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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, May 12, 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

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In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Chairman, David Gomez Member Ron Campbell, Member and William Wearne, Member. Also present Derek Rapier, County Manager 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 Campbell led those present in the pledge.

   b. Call to the Public

   Jean Schwennesen, part time employee in the Engineer's Office, responded and thanked the IT department for their help and patience especially with technology issues. She mentioned working with GIS to create maps for the community wildfire protection plan and highlights the discovery of dead-end roads.

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. **Justine Holguin, Fair Director**
   a. **Discussion/Possible Action regarding the approval to surrender Greenlee County Fairgrounds held liquor license**

   Mrs. Holguin discussed the success of the 2025 County Fair and the Lion's Club management of the bar operations. There were no alcohol-related incidents, strong ID compliance, and reduced workload for county staff. Both employees and the Lions Club reported positive experiences, with the club expressing interest in continuing. Based on these results Mrs. Holguin is requesting approval to discontinue the county's liquor license, nothing the county can still obtain special event licenses if needed and renters can serve alcohol with proper insurance.

   Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to surrender Greenlee County Fairgrounds held liquor license.

   b. **Discussion/Action to consider and approve names for newly constructed roads at the fairgrounds**

   Mrs. Holguin proposed new names for newly constructed roads at the fairgrounds, Rodeo Way and Legacy Lane for the entrance and exit roads as part of the expansion project. She explained the names reflect local history and community values: Rodeo Way reflects the county's history in cattle ranching and the fairgrounds' evolution from horse racing in earlier years to rodeo events today as a major community draw. Legacy Lane honors the origins of the fairgrounds property and recognizes the generations of employees, leaders, volunteers, and families whose contributions have built and shaped it over time. She confirmed both names are available through the engineer's office and is requesting feedback and approval to move forward with adopting them.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the names Rodeo Way and Legacy Lane for the newly constructed roads at the Greenlee County fairgrounds.

c. **Information Only – 2026 Greenlee County Fair. Update on the Carnival, Rodeo, Entertainment lineup, live band, band and staffing plans**

Mrs. Holguin provided an update on the 2026 County Fair, including the dates September 17-20, 2026, and the theme, Let the Good Times Grow. She mentioned funding and permits and the changes in the parade schedule, moving it to Thursday to increase business participation and the entertainment lineup, including Sun Valley and the Neon Foam Party. She highlighted the involvement of Lions Club and the introduction of life-size dinosaurs for educational shows. Exhibitors and vendors will follow last year's process; outreach to schools continues. Law enforcement, search and rescue, and first aid services coordinated. Temporary staff hiring to be posted soon. Overall, planning is on track with a few adjustments aimed at improving attendance and efficiency.

The board expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Holguin's detailed planning and preparation for the fair.

5. **Reed Larson, County Engineer**

a. **Discussion/Possible Action to award the bid for asphaltic concrete paving of two turnouts in ADOT right-of-way; one off St. Route 75 to the Fairgrounds, and one-off St. Route 78 to the Public Works Facilities**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board table the item for a future meeting.

b. **Discussion/Possible Action to accept an ADOT Airport Pavement Management System grant for repaving the airport taxiway that will cover 100% of design and construction admin costs and 95% of construction costs**

Mr. Larson discussed the unclassified status of the airport and the potential funding from the EDA for the taxiway repaving project. ADOT recently offered a grant through its Airport Pavement Management System for taxiway improvements with a 5% match required by the county and the total cost of the project. The project includes a mix of mill and fill repairs and seal coating.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to accept the ADOT Airport Pavement Management System grant for repaving the airport taxiway that will cover 100 of the design and construction administration costs and 95% of the construction costs, with a 5% match to not exceed $82,000.

c. Discussion/Action to seek permission to procure the purchase and installation of chain link fencing at the new public works facility by obtaining quotes or soliciting bids.

Mr. Larson is requesting approval to solicit proposals for installing chain-link fencing at the Public Works yard. The project is focused on improving safety, organization, and functionality at the facility.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to procure the purchase and installation of chain link fencing at the new public works facility by obtaining quotes or soliciting bids.

d. Discussion/Action regarding approval to go out for bid for interior build out of the new public works facility, to include: A.) concrete floor surfacing, B.) interior framing, C.) HVAC work, D.) spray foam insulation, E.) trim carpentry (includes interior doors), F.) sheetrock, G.) electrical, H.) painting, I.) plumbing top out, J.) painting, K.) cabinetry and countertop, L.) etc.

