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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 Monday, June 4, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex,**  
**253 5th Street, Clifton, Arizona**

**AGENDA AND MINUTES**

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**In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Richard Lunt, Chairman; David Gomez, Member; and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale County Administrator, Jeremy Ford, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.**

**1.) Call to Order**

Chairman Lunt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Gomez led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to the Public**

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

**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**
2. **Health & County Services Director: Consideration of approval of the subaward amendment to the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Area on Aging, Region VI Agreement to decrease House Keeping Services (HSK) and increase Personal Care Services (PRC) funding at the request of the provider for fiscal year 2019**

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

- 3.) **Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.03.A.3 to receive legal advice from the county attorney regarding the county's outside employment policy and conflict of interest rules**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session as listed.

The Board reconvened in to regular session.

- 4.) **Mike Crockett, Eastern Arizona College Dean of Instruction**
  - A. **Discussion/Action regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Intergovernmental Agreement with Eastern Arizona College for providing community college courses and programs**

Mr. Crockett expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to present the contract and renewal. He explained that numbers attending the courses are down which is typical when jobs are available and also stated that there are no changes to the contract. Supervisor Gomez thanked Mr. Crockett for all that the college does in providing services in Greenlee County. Supervisor Campbell also expressed his appreciation and stated that the opportunity that students have to earn dual credit courses while in high school are invaluable. Morenci Schools had 15 students graduate from Eastern Arizona College before they graduated from high school this year. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

- 4.) **Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer/Planning Director**
  - A. **Discussion/Action regarding changing the name of Airport Road to Fourth Street in Duncan**

Mr. Ronnerud explained that this request will assist residents who live on this road to better receive packages from parcel delivery companies. The Planning and Zoning Commission send a positive recommendation to the Board regarding

the road name change. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

**5.) Akos Kovach, Economic Development**

**A. New Market Tax Credits/Community Development Entity**

Mr. Kovach explained that the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) program was enacted by Congress as part of the Community Renewal Act of 2000. The program allows individual corporate tax payers to receive a credit against their federal income taxes for making qualified investments in a qualified community. All of Greenlee County qualifies for NMTC which could result in job creation particularly in low income communities. Mr. Kovach also explained Community Development Enterprises and Entities and how investments work with the NMTC program.

**B. Zoning change to County Land in Franklin and York Valley**

Mr. Kovach stated that zoning changes have a major impact on attracting developers and investors. He recommends that the Tierra de la Futura (Franklin) property be rezoned from agriculture to heavy industrial. He also stated that developers want a quick turnaround and don't have time (time is money) to wait until zoning changes take effect. He recommended that zoning in York be changed from RU 36 to SR12 to attract more housing investment interest.

**C. Aircraft fuel for Greenlee County Airport, need more aircraft shelter at airport**

Mr. Kovach stated that the availability of aircraft fuel at the airport is a major economic driver as is the availability of hangars. Philip Ronnerud, Planning Director, stated that there is a need for fuel, hangars and a fixed base operator at the airport. This is an item to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission at their next meeting. Supervisor Campbell expressed the need to work toward obtaining a fueling station at the airport. Mr. Ford stated that he would need to work out legality issues and Ms. Gale stated that she would need to contact the insurance carrier for requirements.

**6.) Kay Gale, County Administrator**

**A. Discussion/Action of Secure Rural Schools Recommended Distribution Formula**

Ms. Gale explained that it was determined that with the potential loss of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding in the near future and the new requirements for financial reporting, closure of the Accommodation School is the best course of action effective June 30, 2018 and the actions of the school will be absorbed by the Morenci and Duncan School Districts. Funding the Accommodation School

was strictly done with SRS funds. The SRS funds that were previously distributed to the Accommodation School will be distributed directly to the Morenci and Duncan School districts based on a 70/30 split after distribution to the Road Fund and Blue and Eagle School Districts. Greenlee County Road Fund - \$300,000; Blue School District - \$40,000; Eagle School District - \$5,000; Morenci School District - \$268,746.67; Duncan School District - \$115,177.15. Supervisor Campbell recused himself from this vote. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Lunt, the Board approved the distribution as presented.

**B. Discussion/Action to set salaries for constables pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §11-242.01**

Ms. Gale explained that statute requires the Board to set Constable salaries in June before their election. She stated that no other elected officials have received raises in a very long time and recommended no raise for the Constables. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board set the Constables salary to remain at the current rate of \$15,000 annually.

**C. Discussion/Action regarding comments on the East Eagle/Mud Springs Fuels project Environmental Assessment**

Ms. Gale stated that she has requested that the Eastern Counties Organization Director draft comments regarding this issue and hasn't received them yet. She will present them at the next meeting. Chairman Lunt expressed concerns with the interface between private and forest. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the item to the next meeting.

**D. County and State budget and legislative issues**

Ms. Gale will review issues during the budget work session. She stated that the filing deadline for candidates was May 30, 2018.

