

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

July 7, 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 Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Billy Waters, Duncan Little League President, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that kids are the main focus of the Duncan Little League organization which also supports the County. They do have supplies that are left in the kitchen at the fairgrounds but do not believe that it is "their" kitchen. They will pay whatever rate is charged, they help make improvements, like painting, with permission of Public Works. The organization is interested in using the ballfields more often during the year for events. Duncan Little League non-profit status has been restored and is active.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that a Quit Claim Deed has been recorded at the County Recorder office reverting the Clifton School property back to Freeport McMoRan Morenci.

Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that the Clifton School property has been reverted back to Freeport McMoRan Morenci and thanked the Clifton School Board for always keeping the best interest of the kids in mind. He stated that there one more document that needs to be completed and signed off to complete the dissolution of the Clifton School district. He thanked all the many persons and entities who help get through this process.

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
2. Health & County Services Director: Approval of Amendment #7 of the Arizona Department of Health Services Emergency Preparedness Program updating funding for Ebola virus activities

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested consideration of approval of the On Call: Professional Services for Letter of Map Revisions (LOMR) with Kimley-Horn in an amount not to exceed \$113,830 to be paid with budgeted Flood Control District funds.

He stated that this is for the 2nd study of Letter of Map Revisions (LOMR) regarding Flood Plains, to determine specific 100 year flood hazard areas. The study will also assist in moving property out of Flood Plain categories which will help homeowners obtain a reduction in home insurance premiums. The focus area of the study is the Apache Grove area. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Carol Telles, Clifton Ranger, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, updated the Board on the following forest activities:

- There has been good rain activity causing good green grass to grow.
- Only 2 fires have occurred. Both were trees struck by lightning burning approximately 2 acres.
- A 10 man fire crew has been dispatched to Alaska due to no activity.
- Hazard tree removal has been done in the Black Jack Campgrounds to alleviate falling dangers
- Pedestal grills are being installed in several dispersed camping areas
- The new Deputy Forest Supervisor, Wendy Haskins, will begin duties in the Springerville Office in September.
- The Record of Decision for Forest Plan is expected soon and implementation will begin as soon as it is received.
- The Travel Management Rule (TMR) will moving to the forefront and will begin moving forward in 2016.

The Board thanked Ms. Telles for the update.

Karen Soohy, County Librarian, presented the Library Report and update to the Board. She thanked the Board for their continued support. She reported the following:

- The Greenlee County Library System received \$45,750.00 in grants last year which was used for projects including the new Library website and a Childhood Center in the Clifton Library.
- As of May 2015 the Clifton Library has been approved as a GED testing site for Greenlee County citizens.
- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program has served 991 children in Greenlee County, ages 0 – 5, since the program began. Currently there are 465 children enrolled.
- The Library has several free electronic services available to the public which is accessible by logging into the Library website. Ancestry data base is free for use to search ancestry at the Libraries. A free database service is highlighted each month in the Greenlee County Clarion.
- The state AZ One Book program has been changed to an eBook format and focusses on recognizing local authors. One of the authors, from Scottsdale,

came to the 4th grade Morenci class and talked to the children about how to write a book.

- Clifton, Duncan and Blue Libraries participated in the “Books on a Blanket” program challenge to promote literacy. Blankets and children’s books were donated to the Duncan Head Start, and school children. Greenlee County libraries were the first in Arizona to participate.
- Promotional items, book marks and magnets, were created with information on the GreenleeCountyHistory.org website being developed to preserve the history of Greenlee County.

Chairman Gomez thanked Ms. Soohy for her energy and dedication to Greenlee County.

Ms. Gale reviewed a power point presentation regarding the fiscal year 2015-16 Tentative Budget which included information regarding assessed valuation, tax rate comparisons, and budget schedules.

Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the fiscal year 2015-2016 Greenlee County Tentative Budget in the General Fund amount of \$12,427,243 and the total budget in the amount of \$24,114,602. This includes the budgets for the Flood Control District in the amount of \$175,000, the Public Health Services District budget in the amount of \$2,005,636, the Capital Improvement Plan, Fund Balance Policy and includes provision to pre-pay the contributions for deputy retirement to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Supervisor Corbell, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Title 42, Chapter 17, Articles 1-5, Arizona Revised Statute, (A.R.S.), the Board of Supervisors do make an estimate of the different amounts required to meet the public expenditures for the ensuing year, also an estimate of revenues from sources other than direct taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation upon real and personal property of Greenlee County, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said chapter of said title, and following due public notice, the Board will meet on August 3, 2015, at which meeting any taxpayer is privileged to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures or tax levies, and

WHEREAS, it appears that publication will be duly made as required by law, of said estimates together with a notice that the Board will meet on August 17, 2015, at the Office of the Board for the purpose of hearing taxpayers and making tax levies as set forth in said estimates, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the sums to be raised by taxation, as specified therein, do not in the aggregate amount exceed that amount as computed in A.R.S. 42-17051(A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said estimates of revenue and expenditures/expenses shown on the accompanying schedules as now increased, reduced or changed are hereby adopted as the tentative budget of Greenlee County for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2015.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, presented a list of accomplishments and duties since he started working for Greenlee County. He updated the Board on the following upcoming events:

- 3rd Mud Drag of the series is on July 25th
- The Yarborough Band will be performing at the Fairgrounds on August 8th
- The Greenlee County Fair is September 17th through 20th
- The Hill Climb Event in Clifton is scheduled for the Labor Day weekend

