

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

June 6, 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 and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, resident, responded to the Call to the Public, giving a history about growing up, his schooling, and work history. He reviewed the history of his arrest for sexually abusing a 4 year old boy. He stated that the boy was forced to say the things he did and that the actual crime has not been solved. He also stated that he is not interested in suing the county for alleged lost confiscated property and is only interested in helping law enforcement to solve the crime against the boy.

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

In the absence of Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a vacant budgeted Housekeeper position in the Health Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

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
2. Health & County Services Director: Approval of Payroll Change Notice - M. Fischler, Clerk II

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, 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, Clifton District Ranger, updated the Board on the following items regarding the Clifton Ranger District:

- Stage 1 fire restrictions are in place now that we are in fire season with more patrols for fire restriction enforcement
- The district is still working on post Wallow Fire rehabilitation
- The district has been provided more staff for extra patrols including a forest protection officer
- The Hamilton Fire located at Rattlesnake Gap was taken care of quickly and is not an issue
- Cal Joiner is the new regional forester who will take office in mid-July

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of a survey of land for industrial use west of the airport in an amount not to exceed \$5,475.00 to be paid with budgeted Economic Development Funds. He stated that this is part of the process in order for development to be considered in the area of the airport which involves approximately 250 acres. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The legislature is still working on a budget with the Medicaid Expansion remaining an issue.
- The Governor's Office is asking for a letter of support for legislation relating to flexibility to the Game & Fish requesting assistance from the County Sheriff for off road issues and travel management. The Board directed Ms. Gale to send a letter in support of the legislation.
- She presented information on Project CACTI (Collaborative Arizona College Training Initiative) - Manufacturing. The project involves four community colleges that are collaborating on an application for a \$13 million grant which will provide job training for TAA-eligible and other individuals, such as workers seeking to enhance their skills, Veterans, dislocated workers, and unemployed workers seeking to reenter the labor market. The program will be handled through the county One Stop Career Centers. The Board directed Ms. Gale to send a letter of support for the project.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Supervisor Corbell requested that item (I) of the Consent Agenda be pulled for discussion and requested that the item be tabled and have the wording "cooperating"

changed to “coordinating” and take the Jaguar references out. Supervisor Campbell indicated that he was not in favor of changing the wording but would table for further review and information. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled item (I) of the Consent Agenda pending further information.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved excluding item (I) as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings - 05/20/13
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 - Vouchers 1075; 1076; 1077; 1078; 1079
- C. Clerk of the Board: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$68,662.63 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$16.15; Fund 139 - \$375.79; Fund 219 - \$42,178.06; Fund 243 - \$25,096.61; Fund 255 - \$996.02
- D. Fair/Racing Director: Appointment of J.R. Murdock as a member of the Fair & Racing Commission term beginning 05/20/13
- E. Superior Court Judge: Approval of contracts for Provision of Indigent Representation for attorneys: Jeremy Waite, Michael Peterson, Daisy Flores, Carolyn Clark, Josi Lopez
- F. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the renewal of fiscal year 2013-14 Greenlee County Liquor License
- G. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of fiscal year 2013-14 Arizona Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Services Division, Family Counseling Program Resolution in the amount of \$1,459.00, required matching funds, to be paid with Probation Funds
- H. IS/IT Manager: Approval of the fiscal year 2013-14 Intergovernmental Agreement with Graham County for Internet DS3 and Equipment Co-Location in an amount not to exceed \$20,400.00 to be paid with budgeted General funds
- J. County Engineer: Approval of Airport Pavement Preservation Project additional cost in the amount of \$2,300.00 to be paid with Airport Funds

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Conference which was hosted by Coconino County. He stated that Coconino County did a good job of representing the state of Arizona. He attended discussions and presentations regarding Public & Forest Lands, Disaster Preparedness & Recovery, and Public/Private Partnerships.

- B. He attended the Eastern Counties Organization meeting where the final comments on the Four Forest Restoration Initiative were reviewed. He commended Pascal Berlioux, Executive Director of the Organization for his hard work.

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Conference where he stated that he met a lot of people from all over with the same concerns and issues and that he liked the conference a lot. He attended a civility workshop, and learned of the cost of fighting fires and would like to see an emphasis on preventing fires before they start.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the retirement celebration of county employee William (Bill) Marks, Jr. who has worked for Greenlee County for 42 years. A plaque was presented to Bill for appreciation for his dedicated service to Greenlee County.
- B. He met with Clint Chandler and Buchanan Davis of Senator Flake's office who toured the Freeport McMoRan mine and the townsite to have a better understanding of how the mine affects not only the economics of Greenlee County but Arizona as a whole. He stated that in 2011 the economic effects of the mine in both Greenlee and Graham counties totaled \$379 million and \$966 million across the state.

The Board convened into Work Session on the fiscal year 2013-14 budget.

