

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

April 16, 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.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, resident, responded to the Call to the Public handed the Board copies of letters he received from the Clerk of the Board and County Attorney Derek Rapier for their review. He stated that he planned on talking to the Board regarding the liability insurance pool at a later date.

Chairman Gomez asked for a moment of silence in honor of the lives lost and those injured as a result of the Boston Marathon bombing. He also asked to include the two victims of the car accident in the Black Hills over the weekend.

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 Greenlee County Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District.

Steve Rutherford, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested approval for the installation of an Alert Stream/Precipitation station at the Gila River and New Mexico State Route 92 Bridge in Virden, New Mexico, in an amount not to exceed \$24,794.00 to be paid with Flood Control funds. He stated that this is the 5th phase of the five year flood warning plan on the Gila and San Francisco Rivers. Ms. Gale stated that this has been a very successful program for the County. Mr. Rutherford has received information for the maintenance of the flood warning system for the next 5 years to be considered in the upcoming budget. Included in the initial 5 year plan was the repair to the Clifton warning system and because the County took that on we are now required to do the maintenance on that as well. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as

presented in an amount not to exceed \$24,794.00 to be paid with Flood Control District funds.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Greenlee County Flood Control District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Greenlee County Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board convened into regular session.

Larry Avila, Sheriff, reported that they have been investigating and working child molestation and sexual assault cases as well as burglary cases. He stated that substantial DNA has been gathered and feels that the burglary cases will be solved in the next couple of weeks. Traffic patrol has slowed down due to these investigations. He said that crime has increased due to the increase of population.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill a budgeted vacant full time Detention Officer position in the Sheriff's Department as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill a budgeted vacant part time Detention Officer position in the Sheriff's Department as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to fill a budgeted vacant part time Jail Cook position in the Sheriff's Department as presented.

Charles Berube, IS/IT Manager, requested award of bid for the purchase of a Tax and Cash management Software Program for the Treasurer's Office. He presented and reviewed the three bids that were received with a recommendation of award to Tyler Technologies to include their web interface program as presented. He stated that the program will not be installed until January of 2014. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid for the Treasurer's Tax and Cash Management Software Program to Tyler Technologies – Eagle Treasurer Suite as the best bid in the amount of \$177,130.00 to be paid with General funds. The funds will be budgeted in fiscal year 2014 and will be financed and paid over a period of time.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The Spring Rampage was a successful fun day with mud boggs, bull bash, roping, chuck wagon cook off and other events. She expressed appreciation to the employees of the Public Works department who all work very hard to make the event successful.
- The legislature is moving slow due to budget discussions and negotiations that are going on.
- The Transaction Privilege Tax Reform negotiations on prime contracting are ongoing.
- The state is considering responding to the federal government regarding the Secure Rural Schools funds that have been requested to be returned as a result of the federal sequestration. There is movement to reauthorize the funds into the future.
- Healthcare premiums for employees will increase 3% for fiscal year 2014. She presented options to the Board for consideration of how this will be funded – either pass the expense on to employees or have the county absorb a portion or all. This will be presented at the next Board meeting for action.
- The Guthrie Tower project is moving along with site staking taking place this week.

The Calendar of events was reviewed.

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 - 04/02/13; 04/02/13 Work Session
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 - Voucher 1063; 1064; 1065; 1066
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$153,324.42 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 145 - \$444.37; Fund 152 - \$1190.94; Fund 195 - \$1543.02; Fund 219 - \$5632.72; Fund 222 - \$80,573.08; Fund 243 - \$16,827.68; Fund 255 - \$47,112.61
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notices - D. Gomez, full time Detention Officer; C. Abril, part time Jail Cook
- E. Emergency Management: Approval of the AWOS Inspection, Verification, and Maintenance Services Agreement for the Airport with AVCOM Company

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Interagency Field Team Wolf meeting where discussion regarding the annual count of wolves took place with 78 being reported in

Arizona and New Mexico. Cross-fostering was discussed which means that captive pups are put in dens with the hope that they will be raised with the pups there. The upcoming Mexican Wolf meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The Board convened into Work Session regarding Landfill Operations. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, presented the history and regulations of the landfill operations which include ongoing monitoring of closed landfills and the Loma Linda Landfill.

Ms. Gale explained the closure of the Blue Landfill stating that a transfer station is now provided to the Blue residents. Blue residents make a donation annually toward the cost of hauling the garbage from the transfer station.

Mr. Ronnerud explained the process that took place in establishing the Landfill fees and ordinance stating that a task force performed a waste study and helped draft the fees and ordinance.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, reviewed the current structure of the Landfill operations and explained the fee collection process and stated that the fees are not covering expenses. He presented a comparison of landfill charges and fees of several counties in the state.

Ms. Gale stated that \$150,000 of General funds will be put into the Landfill fund to cover costs and will continue to increase. The fees have remained the same since the inception in 2001. She stated that the fee structure needs to be reviewed and that each component of the landfill needs to be evaluated separately; residential, commercial and construction and demolition. Freeport McMoRan Incorporated (FMI) is currently constructing a new construction and demolition unit at the Loma Linda Landfill which is the second one they have done for the county. The estimated cost of this donation from FMI is \$208,000.

Other discussion took place regarding privatization of the landfill and recycling services.

The Board agreed that the landfill needs to be self-sustaining and that the fees need to be looked at.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board