

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

June 18, 2014

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 Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Menges, Rancher, responded to the Call to the Public stating that he appreciated the efforts of the Board of Supervisors with the wolf issue and stated that the concerns the local ranchers are raising are coming from the local Cattle Growers Association. He stated that minutes from a meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Cattle Growers Association reflect that that organization is taking a step back from signing off on the Alternative to the Alternative Environmental Statement that is being considered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding the Mexican Wolf program. He has spoken with persons involved with the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition organization and said that he feels that this is the group that should take the lead on this issue. He requested that the Board consider a work session regarding this issue and also requested that the Board take a step back from the Alternative and that if the Alternative is implemented it will pretty much put all the ranchers out of business.

Eric Schweneson, Rancher, also responded to the Call to the Public stating that this (wolf program) is a question of survival of an industry and what they believe is the obligation and responsibility of the local authorities. He presented copies of letters he stated should have gone out last week and that the letters state very clearly what their stance is on this situation.

Supervisor Corbell stated that he would like to see this issue be brought back on a future agenda of the Board of Supervisors for discussion.

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 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 Tobacco

Education/Prevention Services beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board cancelled 2014 Precinct Committeemen Elections pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410 and 16-822(B).

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Democratic Precinct Committeemen pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410 and 16-822(B) as follows: Precinct #3 – Clifton 1 – John Akeson, Susan Breen, Vera Irvin, Ron Johnson, B. Waddell Reyes; Precinct #4 – Clifton 2 – Linda Durr, Shirley Randall, Richard Ward; Precinct #7-York/Sheldon – Dennis Oflattery, Tom Powers, Susan Snyder.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410 and 16-822(B) as follows: Precinct #3 – Clifton 1 – Roy Tyler; Precinct #4 – Clifton 2 – David Miller; Precinct #5 – Morenci – Elizabeth Speck; Precinct #7 – York/Sheldon – Suzanne Menges.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, requested approval to fill one (1) Public Works Operations Tech I position and two (1) vacant Public Works Operations Tech II positions in the Public Works Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as follows: authorizes the Public Works Manager to fill two positions dependent upon the qualifications of applications received which may result in two Tech II positions or one Tech II position and one Tech I position.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- It does not seem that a special legislative session will be called regarding the Pension Reform as had been speculated.
- Counties are following legislation that has been implemented by the State of Oregon regarding inmate medical which could relieve these costs that are currently paid by the county.

B. 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 expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1081; 1082; 1083

- B. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$11,279.27 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 152 - \$858.05; Fund 167 - \$283.14; Fund 196 - \$318.14; Fund 243 - \$9,819.94
- C. County Attorney: Approval of Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant for fiscal year 2015 awarded to the Greenlee County Attorney
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant for fiscal year 2015 awarded to the Greenlee County Sheriff's Department
- E. County Treasurer: Approval to open a money market account with Wells Fargo Bank for Greenlee County
- F. County Sheriff: Approval to apply for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety 2015 Selective Traffic Enforcement Overtime and Equipment Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00
- G. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the 2015 AZTEC Field Trainer Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000.00
- H. County Attorney: Approval of the 2015 Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Crime Victim Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$27,788.00
- I. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Government Obligation Contract with Kansas State Bank of Manhattan for financing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500; one (1) 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 3500; three (3) 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe to be in monthly payments with Debt Service Funds
- J. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the Agreement with Catholic Community Services of Arizona, Inc. dba Community Outreach Program for the Deaf to provide sign language interpreter services for Superior Court

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03.A.3 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding a Tower License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into regular session.

Joe Montierth, Summit Communications owner, requested to speak to item #8. He stated that he owns a communications tower on Guthrie Peak. He stated that the document to be approved is a lease and not a license and that the lease requires a bid process. He is concerned that the county will be competing with private business for providing communication services.

Derek Rapiet, County Attorney, stated that it is the recommendation to the Board that the Tower License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC be approved, that it is in the best interest of the county, and that it meets the needs of the county to

replace the failing communication for Emergency Management and Public Works. The county did not, in the beginning, intend to build a tower but found that doing so was the most viable solution to solve our communications problem. During the process of the building the tower the county was approached by AT&T to hang their equipment on our tower. The process has been a very lengthy negotiation process. He added that the license agreement clearly states that county communications is primacy to any other equipment on the tower and that the contract is a license agreement and not a lease agreement.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Tower License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC as presented.

The Board convened into work session on the fiscal year 2014 budget.

Ms. Gale discussed the Department of Correction Inmate Program with the Board. She stated that there have been issues in the past and that a serious issue is currently being investigated. She stated that the prison is issuing a plan of action that will potentially include a requirement that an employee be assigned to inmates who has constant sight of them at all times. Mr. Pearson stated that he feels that the employees who would be doing this could just do the work themselves and alleviate the constant issues with the inmates and the interaction with county employees and the public in the Courthouse and Annex. He would like for the Board to consider hiring an additional employee to do the work and not continue with the inmate program. Ms. Gale will be meeting with the DOC Major on Monday to discuss the program and options.

Sheriff Avila addressed issues of staffing in his department. He reviewed current staffing and requested one new deputy position and 6 new detention officer positions. He stated that these positions would: give the ability to take detention officer positions from 12 hour shifts to 8 hour shifts; cut down absenteeism and improve attitudes; cut down on turnover and overtime; improve efficiencies and services; and provide adequate and safe environment and services.

Pat Sexton, Undersheriff, echoed the Sheriff's statements and added that there would be three detention officers and one sergeant per shift and they are looking at utilizing the Jail Enhancement Supervisor on the 3rd shift and current part-time positions would go away.

The Board raised concerns of future staffing when and if a new jail is built. Ms. Gale reviewed financing abilities and financing structures and funding for a new jail and the need to hire a consultant for guidance in building and staffing a new jail.

The Board thanked the Sheriff for his presentation and information and the Sheriff thanked the Board for their consideration.

Ms. Gale reviewed some additional requests from departments regarding staff to be considered in the budgeted:

- Appraiser training for staff in the Assessor's Office (Jeanne Welch)
- Administrative Assistant position in the Attorney's Office changed to Paralegal position upon certification (Samantha Romo)
- A new Administrative Assistant position in the Board of Supervisors Office
- Finance Clerk position in the Board of Supervisors Office changed to Administrative Assistant position

Ms. Gale reviewed the several Budget Schedules including estimated revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Gale reviewed a payroll situation where the salaries of several of the exempt employees who are salaried instead of hourly employees were calculated incorrectly during the past several pay periods. When raises were calculated in September 2013 the pay for these employees was calculated based on a 21 pay instead of 26 pay meaning that these employees received their raises upfront (21 pays) instead of spread throughout the regular 26 pay periods of the fiscal year. The Board directed Ms. Gale to send notice to these employees that their salaries during the next five pay periods would be adjusted to reflect the error.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

APPROVAL: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board