

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

November 5, 2013

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, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public reminding everyone to thank our veterans on Monday – Veteran’s Day. She stated that Greenlee County has provided funding to SouthEastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP) to pay for a percentage for new transportation vans and drivers for our senior citizens. The transportation would have been shut down due to the federal government shut down without the funding from Greenlee County. The vans are located in Duncan and Clifton and provide transportation for elderly who need a ride for doctor visits and other places. The County has provided this service for many years.

Daniel Cervantez, citizen, also responded to the Call to the Public stating that he had seen an article stating that Greenlee County has been denied federal funding for the flooding in September. The County has already received notification.

The Board 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 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 convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District Consent Agenda 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.

Carol Telles, Ranger, Clifton Forest Ranger District, updated the Board on the following:

- The Forest Service is evaluating damage at campgrounds due to flooding that took place in September.
- The Fish Barrier withstood the flooding in September
- Work by the Ranger District was stalled due to a 3 week furlough because of the government shutdown. They are working at getting back on track with projects.
- 18" of rain has been measured in the Stray Horse area since July, 2013.
- Christmas tree permits go on sale at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Safford today and will be available at the Ranger Station beginning the 18th.

John Lieberenz, representative of Desert Poppy Cycling presented information to the Board regarding the Desert Poppy Cycling Classic event to be held in conjunction with the Greenlee County Spring Rampage in April. The event will be comprised of 3 timed distance options: 72.3 miles, 52.5 miles, 27 miles and a 5K run/cycle fun event. He stated that the rides and run will be fully supported with water/feed stations, restroom facilities and safety vehicles. The Desert Poppy Cycling will provide the necessary insurance. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the use of Greenlee County roadways for the cycling event.

Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, provided information to the Board regarding the upcoming Recall Election on March 11, 2014. Mr. Powers has issued a Call for Election for the recall of two Clifton School District Board Members, Reynaldo Tavison and Adam Chacon. Greenlee County Elections Department will conduct the election and all costs will be charged to the Clifton School District. The Board thanked Mr. Powers for the information.

Pamela Pollock, Superior Court Clerk, requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant Deputy Court Clerk position in her office. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

In the absence of Grace Nabor, Justice of the Peace, District 1, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant Justice Court Clerk position in her office. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

In the absence of Sheriff Larry Avila, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant part time Control Room Operator position in the Sheriff's Office. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant part time Jail Cook position in the Sheriff'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, requested approval to solicit bids to purchase four (4) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office and two (2) trucks for the Public Works Department. These items are in the budget. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Yvonne Pearson, Elections Director, presented information regarding voting precincts and polling places. Statutes require that the Board establish voting precincts and polling places by December 1st before each election year. Ms. Pearson recommended a change in the voting precinct boundary of Precinct 2 – Blue and Precinct 5 – Morenci. She explained that the change is necessary because of the apartment buildings and townhouses being built in Morenci. She stated that the area is in Precinct 2 – Blue and the polling place for this precinct is in Blue at the Blue School. It is not acceptable to expect voters who will live in the new housing to drive 3 hours to Blue to vote. The proposed boundary change does not affect any current voters. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the change in voting precinct boundaries for Precinct 2 – Blue and Precinct 5 – Morenci by adding all the area located in Precinct 2 – Blue that is south of Juan Miller Road and east of Highway 191 and west of the Blue River into Precinct 5 – Morenci. There are no changes in polling places and all other voting precinct boundaries will remain the same.

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.3 & 38-431.03.A.4 for discussion and consultation for legal advice and contract negotiation with the County Attorney regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Duncan for law enforcement services.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Ms. Gale requested approval of letters to the state legislators and the Governor in support of the legislative priorities adopted by the County Supervisors Association. 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 adopted Resolution 13-11-01 requesting that the state legislature restore Local Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and work with transportation stakeholders to identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing

HURF distribution system and to pursue policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

RESOLUTION 13-11-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENLEE COUNTY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE RESTORE LOCAL HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDS AND WORK WITH TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY AND ENACT REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE EXISTING HURF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TO PURSUE POLICIES THAT IMPROVE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the road building and maintenance responsibilities of Arizona's counties are critical to public safety, economic development and quality of life in Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Highway User Revenue Fund, known as HURF, is the primary resource dedicated to state, county and municipal highway and road construction, and

