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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, January 7, 2025 – 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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Total financial impact to Greenlee County to date resulting from  
Sheriff's lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors = \$314,251.14

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman David Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Campbell led those present in the pledge.

**b. Call to the Public**

Joann Cathcart County Assessor shared exciting news about the Assessor's Office receiving the Summit Award at the AACo Annual Conference. Their project "Community Awareness Tax Relief Effort", is aimed at increasing civic

engagement and broadcasting public information, particularly for veterans and their families.

Jean Schwennesen, County Engineer Department provided updates on the Americorp project concerning rock dams in the Franklin Duncan watershed area. The concept form for the project was accepted, and the application is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. She thanked county employees that helped with the application process.

Gail Hackney, Duncan resident responded, she expresses her concerns regarding the fairgrounds project. She emphasized the need for community input in the design process, highlighting that the fairgrounds belong to the entire county and should reflect the needs of all users.

Jim Sprouls, Duncan resident, also voiced concerns about the fairgrounds arena, advocating for improvements to attract more rodeo events and enhance the facility's capabilities.

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. **PUBLIC HEARING: Request by Clinton Petross to change the zoning district of Parcel Number 300-83-015 from TR-9 (transition, minimum lot area 9,000 square feet) to MR-A (multiple household residential, minimum lot area per dwelling unit 3,000 square feet). This item received an unfavorable recommendation from the Commission**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing.

Clinton Petross explained his plans for rezoning, he will be flexible if plans change based upon requirements of the health department.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

**5. Reed Larson, County Engineer**

- a. Discussion/Action regarding request by Clinton Petross to change the zoning district of Parcel Number 300-83-015 from TR-9 (transition, minimum lot area 9,000 square feet) to MR-A (multiple household residential, minimum lot area per dwelling unit 3,000 square feet). This item received an unfavorable recommendation from the Commission**

Mr. Larson explained the concern his office had. The planning and zoning commissions' concern was the lot size. Mr. Larson explained Mr. Petross's lot is one lot size.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the rezoning request with the stipulation that it meets the guidelines of onsite disposal through the health department.

**6. Austin Adams, HR Director**

- a. Discussion/Possible action regarding proposed 10hour/day, 4 days/week work schedule**

Mr. Adams presented a PowerPoint presentation, he discussed the proposed 10hour/day 4 days/week work schedule. He explained the purpose, policy, scheduling and holidays. A survey was sent out to employees, the majority voted in favor of the work week change. Hours of operation would be Monday through Thursday 7am to 5pm, holiday weeks will close an hour later at 6pm. Superior court and probation offices will remain on a 5-day work week in accordance with Supreme Court requirements. He explained the letting the public know will be done with the County's Social Media outlets, the county website, newspaper ads and signage. The roll out date would take effect February 10, 2025.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 10hour/day, 4days/week work schedule as presented.

**7. Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board**

- a. Discussion/Action – Review and adoption of Tentative Board of Supervisors meeting dates for 2025**

Ms. Castañeda discussed the current tentative meetings dates for 2025. The dates are set in accordance with current policy, the board can set meeting dates and times anytime they wish, with 24-hour public notice.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to adopt the tentative meeting dates as presented.

**8. Derek Rapier, County Administrator**

**a. Discussion/Possible Action: Review Jail Cost and Incarceration Services**

Mr. Rapier provided an overview of the current jail and inmate situations, discussed the aging facility and the need for potential renovations or new construction. The Board discussed the financial implications and the need for a comprehensive analysis of costs associated with incarceration services.

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

**a. County and State budget and legislative issues – Mid-Year Expense Analysis**

Mr. Rapier provided an update of an expense analysis for the ½ year budget mark. Elected officials expenses are at or near the 50% utilization. Revenues are slightly ahead of forecast; expenses overall are slightly below. The legislative session begins next Monday, a lot of speculation about how things will go. Discussed concerns that would affect the county, from a budget perspective, such as new programs without funding.

**10. Calendar and events**

Calendar and events were discussed.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 11/19/2024**
- b. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8012; 8013**
- c. Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$53,894.61 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 – \$512.39, Fund 223 - \$3,866.56, Fund 237 - \$36,900.70; Fund 304 - \$10,558.36; Fund 308 - \$2,056.60**
- d. Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: M, Crandell, Deputy; P. Easley, Deputy; D. Rodriguez, Dispatcher**

Danielle Rodriguez requested to speak regarding her employee transaction from. Ms. Rodriguez stated she's been with the county since 2002. She is voluntarily demoting, emphasizing her disagreement and concerns with her pay decrease.

Mr. Adams, HR Director, explained the wages for dispatchers and discussed how the salary was decided and the policy regarding a probation period.

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

**12. Supervisor Reports, pursuant to ARS 38-431.02(K), individual supervisors 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 thanked his constituents, he stated he feels privileged to be serving the county. He looks forward to attending the Legislative Opening session, and his supervisor training on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. He will continue with transparency and fairness.

**13. Work Session: Review State Land Acquisition Effort and issues relating to acquisition decisions. 1) Materials Pit near Airport; 2) Landfill Expansion; 3) Ward Canyon Road Realignment; 4) Potential Housing Development at the "Y" near Loma Linda; 5) Other Possible Acquisitions.**

Mr. Rapiere introduced state land acquisition to get direction from the board going forward. Several issues were discussed relating to acquisition decisions and the process to acquire state land was explained. Each named item is its own independent project and all were discussed. The board gave direction for staff to proceed with the next process.

**14. Work Session: Fairgrounds Park Project**

The board discussed the ongoing fairgrounds project, focusing on community input and the design of the rodeo arena. Suggestions included enhancing safety measures, improving spectator experience, and ensuring adequate facilities for various events. The Board expressed appreciation for the input from community members and staff, emphasizing the importance of collaboration in decision-making processes and engaging with the community and addressing the various concerns raised during the discussions.

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 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.