He stated that some letters and documents were found in the garage. Mr. Mares contacted the niece who had Mr. Mares keep the dog-tags.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that his father was a Veteran and thanked Vets for their service. He presented the Board with pictures of a downed Pedestrian Crossing sign near the Clifton Post Office as a follow up to the previous Board meeting where he told the Board he would be providing pictures.

Jean Schwennesen, Cold Creek Ranch owner, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that she was there representing herself and that public appearance is important and the Board should consider evening meetings. She presented a resolution she drafted regarding the wolf expansion area that she wants the Board to consider adopting.

Jason Smerglia, Greenlee County Sheriff Deputy, responded to the Call to the Public stating that he is representing the Greenlee County Community Watch Project which is in development stages and being designed to assist in enhancing communities and economy and asked for the support of Greenlee County to help enhance the development of the program.

Dusty Robbinette, Town & Country business owner and member of several organizations, responded to the Call to the Public and expressed her concerns regarding the economic impact from the possible cancellation of the Spring Rampage. She stated that businesses and organizations have already spent money to gear up for that weekend event.

Suzanne Menges, Menges Ranch owner, responded to the Call to Public and expressed her concerns regarding the Board of Supervisors decision to withdraw membership with the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties and the lack of constituent involvement in the decision. She reviewed her list of what services the Coalition provides for member counties.

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

The Board of Supervisor convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. County Engineer: Approval of the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, for Water Resources Investigations, Blue River Gauge

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, explained that this agreement is related to maintenance of the water flow gauge on the Blue River which is used to monitor water flow especially during high water and the timing that the water will affect Clifton. Greenlee County pays one half of the maintenance expense so that the USGS will not eliminate the gauge.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board proclaimed Greenlee County as a Purple Heart County to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women who were wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by our communities and nation.

PROCLAMATION

GREENLEE COUNTY – A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

WHEREAS, the people of Greenlee County have a great admiration and the upmost gratitude for the men and women who selflessly serve their country and this country in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, through the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans, our citizens and communities are afforded the ability to maintain the freedoms and way of life guaranteed to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform gave their lives while serving our nation in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens in our community were wounded during combat and earned the Purple Heart Medal in recognition of their meritorious act of bravery and service to the communities and Nations.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Greenlee County be proclaimed as a Purple Heart County to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women, who were wounded or killed while service to protect the freedoms enjoyed by our communities and nation. **NOW WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM GREENLEE COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY.**

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2015 BY THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: */s/* Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing – Planning and Zoning request of Paul Schwennesen to change the zoning district of Assessor Parcel 300-19-001D on State Route 78 near Black Jack from RU36 to RU04.

Philip Ronnerud, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission met regarding this issue and send a positive recommendation to the Board with one stipulation. He also stated that the change in zoning will allow for lot split for development of the parcel which will provide for additional housing in Greenlee County. There were no comments received from the public for or against the request.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Planning and Zoning request of Paul Schwennesen to change the zoning district of Assessor Parcel 300-19-001D on State Route 78 near Black Jack from RU36 to RU04 with one stipulation as follows: the owner shall provide a survey on doing lot splits.

Larry Avila, Sheriff, requested an increase in pay for an Administrative Assistant position in the Sheriff's Department. The person who has accepted this position is currently working in the Public Works Department in a position that is a pay level grade higher than an Administrative Assistant. He stated that he is asking for an increase due to her many years of experience. The Board reviewed the personnel policy regarding employees accepting a lower pay level grade position which allows an employee to remain at the same level of current pay and reviewed the number of years of experience of the employees currently in other Administrative Assistant positions with the County. Supervisor Campbell made a motion that the position be set at level 14D1 so that the pay will remain at \$16.50 hourly following policy. Supervisor Corbell seconded the motion and stated that he is in favor of raising the pay to \$16.91 hourly. Supervisor Campbell stated that this is not the time to make this type of change and should be reviewed during budget for the next year. The motion passed with Supervisor Campbell voting aye, Supervisor Gomez voting aye and Supervisor Corbell voting nay.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Employee Transaction Form of Irene Alva, Administrative Assistant – Sheriff's Department at a rate of pay of \$16.50 based on the action taken on the previous agenda item.