WHEREAS, HURF relies heavily on a 18 cent per gallon fuel tax that has not been raised since 1990 and is not indexed for inflation, leading to a substantial degradation in HURF purchasing power as the price of asphalt, rock products and heavy equipment has increased dramatically, and

WHEREAS, since FY 09, the situation has been made worse by state legislative action diverting over \$634 million of HURF revenue to fund state agencies, costing the counties over \$115 million, and

WHEREAS, The FY 14 state budget shifts \$120 million from road activities to fund obligations of the state's general fund, impacting county transportation programs by nearly \$21 million, and

WHEREAS, the reduced allocations from HURF to counties has resulted in counties suspending new construction, substantially decreasing road maintenance activities, and increasing designation of "primitive" roads, and

WHEREAS, these reduced allocations from HURF have caused similar infrastructure deficits in state and municipal transportation departments, making it evident that the road system in Arizona has been substantially compromised and is inadequate for future needs:

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County to respectfully request that the Arizona State Legislature:

- Discontinue the use of HURF resources for purposes other than road activities and restore those funds to state and local government transportation departments.
- Work with stakeholders to identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system.
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman

/s/ Ron Campbell, Member

/s/ Robert Corbell, Member

Ms. Gale reporting the following:

- She attended the Community Partnership meeting where the status of upgrades and building in Morenci was reviewed.
- She offered congratulations to BACA for the successful 1st Annual Colors of Copper Art and Wine Festival.
- The Visitors Center will open this week and is located in the Train Depot. The Visitors Center has been recognized by the Arizona Department of Tourism
- She attended a meeting with Gila Health Resources regarding the Ambulance Service where a briefing and update on the program and financial status was reviewed
- The Tobacco Program Coordinator is retiring and the position will be advertised for interested applicants.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed. The December 3rd Board meeting was changed to begin at 8:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

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 meetings: 09/15/13; 10/08/13; 10/21/13
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1026; 1027

- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$42,720.18 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$952.00; Fund 152 - \$639.44; Fund 159 - \$129.86; Fund 239 - \$40,998.88
- D. County Administrator: Approval to pay \$3,419.20 in excess of the budgeted amount to SouthEastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP) for Senior Transportation with General Services funds
- E. County Librarian: Appointment of Noelle Neff as a member of the Greenlee County Library System Board effective November 5, 2013
- F. Elections Director: Appointment of Republican Precinct Committee Person – Randall Claridge, Precinct 8 – Duncan, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 16-821(B) to fill a vacancy
- G. Justice of the Peace, District 1: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – S. Davis, Chief Justice Court Clerk
- H. County Sheriff: Approval of Payroll Change Notice – P. Chanez, part time Jail Cook; N. Hammond, part time Detention Officer; J. Vidales, part time Control Room Operator

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting of the Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition where Shannon Malone of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission presented information regarding the drug use trends of kids consisting of mostly prescription drugs. He stated that Greenlee County is the 3rd highest in the state for prescription drug abuse and that Clifton and Morenci schools are rated higher than the state average.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Annual Arizona Association of Counties meeting in Greenlee County where Director Jen Sweeny reviewed past and upcoming legislation. Ms. Sweeny was appointed as the Director in September and is doing a great job.

Chairman Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the first monthly teleconference with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick. He stated that each Chairman of the Board of each county within her district is invited to this monthly teleconference to discuss issues and concerns. He discussed the countywide flooding in Greenlee County.

The Board convened into Work Session to review and discuss Public Works projects and issues. Ms. Gale 5 issues that are top priorities which include:

- The Duncan Annex which has serious structural and safety issues. The cost to build a new building is \$1.8 million.

- The Jail has serious structural issues and needs to be upgraded. Three proposals have been presented: \$1.1 million will keep the building operational for 5 years; \$3.9 million will renovate the existing building; \$5.1 million to building a new building.
- The Public Works Shop in Clifton has serious structural and electrical issues and is a safety concern. Public Works Department has proposals to build a new shop at the Airport location using both contractor and in-house personnel.
- A Public Works Shop at Blue needs to be built and fuel tanks need to be addressed.
- The lowest bid for repairs to the Blue River Road is \$866,000.00.

The Board reviewed the different options including financing, leasing, and jail district. The Board requested that department heads draft a plan including funding to do all the projects to bring back to the Board for further review.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board