Karla Ellis, Fair/Racing Director, updated the Board on Jr. Rodeo Series issues stating that the Fair/Racing Commission met and send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider having the county operate the Jr. Rodeo Series events and to utilize Wilkerson Livestock for those events. The Board directed that the county will take over and continue the Jr. Rodeo Series events with Wilkerson Livestock providing the livestock. Supervisor Campbell requested a quarterly report on the Fair/Racing Association.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, updated the Board on a Mud Drag event to take place on July 6, 2013 at the Fairgrounds, stating that the event and rules are different from the previous Mud Bogg events with the gate money and entry fees being the only pay out. The goal is to get Mud Bogg groups to eventually take over most of the event to free up County employees to be able to participate and assist in other events taking place during the Fair. He stated that the Town of Duncan will share water costs.

Ms. Gale advised the Board that the Greenlee County Liquor License is up for renewal and the Board will need to go through the process of having their names added. Supervisor Corbell recommended increasing the cost of a serving of beer and getting rid of the hard liquor sold at Fairgrounds events. The Board reviewed the options of using special events licenses instead of the current Liquor License. The Board directed that a serving of beer increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and mixed drinks increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for events involving the Greenlee County Liquor License.

Ms. Gale reviewed preliminary estimated revenues for fiscal year 2013-14 including Highway User Revenue Funds, Vehicle License Tax revenue, state shared sales tax, and county half-cent sales tax.

The Board reviewed individual departmental budget requests for consideration for the fiscal year 2013-14 budget.

Linda Durr, County Assessor, requested increases in salaries for her staff due to the specialized training they need. She reviewed the different duties and responsibilities of her staff and presented salaries from other counties for the Board to use for comparison.

Ms. Gale and Ms. Durr presented the Board with information on the Pictometry program that the County is interested in utilizing. The program will provide aerial images of properties throughout the county and will be a much needed tool to help with management of parcels, roads and law enforcement. The first year cost is approximately \$31,000 with \$10,000 to be paid from the Assessor's Property Information and Maintenance Fund and the remainder from General Funds.

Ms. Gale reviewed the preliminary estimated expenses for each department which includes a 3% salary increase for all employees and she also reviewed the increased percentages for retirement which will occur for both the employee and the county.

Mr. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, presented the need for a Code Enforcement Officer, explained a need to address drainage issues in various locations of the county, and the need for a Grading & Drainage Ordinance. Supervisor Campbell expressed his interest in going forward with the Code Enforcement Office and the implementation of building codes. Supervisor Corbell stated that he believes that this is necessary to move forward. The Board directed that the planning budget be increased \$25,000 to fill a Code Enforcement position.

Mr. Ronnerud reviewed issues with facilities including the need to go forward with a professional services analysis for improvements to the Jail facilities. The Board directed

going forward with the analysis with a \$25,000 budget to cover costs. The proposal will be brought back to the Board for approval at a later meeting date.

Mr. Ronnerud presented the Board with the need to begin the process of land acquisitions including 40-50 acres in the Loma Linda Landfill area and Airport area. The Board directed going forward with the process.

Mr. Ronnerud requested that the Board consider allowing him to begin the investigation of partnering with the USGS for a flood gauge at the Gila River Bridge in Duncan on Highway 75. The Board directed Mr. Ronnerud to begin the process.

Ms. Gale presented an amendment to the Fleet Policy which adds item #11 – Pool Vehicle Scheduling and Procedures, which will change the process of reserving vehicles for trips from the Board of Supervisors office to the Fleet Department and relocate the county trip vehicles from the Courthouse area to the Fleet Shop. The Board approved the change.

The Board reviewed the personal vehicle travel reimbursement rate and directed that the rate will remain at 44.5 cents per mile.

Ms. Gale reviewed the request by the Sheriff to increase uniform allowances for his staff from \$60.00 to \$100.00 per month. The Board requested that the Sheriff consider that his staff turns in receipts for the purchase of uniforms for reimbursement up to \$1200 per year.

The Board reviewed the specific employee salary increase requests from the Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, Probation and School Superintendent. The Board will review the requests further and make decisions at a later Board meeting.

Chairman Gomez stated that he is in favor of a 3.0% raise for all employees effective September 1st with Supervisor Corbell and Campbell echoing the statement. The Board directed a 3% raise for all employees.

Mr. Ronnerud requested approval to go forward to secure the services of a University of Arizona student to work on the land use policy doing research for possible revision and update. The Board directed to go forward as long as no pay is involved.

Ms. Gale stated that the new county website is up a running and is more functional and is easier to navigate.

Supervisor Corbell stated that he would like to know what regular organizational meetings there are that Supervisors attend and who goes and that he isn't a member on any of them and wants to be more involved. Ms. Gale listed the following:

- County Supervisors Association and Small Counties Forum – all Board members are members
- Legislative Policy Committee – the Chairman is a member
- Eastern Counties Organization (ECO) – the Chairman is a member
- Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties – no member at this time
- Eastern Arizona College Advisory Board – the Chairman is a member

She stated that the county needs representation on the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties. Supervisor Corbell expressed interest. This will be on the next agenda for official appointment by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board