

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

August 18, 2014

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margie Chacon, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public, stating that she is representing the American Legion Auxiliary and introduced a new forum called Graham/Greenlee Serving Vets. She said that the program began a year ago and that it was her recommendation at the last meeting in Safford that if it is truly to include Greenlee that meetings needed to also be held here. Greenlee County has the largest per capita in vets in the nation. The next meeting will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Chairman Gomez expressed the support of the County.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public, stating that he feels that because Freeport – McMoRan owns the property that the Clifton Schools sits on that there could eventually be a conflict of interest concerning Supervisor Campbell.

The Board moved to item #4 to address the several Request to Comment forms submitted.

Jeff Menges, Rancher, stated that he appreciates that the Resolution is on the agenda and that the wording he provided was almost identical to the resolution passed by the State Cattle Growers Association a couple of weeks ago. He said that attorney Norm James approved of that resolution.

Ben Menges, incoming President of the Greenlee County Cattle Growers, stated that he appreciated the Board's consideration of this important issue and the previous resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors would put ranchers out of business and that the newer resolution would keep ranchers in business.

PJ Allred, Greenlee County rancher and Graham County Sheriff, stated that he has a cattle operation that has been in business since 1984 and that Graham County has already adopted a similar resolution. He stated that he supports Jeff Menges and that people have the God-given right to protect themselves and their property.

Chairman Gomez stated that it is the position of this Board of Supervisors to put no rancher in Greenlee County out of business and thanked everyone for their comments.

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

In the absence of Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill the budgeted vacant Youth Health Educator 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

The Board reconvened into regular session.

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.03 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding the development of legal strategy in response to the proposed 10(j) Rule change and draft environmental impact statement for the management of the non-essential, experimental Mexican wolf population.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Supervisor Campbell moved that the adoption of Resolution 2014-08-03 regarding the reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolf Program be tabled, that Greenlee County must remain consistent and credible, we must not adopt a resolution that differs from one that was adopted three months ago, we must remain consistent in order to be considered in the possibility of upcoming litigation and that the Board will revisit the Resolution in one month once additional language has been added that suits the purpose of Greenlee County. Supervisor Corbell seconded the motion. The motion to table Resolution 2014-08-03 passed unanimously.

In the absence of Linda Durr, County Assessor, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant Administrative Assistant position in the Assessor's Office. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, updated the Board on recent Monsoon activity of the Public Works Department. He stated that his department has been very busy and have had to do major work on 78 roads since July and have responded to numerous service calls. Despite people say who do not have any idea about what goes on in his department, they have been extremely busy. The new shop which is being built in-house is almost complete. He stated that winds slow the process down due to the danger of working with the metal when it is windy.

Mr. Pearson requested approval to purchase one (1) used 2009 Caterpillar 420E Backhoe to be purchased using the Tucson National IPA Contract #120377 in the amount of \$51,500 with budgeted Road Funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Pearson requested approval to trade in the 2008 Caterpillar 140H Grader for \$160,000 and purchase one (1) 12M2 (\$127,184.29) or 140M2 (\$164,554.82) Grader using the Tucson National IPA Contract #120377 with budgeted Road Funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of one (1) 140M2 Grader in the amount of \$164,554.82 with budgeted Road Funds.

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 \$.5500 is \$.1850 less than last fiscal year due to an increase in assessed value. Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the fiscal year tax rates presented, Supervisor Corbell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, advised the Board that the Property Tax Oversight Commission has raised concerns over the proposed tax rates for Clifton Schools. He stated that the even though there are no students this year, there are still expenses that are outstanding and need to be paid. He also stated that there is an issue with the taxes that have been collected for Eagle School. He said that the rate has been at \$0.55 and should have been \$2.11 and that he will be notifying the residents of that district of the discrepancy.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The County Managers of all counties have met and reviewed the preliminary legislative proposals that have been submitted by counties. They have also reviewed proposals that have been held over from previous years.

Ms. Gale stated that she has found that a proposal has been submitted in Greenlee County's name by Supervisor Corbell and that it has not gone before the Board as a whole and can only have his name on it, not in the name of Greenlee County unless the Board as whole agrees.

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 minutes to previous meeting – 08/04/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Vouchers 1091; 1004
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$71,060.46 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$904.38; Fund 146 - \$56.63; Fund 195 - \$1,252.43; Fund 222 - \$38,378.48; Fund 243 - \$4,023.02; Fund 601 - \$2,080.46; Fund 800 - \$24,365.06
- D. County Assessor: Appointment of Joann Brashears as Chief Deputy Assessor
- E. County Assessor: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: J. Brashears, Chief Deputy Assessor
- F. Public Works Manager: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: B. Darnell, Public Works Tech II; L. Tredway, Public Works Tech I
- G. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: T. Gonzales, Secretary/Teen Court Coordinator; J. Miranda, Probation Finance Officer
- H. Clerk of the Board: Appointment of Amber Sumner to the Extension Advisory Board as 4-H Leader
- I. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Michael D. Peterson as Judge Pro Tempore
- J. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the Contract for Indigent Representation for attorneys, Alison Stavris and Christopher Stavris

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting with Conrad Chase of Innovative Solar who is interested in building a 150 megawatt solar plant in Greenlee County. He stated that they met with Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative but that they are limited to how much power they can purchase. They also met with a representative with Freeport-McMoRan to try to gain their interest. Another meeting will be schedule in the future.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed 10(j) rule in Pinetop and made comments on behalf of the

County. He stated that more than half the persons in attendance were pro-wolf advocates and that only one other person from Greenlee County was in attendance.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board