Sheriff Avila requested approval to fill one budgeted full time Control Room Operator position and one budgeted part time Control Room Operator position in the Sheriff's Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Sheriff Avila requested approval to fill two full time Detention Officer positions in the Sheriff's Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board on the following Economic Development planning:

- The Local First Workshops were conducted in Duncan with a focus on how to benefit from and attract tourists. He stated that persons attending the workshops expressed a need for news and information and where to find it. He stated that he is trying to work towards there being better communication throughout the county and between the communities.

- The Tucson television ads on Greenlee County are highly effective resulting in businesses receiving many phone calls for more information.
- The Duncan PTA is running a bike rodeo at the Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Javelina Chase this coming Saturday.
- The Town of Duncan had a very successful cleanup day last Saturday
- He is in collaboration with local radio stations for promotion of Greenlee County
- The Javelina Chase Bicycle Event is on Saturday and will include elite cyclists, 50 collegiate cyclists, and cyclists from the general public

Ms. Gale requested the appointment of Rene Ontiveros, Chief Finance Officer, as the Online Banking Account Manager for Greenlee County departmental accounts with National Bank of Arizona. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Rene Ontiveros, Chief Finance Officer, as the Online Banking Account Manager for Greenlee County departmental accounts with National Bank of Arizona.

Ms. Gale stated that she brought the agenda item forward regarding the continuation of the Mud Drag Series based on direction and encouragement from this and previous Boards of Supervisors that this event and other county supporting events at the fairgrounds become self-sustaining and not have county personnel responsible to run the events and see if there are other persons or groups who want to take over the event. The County has a limited number of personnel who are already stretched with day-to-day duties. She would like to see the pay-outs be more balanced to attract more entries and people.

Carol Case with Southeastern Arizona Mud Racing LLC of Wilcox, spoke to this agenda item expressing concerns of Greenlee County scheduling a Mud Drag event on May 9th which is the date of their next Mud Race Event. The Board assured Ms. Case that the County has not scheduled an event for May 9th. Ms. Case stated that the Duncan Mud Drag Series is a very well run, very professional, very organized, family event and hopes the County keeps the event going. In response to Ms. Gale's question, Ms. Case stated that the Southeastern Arizona Mud Racing, LLC was formed by individuals and that they get sponsorships from area businesses.

Meagan Wagley, owner of Chaparral Mini Mart and Motel in Duncan and member of the Jr. Rodeo Association, expressed her concerns of the economic impact to her business and others with no events at the fairgrounds. She asked if donations that are received could be used to offset overhead.

Ms. Gale stated that the County Fair and other events will continue at the Fairgrounds and the County encourages public use of the fairgrounds. Many businesses that make donations are specific on what the donation is to be used for.

Brad White, life-long county resident and former business owner, stated that he has been involved in mud race events for many years, professionally from 1984 to 1991, and that the mud drag event in Duncan is one of the best run events he has seen and that Ron Pearson and his crew do an awesome job and behind the scenes Karla Ellis doing a good job. He expressed concerns of rescheduling the series taking into consideration that some participants have to schedule vacation days in advance in order to participate.

Roger Collins, of Elsberry Construction and local ranch owner, expressed his concerns of cancelling the Rampage and stated that he has been teaching kids to rope to participate in the Jr. Rodeo.

Joyce Galusky, spoke on behalf of her husband who participates in mud racing series and asked that the Board not schedule an event on May 9th which will conflict with the Wilcox mud races. She stated that she has family coming on April 11th specifically for the Spring Rampage and hopes that the mud drag events continue.

Rod Wagley, who is involved with team roping, stated that he had to go to Graham County who treat them very well and that Greenlee County does not support them. He added that the Mud Drags need to continue.

Chad Case, spoke to the agenda item, stating that not only do the mud drags need to continue but the rodeos also. He stated that maybe FMI could help support the events. Ms. Gale clarified that FMI does support events.

Supervisor Campbell stated that the Board has never said that they want to cancel the event but that a way to make it self-sustaining is needed.

Linda Crotts, who is in charge of the Rodeo Queen contest, spoke to the agenda item and stated that Karla Ellis does a lot and it is sad that she is no longer there.

Ms. Gale stated that she will put information together and bring it back to the Board.

Supervisor Corbell stated that he has received many calls regarding the economic impact, rule changes, local impact, but is worried about funding. He is in favor of going forward and using the fairgrounds more. He has received many calls in support of Karla Ellis.

