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## MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431, et. seq.  
and amendments thereto, the  
**GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
also sitting as Board of Directors for  
**GREENLEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT**  
and

**GREENLEE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

hereby gives notice that a

**Regular Meeting**

will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Audio/Visual Streaming of this meeting may be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@GreenleeCountyAZ>

**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5th Street,  
Clifton, Arizona**

## AGENDA AND MINUTES

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In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Richard Lunt, Chairman, David Gomez, Member and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Gary Griffith, County Attorney, Derek Rapiere, County Administrator, Austin Adams, HR Director, and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

**Current Total Spent to Date on Sheriff's Lawsuit: \$201,138.92**

### 1.) Call to Order

Chairman Richard Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Gomez led those present in the pledge.

#### B. Call to the Public

Steve Ahmann, Greenlee County Tourism Council Member responded and thanked the board for their contribution and support. He also informed the board of the Colors of Cooper event November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Cervantes, Clifton resident responded, he presented the Town of Clifton's agenda, and gave the Board information regarding the Founder's Day celebration on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff Sumner responded and expressed concern about the placement of a statement on the agenda regarding the total cost to date of his against Greenlee County. He also gave an update on the Greenlee County Fair, and a Morenci Football game.

**2.) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of these items:**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

**3.) FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of these items:**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District Consent Agenda as presented.

**4.) Steve Guzzo, American Legion**

**A. Presentation regarding Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial Site.**

Mr. Guzzo, who represents Mares Bluff Veterans Memorial Incorporated, described the unique aspects of the Memorial on the Bluff overlooking Clifton. He discussed the organization, purpose, and some of the history of the Memorial. He explained an upcoming project at the Memorial Site on November 4<sup>th</sup>, where a donated Helicopter will be placed on the Bluff as part of the Memorial. He explained the project that will consist of 3 phases, with an estimated cost of \$18,000.00.

**5.) Tony Hines, Public Works Manager – Fleet/Facilities**

**A. Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of a manlift through Empire using the Omnia purchasing contract.**

Mr. Hines explained that the original purchase plan was to solicit bids for a used manlift, but vendors have explained that the used market is not set up for a bidding process. Therefore, he would like to purchase through the Omnia contract through Empire if a manlift can be located.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved the agenda item as presented in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

**B. Discussion/Action regarding approval to award the bid for a Pick-Up for the Roads Department**

Mr. Hines explained there was only one bidder, by Kempton, in the amount of \$52,586.27.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount presented.

**C. Discussion/Action regarding approval to award the bid for a Pick-Up for the Engineer Department**

Mr. Hines stated there was only one bidder, Kempton Chevrolet, in the amount of \$60,654.12.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount presented.

**D. Discussion/Action regarding approval to award the bid for a Mid-Size SUV for the Health Department**

Mr. Hines explained a mid-size SUV went out for bid, and received only one bid, from Kempton Chevrolet in the amount of \$41,255.99.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount presented.

**E. Discussion/Action regarding approval to award the bid for a Pick-Up for the Animal Control Department**

Mr. Hines stated only one bid for this vehicle by Kempton Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,586.27.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount presented.

**F. Discussion/Action regarding approval to award the bid for four (4) PPV SUV's for the Sheriff's Office**

Mr. Sumner responded and expressed his belief that purchase recommendations for vehicles for Elected Offices should not be presented by department heads.

Mr. Hines stated only one bid was received for all four PPV SUVs and it was from Kempton Chevrolet, in the amount of \$59,180.00 for each vehicle totaling \$236,720.00.

Mr. Rapier explained that the purchasing policy approved by the board does not give authority to the Sheriff's Office to conduct the vehicle purchasing process. Rather, the gathering of specifications, putting together and soliciting bids is assigned to the Fleet Department and was done properly.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez and unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount presented.

**6.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator  
A. Review of CSA Legislative Proposals**

Mr. Rapier explained that this is the time when various organizations begin to develop their legislative agenda for the coming legislative session. He discussed each of the several proposals counties have submitted for CSA to consider and discussed how each of the proposals might affect Greenlee County.

**7.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board  
A. County and State budget and legislative issues**

Mr. Rapier presented a PowerPoint and discussed several election timing issues that are likely to cause significant problems with the 2024 elections including the likelihood of statewide recounts in Presidential, Congressional, and state level races that could affect every county in the state. He explained that CSA is working on the issue and has developed a resolution which Mr. Rapier recommended the board vote in favor of at the CSA Board meeting.

## **B. Calendar and Events**

Calendar and events were discussed.

### **8.) Consent Agenda**

**A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings: 8/10/23**

**B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 7006**

**C. Public Works – Fleet/Facilities: Consideration of approval of the Greenlee County Lube CVA contract with Empire Southwest, LLC**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

### **9.) Supervisor Reports (Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual supervisors may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented)**

Supervisor Gomez attended the SEAGO meeting and stated an Executive Director has been chosen, Keith Dennis.

Chairman Lunt attended the County Fair and reported that it was well attended and well run. He thanked all employees involved.

### **10.) EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Greenlee County Attorney regarding A.R.S. 11-251 (25) to authorize the Sheriff to offer a reward in one case, Greenlee County Sheriff's Office report #2308-0082**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session.

### **11.) Tim Sumner, Sheriff**

**A. Discussion/Action to consider authorizing the Sheriff to offer a reward in accordance with A.R.S. 11-251(25) in one case, Greenlee County Sheriff's Office report #2308-0082. In the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sumner discussed possible reward monies in the amount of \$2,000.00 for case number 2308-0082. He explained the statute provides for reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a crime.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agenda item as presented in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**12.) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Figueroa, Clerk of the Board

All agenda items are for discussion and/or action as deemed necessary. The Board reserves the right to consider any matter out of order. The Board may retire into Executive Session for any of the purposes that are allowed by law, including but not limited to legal advice and/or personnel matters; as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.et.seq. Persons with a disability may request accommodation for special assistance by contacting Bianca Castañeda at 928-865-2072 (TDD 928-865-2632). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time for arrangement of the accommodation.