

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

September 17, 2014

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in Emergency 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 4:00 p.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Gale updated the Board on events leading up to this Emergency Session. She stated that earlier in the day Greenlee County Emergency Management met with the National Weather Service and other entities and were advised that anticipated rainfall resulting from remnants of Hurricane Odile would result in significant Countywide flooding of all major waterways. The trial currently taking place in Superior Court has been postponed until next week, a public announcement has been sent out to all entities and communities with information regarding potential flooding hazards. The Army Corp of Engineers has already sent representatives who are in Duncan at this time with Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, assessing dikes with more equipment and manpower on their way. The Arizona Division of Emergency Management team will arrive in Clifton at 5:00 p.m. The Town of Clifton has notified all RV Parks residents to relocate to the Greenlee County Airport for their safety.

Sheriff Avila stated that four law enforcement personnel have been dispatched to Blue and are advising residents of the flooding danger. They are also going into campgrounds and advising campers and hunters to move to higher ground. Ms. Gale added that Apache County is ready to assist.

Paul Easley, Security Officer with Freeport-McMoRan, advised that they have cancelled a large portion of their copper shipments for a couple of days and have a plan in place to work with a skeleton crew to avoid having workers unable to travel home. He stated that Freeport is ready to assist the County and Towns as much as possible.

Ms. Gale stated that the County Fair is scheduled to begin tomorrow. The livestock show is the major concern due to the expense and delicate timing of showing animals. The show has been rescheduled to begin earlier in the day and the remaining events will be "played by ear" as to being cancelled or rescheduled.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board Declared a State of Emergency in Greenlee County due to heavy rain and dangerous flooding.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors does hereby find:

1. That due to heavy rainfall occurring on September 17, 2014, and with additional rain storms occurring, the County of Greenlee, State of Arizona, is facing dangerous flooding conditions:
2. That due to the flooding a condition of extreme peril to the life and property necessitates the proclamation of the existence of an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that an emergency exists throughout said county; and

1. Mutual aid from the State of Arizona is hereby requested; and
2. The Greenlee County Emergency Plan has been activated and will remain in effect until further notice; and
3. It is further ordered that during the existence of this emergency local government agencies assigned emergency roles in the Greenlee County Emergency Plan are an Emergency Organization of the County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County shall be those prescribed by State Law, resolutions and the emergency plans of the County of Greenlee in order to mitigate the effects of such emergency.

ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board