Supervisor Campbell expressed appreciation for all the comments and stated that he looks forward to seeing the formation of the "Greenlee Mud Drag Association, LLC".

Ms. Gale requested approval of the Treasury Consulting Services Agreement with PFM Asset Management, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid with general

funds. She stated that this was discussed at a previous Board meeting and is the professional services that will be reviewing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Banking Services that will be submitted from banks. The proposals are due by April 2nd. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale requested approval of Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) and Long Term Disability (LTD) contribution corrections in the amount of \$29,312.87 to be paid with contingency funds. She stated this is the result of an audit by the ASRS last spring and discussed during budget sessions and was budgeted into contingency funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale presented the proposed distribution of Secure Rural School funding. She stated that the County normally receives about \$830,000 and this year Congress only appropriated \$40,977.37. In the past, \$350,000 of this funding was distributed to the Roads budget and the remaining to the Accommodation School and the five school districts. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the distribution of Secure Rural Schools funding as follows: Greenlee County Accommodation School - \$18,000; Blue School District - \$18,000; Road fund - \$4,977.37.

Ms. Gale advised the Board that the health insurance premiums for all employees will increase by 3% for fiscal year 2015/16. She recommended that the increase be absorbed equally by both the employees and the County. The Board directed Ms. Gale to go forward as recommended.

Ms. Gale requested approval to use general fund balance for the Road Fund, if needed, for the current year due to the loss of Secure Rural Schools funding in the amount of \$350,000. She stated that the \$350,000 was budgeted and discussed the need to go forward with the scheduled chip seal project on roads. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the transfer of general fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to the Road fund if needed.

Ms. Gale presented the bids received for the Asphalt Emulsion and recommended award of bid to Western Emulsion as the best and lowest bid. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid for 2015 Asphalt Emulsion to Western Emulsion in the amount of \$245,899.66. Ms. Gale stated that the chip seal project is scheduled to begin on May 11th.

Ms. Gale updated the Board on the Duncan Waterline Project and the County's role in the project. She stated that the project is due to begin on April 6th and that County

personnel will only dig the trench and lay the pipe and that the Town of Duncan personnel will make the actual pipe connections. Chairman Gomez reiterated that county personnel will not make the pipe connections or fittings for this waterline.

Ms. Gale reported that the legislative session is anticipated to sine die next week on Thursday.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Supervisor Corbell requested an explanation of Consent Agenda items F & G. Ms. Gale explained that item F is to close the existing Fair & Racing Bank account for auditing and item G is to open a new account. 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 – 03/03/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1051; 1052; 1053; 1055
- C. Clerk of the Board: Appointment of Desarae Hardcastle and Caitlin Young as Deputy Clerks
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Forms: A. Wilson, Sheriff Deputy, retroactive to 02/16/15; D. Gomez, Sheriff Deputy, retroactive to 02/16/15; C. Mesa, full time Detention Officer, retroactive to 03/12/15; B. Pollock, full time Detention Officer, retroactive to 03/10/15; R. Jernigan, part time Control Room Operator
- E. IT/IS Manager: Approval of upgrade of County Network connection to the Public Works Facility
- F. County Administrator: Approval of Resolution 15-03-02 approving the closure of the Fair & Racing Revolving Bank Account with National Bank of Arizona
- G. County Administrator: Approval of Resolution 15-03-03 approving the opening of a new Greenlee County Public Works Parks and Recreation Event Revolving Bank Account with National Bank of Arizona
- H. County Administrator: Approval of Resolution 15-03-01 authorizing renewal of Greenlee County's membership in the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust and appointment of Trustees to serve during the renewal period

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Wolf Informational Meeting on March 13th regarding proposed releases of Mexican Gray Wolves. He stated that at least 80 persons were in attendance with many being from New Mexico. He stated that four release options were ruled out which included: 1. release right away; 2. release via cross fostering; 3. same as option #1 but after the breeding season; and 4. wait and see approach after the public planning sessions. He also stated that he supported a no action position.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Rural Advisory Board meeting on March 11th. He stated that he was recently appointed to this board. The dialog for this meeting centered on economic development in rural Arizona and this board will be meeting quarterly.
- B. He telephonically attended the Eastern Counties Organization meeting where the main topic of discussion was changes to the bylaws of this organization.
- C. He telephonically attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where the bills that are being considered by the legislature were reviewed.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board