

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

December 1, 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 10:00 a.m. and Supervisor Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Supervisors 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 reconvened into regular session.

Mike Bailey, Recreation Land Staff, Forest Service, updated the Board on the following Clifton Ranger District items:

- Wood cutting permits are now available for purchase
- Christmas Tree permits are available
- Activities and projects are currently slow due to budget constraints and funding authorization by the federal government

The Board thanked Mr. Bailey for the report.

In the absence of John Armstrong, Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant Deputy Probation Officer position in the Probation Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, presented bids for the purchase of four (4) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Only one (1) bid was received. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid for the purchase of four (4) patrol vehicles to Kempton Chevrolet in the amount of \$56,053 each to be paid with budgeted general funds.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board on the following:

- There were approximately 100 persons in attendance at the ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration of Morenci ACE Hardware Store.
- The distribution of the new Hike, Bike & Ride in Greenlee County maps have created a stir with surrounding counties interested in expanding to include more routes.
- The Salsa Trail circuit is considering expanding to include more restaurants from Greenlee County and possibly into Lordsburg and Deming, New Mexico.
- Mr. Kovach is working with the Bowie, Arizona, Chamber of Commerce regarding developing and advertising an existing back road trail route between Duncan, Bowie and Safford.
- The first edition of the Greenlee Clarion will be out this week. Watch for it on Facebook.

Ms. Gale advised the Board that Greenlee County will only be assisting with digging the trench portion of the Duncan Water Line project. The Town of Duncan will be responsible for all other aspects of the project. When the Town of Duncan is ready for that portion of the project Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, will provide the time frame to dig the trench, based upon availability, to the Town.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, provided information to the Board regarding the New Mexico Gila River Diversion Project. He stated that in the 2004 Indian Water Rights Settlement, New Mexico received an allocation allowing 14,000 acre feet per year on a 10 year average of Gila River water which can only be diverted during certain flow times based on downstream demand. He also stated that this is an extremely expensive project and that environmental groups are against damming the river. Supervisor Campbell asked that the Board keep informed of the impact that this project could have on Greenlee County.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- A. She did not receive the information needed to update the Board at this time on the property in Franklin owned by Greenlee County.
- B. Governor Elect Ducey has formed transition committees as follows: state trust land; tax reform; health; local government and transportation, Maricopa County Supervisor Chucuri, co-chair; rural & tribal affairs; federalism & state rights, Navajo County Supervisor David Tinney, co-chair; water, environment and energy; crime justice & child safety; regulation reform & government efficiency; military affairs.

John Liberenz, Javelina Chase Cycling Event Coordinator, has requested a letter of support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event on March 28, 2015. The Board directed Ms. Gale to send a letter of support.

The Board received a letter of thanks from students of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Fairbanks Middle School for their contribution to the Red Ribbon Week Art Contest. Donovan Augenbaugh won the top prize with his sketch.

C. 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 meetings: 11/06/14; 11/18/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1027; 1028
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$31,474.35 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 - \$71.63; Fund 167 - \$3,209.38; Fund 237 - \$769.49; Fund 239 - \$412.91; Fund 243 - \$1,951.24; Fund 800 - \$23,659.70
- D. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: Z. O’Coyne, Deputy Probation Officer
- E. Public Works Manager: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: G. Crawford, Operations Tech II

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting where the revision of the bylaws of the group was the main topic of discussion. Information on the final draft of the environmental impact statement on the wolf was received.
- B. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting where each of the member counties discussed issues concerning their county. Information was received that 47% of the 66% of the copper to be utilized in 2015 will come from the Morenci copper mine.
- C. He attended the County Supervisor Association meeting where the Arizona Department of Emergency Management briefed the group on the functions of the department. State Firefighters Association members gave a presentation to the group regarding the state retirement system.
- D. He attended the SouthEastern Governments Organization (SEAGO) Executive Board meeting where the group gave direction to the SEAGO Executive Director to replace the vacant Economic Development position.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson  
Clerk of the Board