

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

September 23, 2014

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in the Greenlee County Elections Building, 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 Rapier, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public stating that beginning in October the Meals on Wheels program will be serving 40 clients every week day instead of just three days a week.

Ms. Gale explained that due to the evacuation of the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex because of fire, the meeting location was moved to the Greenlee County Election Building and began at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Pearson explained that the Election Building is a secure area due to sensitive election equipment and material housed there. The ability to hold the meeting in this area is allowable because of the presence of Certified Election Officials during the meeting.

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

Ms. Gale requested approval of the Agreement with Dr. Douglas Harrison for Greenlee County inmate medical services. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, 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 #1 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Bureau of Nutrition & Physical Activity, Women Infants & Children (WIC), Breastfeeding Peer Counseling and Farmers Market Nutrition Programs

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District.

In the absence of Steve Rutherford, Emergency Management Coordinator, Ms. Gale requested approval of the Greenlee County ALERT System Maintenance for fiscal year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$48,045.00 with budgeted Flood Control District funds. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened into regular session.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, explained that several years ago Greenlee County was involved in a Small Area Transportation Study conducted by the Arizona Department of Transportation and that the study included trails. He introduced Laura Patty of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) who presented the Southern Greenlee County Trails Study that was paid for with a Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) grant. Ms. Patty reviewed the purpose of the study which identified a framework of trails that could be developed to attract adventurers and naturalists to explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of Greenlee County. The purpose of the study was to: improve access to destination points within the County; establish trails that provide connections between major population centers; use unimproved roads and existing railroad rights-of-way as part of a proposed trail system; create trail loops that encourage locals and tourists to use the trails for recreation; and increase stewardship of the County's natural resources by providing recreational access to them. She presented the draft brochure and maps showing the proposed trails system.

The Board thanked Ms. Patty for her presentation and work and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the PARA Trails Study as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the ratification of the Emergency Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on September 17, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Clifton, Arizona, to Declare a State of Emergency for the County of Greenlee due to heavy rainfall occurring and dangerous flooding conditions. The declaration was passed unanimously, upon motion by Supervisor Campbell and seconded by Supervisor Corbell.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the ratification of the Emergency Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on September 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Clifton, Arizona, for consideration of approval of the Cooperation Agreement with the United State of

America Department of the Army for Emergency Assistance (Flood or Costal Storm). The Agreement was approved upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously.

Ms. Gale requested to address item B first under #7 of the agenda. She updated the Board on the status of comments regarding the response to the proposed 10(j) Rule change and draft environmental impact statement for the management of the non-essential, experimental Mexican wolf population. She stated that the coalition of several agencies which included Greenlee County that drafted comments to the proposed 10(j) Rule change has decided to change their comments. Greenlee County Board of Supervisors voted last week not to support the comments due to the fact that the coalition supported a no action alternative. The group has decided that it is important to have Greenlee County's support and is redrafting their comments to remove the no action phrase. The Board directed Ms. Gale to add the support of Greenlee County to those comments.

Ms. Gale explained that activation of the Emergency Operations Center last week due to the potential flooding and the evacuation of the Courthouse today due to an electrical fire worked smoothly and went as it should have. There will be a debriefing of personnel and other agencies involved in the Emergency events to review what went right and what could be done better. Supervisor Campbell extended his appreciation and thank you to Steve Rutherford, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, and all other staff for their management and hard work. Supervisor Corbell said that they did a good job and that he has received compliments on the County being ready before hand.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- A letter has been sent out by the County Supervisors Association (CSA) from the National Association of Counties regarding the reauthorization of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for counties to sign off on in support.
- At the telephonic meeting of CSA, President Biggs addressed the group regarding what the state is facing during the next legislative session and that the state is facing a deficit due to the lawsuit that the state pay back education funding.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 09/02/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1094; 1007; 1008; 1009; 1011

- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$272,308.51 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$1,676.42; Fund 139 - \$456.24; Fund 145 - \$194.25; Fund 146 - \$1,145.76; Fund 159 - \$62.43; Fund 167 - \$5,137.39; Fund 169 - \$87.94; Fund 186 - \$1,532.77; Fund 195 - \$1,770.54; Fund 219 - \$9,335.50; Fund 222 - \$150,268.86; Fund 243 - \$24,580.29; Fund 601 - \$8,380.19; Fund 800 - \$67,679.93
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Contract for Selective Traffic Enforcement (STEP) and Equipment in the amount of \$25,000.00 requiring no matching funds for federal fiscal year 2015
- E. Public Works Manager: Approval to purchase one (1) John Deere Gator XUV for the fairgrounds as part of the 10E-DEER-9823\_AZ Mohave Contract in the amount of \$12,776.63 with budgeted Fairgrounds funds
- F. Public Works Manager: Approval to purchase one (1) Sunray 490 solar powered electronic sign from National Signal Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 with budgeted Road funds
- G. County Administrator: Approval of funding to support the Gila Watershed Partnership in the amount of \$8,300.00 to be paid with General funds
- H. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – J. Fernandez, Full Time Detention Officer
- I. County Librarian: Appointment of Kara Wagley as a member of the Greenlee County Library System Board

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Arizona College (EAC) Advisory Committee meeting where no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum. Those present toured the Eastern Arizona College facility. Discussion took place that enrollment is slightly down and EAC has partnered with Arizona State University for some classes.
- B. He attended a telephonic meeting with the Eastern Counties Organization where the topic of discussion was on the proposed 10(j) Rule change and comments.
- C. He did not attend the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting due to the Emergency situations in Greenlee County.
- D. He attended a telephonic meeting of the County Supervisors Association where President Biggs talked of the gloom and doom of the upcoming state budget and the Arizona Department of Emergency Management reviewed the Emergency processes and will make a presentation at the next meeting.

The Board convened into Work Session.

Discussion took place regarding the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Economic Development Contract. The Board reviewed the options of

renewing, changing or terminating the contract. The discussion included filling an Economic Development Coordinator position for Greenlee County.

The Board reviewed each of the proposed legislative proposals to be voted on at the upcoming CSA Legislative Summit on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the termination of the SEAGO Economic Development Contract.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the tour of the new Public Works Shop Facility to the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board