Mr. Larson explained the decision to consolidate the construction work under a general contractor for the Public Works Building. He would like to use a performance-based specification, which defines the desired outcome rather than detail step-by-step instructions. The approach places responsibility on the contractor to determine how to achieve the results. Reduces the need for in-house technical detailing and streamlines coordination and improves efficiency. The change aims to simplify the process and deliver a better outcome for the project.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to go out for bid for the interior build out of the new public works facility as presented.

6. **Derek Rapier, County Administrator, Rene Ontiveros, Chief Financial Officer**
   a. **Discussion/Action regarding distribution of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funds received for Federal RY25 (Received in Greenlee County FY26)**

   Mr. Rapier provided an update on the distribution of the Secure Rural Schools Fund for fiscal year 2026 funds. This updated approach was already applied to the FY25 distribution. The FY26 distribution has now been received and is significantly higher, but the same funding dynamics apply. The proposal is to distribute the FY26 funds using the same formula as before, with only a small portion retained by the county.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to distribute the Secure Rural Schools funds for FY 26 in the amount of $648,275.71. Eagle Creek School District will receive $500,00.00, Blue School District will receive $40,000.00 and Greenlee County Road Fund will receive $100 and the remaining funds of $603,175.71 will be distributed to Morenci Unified School District for the amount of $422,223.00 and Duncan Unified School District for the amount of $180,952.71

7. **Derek Rapier, County Administrator**
   a. **Discussion/Action to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Ducan to chip seal identified town roads and streets**

   Mr. Rapier explained that the county is currently conducting its annual chip sealing project and has already work on several roads, including Franklin Road, Franklin Road, Fairgrounds Road and McCarty Flat Road with plans to continue into fairgrounds interior roads. The Town of Duncan has requested to be included in this work. Under a proposed IGA. Mr. Rapier explained the benefits for the agreement and the town’s willingness to cover any additional costs.

   Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Duncan to chip seal identified town roads and streets.

8. **Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board**
   a. **County and State budget and legislative issues**

   Mr. Rapier presented the county’s financial report, highlighting the strong revenue trends and the impact of inflation. He discussed the challenges of budgeting due to the uncertain economic conditions and the potential impact of energy prices. He mentioned the legislative session and the potential impact on the county's budget and discussed the importance of a conservative budget approach and the need for flexibility.

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed.

9. Consent Agenda

a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of $1,000.00 – Voucher 9028

b. Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of $9,644.53 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 – $870.35, Fund 261 - $1,561.99; Fund 310 - $7,212.19

c. Probation: Consideration of approval Consideration of approval regarding IGA between Navajo County and the Superior Courts of the State of Arizona in and for Navajo County, and Greenlee County and the Superior Courts of the State of AZ in and for Greenlee County for Juvenile Detention Services

d. Public Works Facilities/Fleet Manager: Consideration of approval to enter into a maintenance contract with Empire Power Systems as a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing and/or State Contract Vendor for generator maintenance.

e. Sheriff: Consideration of approval regarding employee transaction form: H. Iglecias, Patrol Sergeant and M. Crandell, Investigator Sergeant

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

10. 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 Campbell attended the Western Interstate Region Conference. Highlighted two major priorities across many counties, focused on wildfire prevention, preparedness, and response which is relevant to rural counties. Water ongoing concerns and competition over water access and rights, which is a widespread issue in western regions.
He added to earlier comments about fires, flooding, and disaster preparedness.
A key takeaway from the meetings he attended is that communication systems often fail during major disasters: Events like floods or fires can damage infrastructure, making it hard for responders to coordinate efforts and creates serious challenges for rescue operations and public safety.

Supervisor Wearne also attended the Western Interstate Region Conference, attended public lands meetings, where counties dicussed water use and future planning, though nothing is finalized yet. Continuing to deal with ongoing uncertainty and planning challenges around water resources. They also highlighted discussions about natural disasters and emergency management.

Chairman Gomez also attended the Western Interstate Region Conference a session he sat in on, the discussion focused on fires and flooding. He explained that flooding remains the county's most significant disaster risk and past experiences show the importance of preparedness and coordinated response.

11. Budget Work Session

The Board tabled the Budget Work Session for a future meeting.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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