Chairman Gomez thanked everyone for their efforts and stated that he believes that the County is on the right path to improve and utilize the Fairgrounds to include Greenlee County as a whole.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested consideration of approval of Amendment #2 of the Fairgrounds Road Waterline Planning and Design Project with Souder, Miller & Associates for Construction Administration in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid with budgeted Capital Improvement funds. He stated that the project is taking longer than anticipated causing an increase in the budget but that there are cuts in other areas of the budget which will keep the overall budget on track. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale requested consideration of approval of the distribution of Secure Rural Schools funds stating that on March 24, 2015, the county received \$40,977.37 in Secure Rural Schools funds. The amount was based on the old 25% formula because Congress had not reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools payments and therefore, the amounts calculated were based on the original formula for timber harvesting. Subsequent to that distribution, Congress did pass a two year extension of the Secure Rural Schools funding and advised that the county would receive additional funds. On

June 30, 2015, the county received \$626,635.24 in Secure Rural Schools funds. This amount reflects the following:

- The calculation was for the total amount due under the Secure Rural Schools formula minus the offsets for PILT payments and the \$40,977.37 we had originally received under the old formula. It also was minus the Title II 15% amount that is set aside for forest projects.

On June 30, 2015, the Board gave direction to distribute the Secure Rural Schools funds received that day in the amount of \$626,635.24 as previously determined.

The total amount distributed to each of the entities is as follows:

	3/24/2015	6/30/15	TOTAL
Greenlee County Accommodation School	\$18,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$218,000.00
Eagle School District	\$0	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Blue School District	\$18,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Morenci School District	\$0	\$ 85,890.00	\$ 85,890.00
Duncan School District	\$0	\$ 18,722.61	\$ 18,722.61
Greenlee County Road Department	\$ 4,977.37	\$295,022.63	\$ 300,000.00

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the distribution of the Secure Rural Schools funds as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The County Supervisors Association is beginning the process of compiling issues to be considered for the legislature
- The federal government is still working on their budget
- Secure Rural Schools funding is authorized for one more year
- Reauthorization of Payment in Lieu of Taxes is still being worked on

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, item A of the Consent Agenda was tabled and items B – J were approved as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings – 06/16/15; 06/26/15; 06/30/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers: 1075; 1076; 1077; 1079; 1080; 1083; 1084; 1000
- C. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 15-07-01 authorizing the Treasurer to invest and reinvest all monies as authorized by law for fiscal year beginning July

1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §35-327.G

- D. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 15-06-03 authorizing a new checking account with National Bank of Arizona for the Greenlee County Eventbrite Account.
- E. Superior Court Judge: Approval of Indigent Representation Contracts for fiscal year 2015-16 for: Carolyn Clark; Daisy Flores; Rebecca Johnson; Josi Lopez; Michael Peterson; Christopher Stavris; Jeremy Waite
- F. County Attorney: Approval of the fiscal year 2015-16 Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Crime Victim Compensation Program Grant Agreement
- G. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Greenlee County Medical Flexible Spending Account Plan Document and Summary Plan Description
- H. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Greenlee County Limited Purpose Medical Flexible Spending Account Plan Document and Summary Plan Description
- I. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Greenlee County Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan Document and Summary Plan Description
- J. Economic Development Coordinator: Appointment of Jennifer Sherlock to the Greenlee County Fair & Racing Commission

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting with Representative Fenchem regarding drafting a bill dealing with county transfer of lands. He stated that citizens in the southern part of Apache County want to sever, split or create a new county or join another county. The draft bill is based on a bill that was presented by Representative Harper in 2010 which would allow a given portion of a county and population to vote to split a county. The law currently requires the majority vote of the entire county to approve a split. He stated that the new bill would allow a given area and population the ability to split. He added that consideration was given regarding debt, land mass, and school district bonds, and that wording it trying to be drafted to see if it will even go and that this is the update of this preliminary meeting. He will bring updates as they develop.

Susan Breen, Clifton resident, requested to speak to this item. She stated that she has live in Greenlee County since 1983, thinks this county is fantastic and runs very well. She understands that Apache County has problems and is not ran so well and she sees no benefit for Greenlee County to take on another county's problems. She asked why would we acquire parts of another county and also asked if there is a draft of the proposed bill. Ms. Breen asked that if they are not wanting to join with Greenlee County then why are we involved and what is the benefit to Greenlee County. She expressed that she feels that she represents a lot of people who don't know about this and that she is completely 100% opposed to the idea.

Walter Mares, Copper Era Newspaper reporter and Clifton resident, also requested to speak to this item. He stated that he got some information regarding this issue from a facebook source. Linda Tanner is leading an effort for southern Apache County to join into Greenlee County and that there are maps drawn showing the wanted change in boundary. Mr. Mares asked that if the population in that portion of Apache County is larger than Greenlee County population, would the Courthouse be relocated to Springerville? He also stated that according to the documents he received the Apache County area would have two Supervisors and Greenlee County would have only one. He stated that the documents indicate that the Apache County people want to break away from the Navajo reservation and it is debatable that there is a racist indication to the movement and it is very clear that they want to become Greenlee County. He added that it makes no sense from a physical or fiscal point of view. He asked if the Apache County group has a name.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Hill Climb Event Coordination meeting where representatives of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) were in attendance. SCCA is sponsoring the event that will take place over Labor Day weekend. Discussion took place of the other events that will take place during that weekend. Ms. Gale commented that SCCA sponsors 7 other hill climb events in the nation and that the group has already addressed issues on the pre-condition list and have also produced a disaster plan. SCCA will provide \$10,000,000 coverage that will include coverage for volunteers. Drivers can join the club for the weekend and be covered if they are not already members. SCCA has very strict guidelines and requirements for cars and drivers.
- B. He attended the Arizona Department of Transportation public meeting regarding upcoming projects in Clifton. He said that the meeting was not very well attended and that projects include traffic slowing and drainage upgrades. The projects will begin June of 2016.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board