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MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA
Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431, et. seq.
and amendments thereto, the
GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
also sitting as Board of Directors for
GREENLEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT
and
GREENLEE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
hereby gives notice that a
Regular Meeting

will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. The Public will have physical access to the Board Meeting Room be no later than 7:45 a.m.

Audio/Visual Streaming of this meeting may be found at:

<https://greenlee.az.gov/link/live/>

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5th Street, Clifton, Arizona

AGENDA AND MINUTES

In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: David Gomez, Chairman, Ron Campbell, Member and William Wearne, Member Also present were Gary Griffith, County Attorney, Derek Rapier, County Administrator, and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Wearne led those present in the pledge.

b. Call to the Public

Jean Schwennesen part time employee at the Engineer's department reported securing a grant for the airport Donna/airport Cienega project and that opens the door for some road on the groundwork. She highlighted tree mortality 50-70% in upper Eagle Creek and the Blue.

Chrissie Coffey, newly CEO with mutual link addressed the board to provide an update on the School Safety Interoperability Project. The project aims to unify disparate public safety systems in Greenlee County, particularly radio systems. The goal is to ensure reliable communication and mutual aid during major emergencies. She expressed appreciation for Sheriff Ellison's leadership.

- 2. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of the following items:**
 - a. Consent Agenda**
 - i. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00.**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

- 3. FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District and will reconvene as the Board of Supervisors following consideration of the following items:**
 - a. Consent Agenda**
 - i. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00.**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Flood Control District Consent Agenda as presented

- 4. Katherine Edwards Decker, CPA, Financial Audit Director, Michelle Walters, CPA, Financial Audit Manager and Erika Vargas, Financial Audit Senior, Arizona Auditor General**
 - a. Presentation for Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial Report**

Catherine Edwards, Director of the Financial Audit Division, presented the results of Greenlee County's FY2024 audits, joined by audit manager Michelle Walters and audit senior Erica Vargas. She thanked the Board for allowing a remote presentation. She explained that the Arizona Auditor General's Office is a nonpartisan legislative agency that provides impartial audits following professional governmental auditing standards. She summarized the auditors' responsibilities and then outlined management's responsibilities. Discussed findings and recommendations were provided for correction.

- 5. Tony Hines, Public Works Director and Derek Rapier, County Administrator**

a. Discussion/Action seeking Board approval to engage in a procurement process to acquire irrigation system and grass for the secondary fields at the county fairgrounds park.

Mr. Hines reported that field 1 is nearly finished, and work is ready to begin on Fields 2 and 3, including installing irrigation and planting grass and is looking for the best way to move forward with these next phases. Mr. Rapier explained that the project will likely cost more than \$100,000, requiring a formal bid process. Some local vendors are working to get on procurement contracts, which could simplify purchasing. He requested authorization to start the procurement process, with flexibility to either issue a competitive bid or use approved procurement-contract vendors—whichever proves most effective. Aiming for completion by April.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to engage in a procurement process.

6. Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

a. County and State budget and legislative issues

Mr. Rapier reported that half-cent sales tax revenues are almost exactly on target—about \$14,500 above projections, which is minimal for a fund this size. Some recent months came in below expectations, but strong early-year months balanced the trend. This revenue source fluctuates widely because it reflects actual local retail purchases. The state-shared sales tax is performing much better than expected, with one month reaching \$770,000. Overall, the county is \$1.5 million above projected revenue for this category, meaning the county will not need to reduce spending. Mr. Rapier then reported on legislative issues. The legislature and governor are negotiating conformity, with the governor advocating for middle class benefits. Election security is a significant issue, with federal pressure to implement identification requirements for voting.

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed, with the possible cancellation of the next board meeting March 3, 2026

7. Consent Agenda

a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 9021

b. Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$24,387.22 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 – \$92.35, Fund 167 - \$312.14, Fund 223 - \$16,088.34, Fund 310 - \$7,134.39 Fund 313 - \$760.00

- c. Justice of the Peace 1: Consideration of approval regarding employee transaction form: E. Cabrera, Administrative Assistant**
- d. Elections: Consideration of acknowledgment for a Precinct Committeemen Stephen Klee for the Democratic Party to fill a vacancy in Precinct 005 – York/Sheldon**

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

- 8. Supervisor Reports, pursuant to ARS 38-431.02(K), individual supervisors or the county’s chief administrator may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented.**

Supervisor Wearne reported on his meeting with Juan Ciscomani, excellent news \$1.9 million has been approved for the Main Street project in Duncan, Arizona. He expressed appreciation for Greenlee County’s support and others involved and recognized the strong collaboration between the County and the Town of Duncan in moving the project forward.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

All agenda items are for discussion and/or action as deemed necessary. The Board reserves the right to consider any matter out of order. The Board may retire into Executive Session for any of the purposes that are allowed by law, including but not limited to legal advice and/or personnel matters; as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.et.seq. Persons with a disability may request accommodation for special assistance by contacting Bianca Castañeda at 928-865-2072 (TDD 928-865-2632). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time for arrangement of the accommodation.