

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

December 16, 2014

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 was Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, and Caitlin Young, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keith Redford, Realtor, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that he has accepted another job opportunity in Utah and will be moving in the spring after he ties up ends with his current business in Greenlee County. He is selling his property including the laundry business. The Board wished him well in his new endeavor and expressed their appreciation for what he has done for Greenlee County.

Daniel Cervantes, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and requested assistance from Greenlee County to try to get delivery of the Arizona Republic and Arizona Daily Star returned to Greenlee County. He stated that the delivery had been stopped several years ago due to high gas prices but in light of the decrease in price maybe delivery could be brought back.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to remember why Christmas is celebrated and to also keep our troops and their families in their prayers.

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

Steve Rutherford, Health & County Services Director, requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant full time Certified Nursing Assistant position in the Health Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Rutherford, requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant part time Housekeeper position in the Health Department. 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 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 #2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program – Abstinence Plus

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Kristen Davison, The Pharmacist Connection, updated the Board on the Sweet Savings Diabetes Program that is offered to County employees as a part of the Wellness Program. She reviewed statistics including how many County employees are eligible for the program and how many are using the program. The Board thanked Ms. Davison for the information.

Diane Berube, County Treasurer, requested approval of abatement of taxes for delinquent personal property. She stated that she would like to clear out old delinquent unpaid taxes that go back as far as 1982, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §42-18351. There are a total of 132 properties with delinquent taxes prior to 2011 and most are mobile home assessments for which the mobile homes are no longer in Greenlee County. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented. A list of properties is listed at the end of the minutes.

In the absence of Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, Ms. Gale requested approval to fill a budgeted vacant Tech II position in the Public Works Department. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, reviewed the following items:

- There is a new lead for a restaurateur who is also interested in other commercial and retail expansion in Greenlee County
- Several new maps have been developed including a birding map for the Duncan area
- Membership in the Tourism Council and Chamber of Commerce has increased
- The Clifton and Duncan light festivals were both successful in spite of the weather
- A ribbon cutting ceremony took place for the new Rock-a-Buy rock shop in Duncan owned by Doug Barlow
- He encouraged everyone to “like” Growing Greenlee, Tourism Council, and Greenlee Clarion web pages on Facebook.

Ms. Gale opened discussion regarding the Duncan Waterline Project stating that she sent out an email outlining the results of a meeting with the Town of Duncan Manager, John Basteen. Mr. Basteen asked if the project was going to be done using a contractor. Discussion took place regarding the different options including going out for bid for a contractor. Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, explained the options and Ms. Gale explained that since the Town of Duncan is the recipient of the funding that the Town of Duncan would be the responsible entity for putting together the request for proposals (bids). Mr. Basteen stated that the Town of Duncan is still waiting on permits from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The Board directed Ms. Gale to wait until she hears back from Mr. Basteen regarding the decision of the Duncan Town Council regarding which option regarding construction of the waterline the Town chooses.

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.03 for legal advice from the County Attorney regarding a proposed Hill Climb event utilizing county roads and regarding the development of legal strategy in response to the proposed 10j Rule change and draft environmental impact statement for the management of the non-essential, experimental Mexican Wolf population

The Board adjourned out of Executive Session and reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the proposed policy regarding high risk events utilizing County Roads as detailed by Arizona Counties Insurance Pool (ACIP) as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the request for contribution to the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties Litigation fund.

Supervisor Campbell stated that he is a proponent of having the most qualified take the leadership position of Chairman of the Board and nominated Supervisor Gomez to remain as Chairman. Supervisor Corbell stated that he believes that the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman should be rotated every 16 months and proposed that Supervisor Campbell be Chairman with himself as Vice Chairman. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board elected Supervisor Gomez as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Chairman Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board elected Supervisor Corbell as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved Board of Supervisors meeting dates on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. for 2015 pursuant to A.R.S. 11-214.

Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Supervisor Gomez as the 2015 County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee representative for Greenlee County.

Ms. Gale updated the Board on Burma Road issues stating that she and Ron Pearson, Public Works Manager, met with BLM and have started the Right of Way application process. She stated that BLM is interested in issuing Greenlee County a Right of Way on Burma Road and that they indicated that as long as the current footprint of the road remains the same, Greenlee County may be allowed a categorical exclusion which will shorten the timeframe. The process of contacting private property owners for rights of ways will begin soon.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The County Attorney has interviewed two attorneys who have accepted positions in the County Attorney's Office. The Chief Deputy salary is \$92,000 and \$62,000 for the Deputy.
- The Small Counties Forum was hosted by Apache County and discussion took place regarding the need by several counties to replace outdated election equipment. County Managers and Election Directors will be meeting in January to discuss possible joint purchasing or leasing plans.
- At the County Supervisors Association meeting the President of the Super Bowl organization gave a presentation on the Super Bowl economic indicators for Arizona. PILT and Secure Rural Schools funding and Waters of the US updates and discussion also took place.
- Additional concerns regarding the Senior Center in Clifton regarding mildew have arisen delaying the reopening.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

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 meeting – 12/01/14
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1031; 1032
- C. Public Works Manager: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: C. Lee, full time Tech II
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Forum: D. Vidales, full time Detention Officer

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board