**E. Calendar of Events**

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

**7.) Consent Agenda**

- A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1087**
- B. Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$3,573.18 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 167- \$746.34; Fund – 195 \$2,826.84**

- C. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of the adoption of Resolution 18-06-01 to authorize signers on the Greenlee County Advance Travel account with National Bank of Arizona**
- D. County Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: R. Carrasco, Deputy Sheriff; A. Esparza, Detention Officer**
- E. Public Works Manager: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form S. Ogas, Public Works Operation Analyst**
- F. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of Appointment of Daniel Aguinaga to Planning and Zoning Commission**
- G. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of the letter to Ryan Zinke Secretary of the Interior regarding funding of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan Economic Impact on Arizona Ranchers and the Arizona Game & Fish Department**

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

## **8.) Supervisors Reports**

### **Supervisor Richard Lunt**

#### **A. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Annual Conference**

Chairman Lunt attended the WIR Annual Conference and stated that the conference was very informative with the Forest Service doing a presentation and making statements that they are cleaning up internally by enforcing harassment policies and making the Forest Service a good place to work. He went to many session including one on community gardens and how to implement them and work with schools and restaurants to encourage usage.

#### **B. Meeting with Mark Killian, Department of Agriculture**

He attended a meeting with Mark Killian, of the Department of Agriculture, regarding the Mexican Wolf compensation program and the depredation recovery with the main topic of discussion being the hidden losses and costs. The Department would like to hire an investigator and asked for \$15,000 from each county to help pay the salary. Chairman Lunt stated that he has many questions including the cost of a new employee versus the actual losses.

#### **C. County Supervisor Association Board (CSA) meeting**

Chairman Lunt attended the CSA meeting where the state budget and the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) costs were discussed. Some counties got a one year reprieve from but he stated that the state needs to step up and take responsibility.

#### **D. Eastern Counties Organization (ECO) meeting**

Chairman Lunt attended the ECO meeting where an end of legislation report was given. Other topics of discussion included the water adjudication process and the need to get it handled quickly and the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) and biomass generation.

#### **Supervisor David Gomez**

##### **A. SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) meeting**

Supervisor Gomez attended the SEAGO Executive Board meeting where the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications were reviewed. The Town of Clifton's application was approved in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the town's wastewater system. The next meeting will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> in Greenlee County.

He also attended the Arizona Small County Forum where Representative Drew John presented a legislative update. The meeting was hosted by Apache County.

#### **9.) Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Work Session**

Ms. Gale opened discussions on items for the Board to consider beginning with property tax rates including the Public Health Services District and Flood Control District.

She explained that with the loss federal funding which is excludable, local funds have to be used more and more which are not excludable from the Expenditure Limitation. Budget limits were also discussed.

The projected Carry Forward was reviewed with a recommendation that \$400,000 to the Road Fund; \$700,000 to Capital Projects fund; and \$1 million to the Sustainability fund. There is a 9% increase in the General fund due to medical rate increases, Community College cost increase, and an increase in retirement rates.

Salaries were reviewed. Linda Durr, County Assessor, requested an increase in salary from \$38,000 to \$50,000 for the CAMA Specialist position in her office and discussed the duties and training required for that position. Ms. Gale recommended a 2.5% increase in salaries across all positions. She also recommended that a committee be established to develop potential changes to the pay plan to include a Board of Supervisors member, the County Administrator, the Finance Officer, the Sheriff, the County Attorney, and others.

Ms. Gale recommended purchase of vehicles proposed by the the Fleet Manger including a vehicle for the health department, 3 vehicles for the Sheriff's department, and an ambulance.

A plan has been developed for the beginning phases of Court Security requirements. A grant in the amount of \$13,000 has been received and other security improvements will require an additional \$50,000 to be funded with funds from the Capital Improvement budget.

The need for an increase in landfill fees was discussed in previous meetings and a decision on a rate is needed.

Ms. Gale recommended that the Board continue to implement the same conservative policies for managing revenue streams as has been done in the past to keep Greenlee County whole.

Ms. Gale reviewed the several requests from departments as follows:

- Assessor – increase CAMA Specialist salary from \$38,000 to \$50,000
- Attorney – fund \$2,000 of Paralegal position from the General Fund due to a decrease in grant funding
- Elections – need to budget for the upcoming Primary and General Elections and consider a request to increase poll worker rate of pay (\$900 per election)
- Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2 – salary change based on productivity credits, will receive amount from state after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Information Technology (IT) – request for Help Desk position
- Sheriff – implement 36/48 hour schedule per pay period – 8 hours overtime per officer per pay period approximate cost of \$98,000; Add Detention II position reflecting a 5% salary increase upon firearm qualification
- Public Fiduciary – fill vacant part-time to start training
- U of A Extension Office – request increase of \$5,000 – 1<sup>st</sup> increase request in 15 years
- Economic Development – request for an Assistant Economic Development Coordinator position - \$52,000 - \$60,000 including ERE's

The Board directed Ms. Gale to include all requests in a budget document at the next meeting to see the bottom line then the Board will make decisions and approvals after seeing the numbers.

**10.) Recess-To travel to Baber Ranch Road**

The Board recessed at this point and traveled to the railroad tracks on Baber Ranch Road.

**11.) Reconvene at Baber Ranch Road for a tour of the road**

The Board reconvened at the railroad crossing of Baber Ranch Road with two residents present. Discussion took place regarding the ownership of the road and

the posted No Trespassing sign just passed the railroad crossing and discussions residents have had with the Railroad.

**12.) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board