

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

August 17, 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, Derek Rapiet, County Attorney, 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.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and presented the Senior Nutrition Center newsletter. He also stated that he was the only person from the public in attendance at the Town of Clifton Budget and Truth in Taxation Hearing regarding the Town of Clifton tax rate increase.

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 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 Employee Transaction Form for salary funding changes: C. Martinez, Health Educator; J. Miranda, Health Policy Manager; L. Starr, Administrative Assistant
3. Health & County Services Director: Approval to purchase of ten (10) Center for Disease Control approved mobile vaccine storage containers in an amount not to exceed \$9,139.89 with budgeted Public Health Preparedness Grant funds

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 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.

Christopher Fullerton and Ashley Hullinger, Graduate Research Assistants, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona, made a presentation to the Board on Scenario Planning regarding the Upper Gila River Watershed. They explained that

scenarios are tools that can be used to explore what might happen in the future as a way to make more informed decisions today. Working with the Gila Water Partnership and the Watershed Restoration and Planning Steering Committee an atlas of the Upper Gila River Watershed was compiled. Four scenarios resulted from public meetings: 1) New Mexico Diverts; 2) Impacts from the Tamarisk Leaf Beetle; 3) Increasing Local Control; 4) Low Cotton Prices. They explained that the four scenarios span the next 30 years, and demonstrate how the key drivers of change in the watershed are influenced and changed by the major uncertainties. The Board thanked Mr. Fullerton and Ms. Hullinger for their time and hard work.

Ms. Gale reviewed a comparison of values, levies, and tax rates between all taxing entities in Greenlee County comparing rates for last fiscal year and the current rates to be adopted. She explained that each entity calculates and adopts their tax rate which is then presented to the Board of Supervisors, per statute, for their administrative function of adding all taxing entities rate calculations on one tax bill. The Greenlee County property tax rate of \$.5626 is \$.0126 more than last fiscal year due to a decrease in assessed value. Ms. Gale also explained that the Clifton School rates will be absorbed by the Morenci School District now that the Clifton School District has been dissolved but still will be paid by property owners. She stated that an Attorney General opinion rules that limited cash value is to be used to calculate secondary tax rates except for school bonds which will be calculated on full cash values. Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the fiscal year tax rates presented, Supervisor Corbell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled adopting the amended Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Bylaws to the next Board meeting to allow Supervisor Corbell more time to review the changes.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- She attended the County Managers meeting where:
 - The Joint Legislative Budget Committee gave an update on the preliminary year end state budget which shows higher revenues than what was projected. The state budget does not include the K-12 litigation payment.
 - Hunter Moore of the Governor's Office talked about the Governor's water policy and how it is moving forward, a historical review of Arizona water and statewide impacts, and the Lake Mead water level crisis
 - Dave Byers with the Arizona Supreme Court talked about pretrial services requirements and the protocol and guidelines that are still being developed. Mr. Byers also spoke about the changes being proposed to Juvenile Corrections.

- Preliminary legislative proposals from counties were discussed. The proposals will be presented to the supervisors at the County Supervisors Legislative Summit in October for discussion and approval.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Myriah Mhooon and Tasha Menaker, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence Project Coordinators, presented information to the Board regarding the Coalition including the purpose and goals and membership. It is their goal to establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in every county in the state. Ms. Mhooon is the Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator and Ms. Menaker is the Forensic Nurse Examiner Team Coordinator and they will be in contact with Mt. Graham Safehouse and other entities in Greenlee County to try to develop the SART. The Board thanked Ms. Mhooon and Ms. Menaker for their time and efforts in this important matter.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, requested to speak to this item and stated that he witnessed a domestic violence incident next door to his residence and was hesitant whether to report it or not. He decided to report it to the Clifton Police and was encouraged to always call 911 in this type of situation.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled item A of the Consent Agenda and approved the remaining items as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Tabled minutes to previous meeting – 08/03/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1087; 1088; 1009; 1011; 1012
- C. Events Coordinator: Approval of Employee Transaction Forms: A. Blake, Temporary Event Worker; L. Crotts, Temporary Event Worker; K. Lacey, Temporary Event Worker
- D. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Forms for salary funding change: D. Madrigal, Secretary/Teen Court Coordinator; J. Miranda, Probation Finance Officer
- E. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: K. Baxter, full time Detention Officer
- F. Clerk of the Board: Approved Proclamation of August as Child Support Awareness Month
- G. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Judge Pro Tempore for the Honorable Allan C. Perkins effective September 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016
- H. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the Contract for Provision of Indigent Representation for attorney Stephen Lundell for fiscal year 2015/16
- I. County Librarian: Approval to apply for the annual State Grants in Aid funds for libraries in the amount of \$23,000.00 requiring a budgeted match of \$23,000.00 to be paid with General Funds

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Public Lands Strategy Summit where the question are we controlling less or is centralizing Washington DC bureaucracy controlling us. Discussion took place regarding road closures, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, catastrophic fires, destruction of landscapes and wildlife, rural economic destruction, do we share the same economic opportunity as our sister states that have access to natural resources and do we have the same access to the same political power as our sister states. Other discussion took place regarding a lawsuit being filed for not following the Enabling Act.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Rural Policy Development Forum hosted by Local First where the focus was on economic development and networking with other entities and sharing ideas on economic development and tourism attractions.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board