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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 4, 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**

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**In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: David Gomez, Chairman, Ron Campbell, Member (via zoom) 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**

Will Collins, a volunteer with the Greenlee Tourism Association, addressed the board, expressing gratitude for past support and requesting that the county website include a link to the tourism council's site, [visitgreencounty.com](http://visitgreencounty.com). He also

requested ongoing financial support for the association to continue its community building activities.

Sheriff Ellison recognized Deputy Monjaras and Lieutenant Aguilar for their heroic actions delivering a baby in a front yard. They were presented with awards for their bravery and service to the community.

Steve Ahman, representing the Greenlee County Tourism Association, provided an update on the San Francisco River revitalization project, announcing a partnership with the Gila Watershed Partnership to develop trails and access points along the river.

Supervisor Campbell apologized for not attending the meeting in person. He explained that he was currently in Washington, D.C. representing Greenlee County at a Substance Abuse Coalition event. His goal is to advocate for the coalition's mission and communicate with Capitol Hill representatives.

**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. Vada Phelps, Executive Director, Southeastern Arizona @ Work**

- a. Information Only: Southeastern Arizona @ Work Annual Update**

Ms. Phelps, Executive Director of Southeastern Arizona at Work, presented the annual report, highlighting funding challenges due to low unemployment rates and discussed the importance of workforce development and the need for community engagement.

Ms. Marina Morales introduced herself as the Business Service Representative and Resource Aid for the Arizona@Work office in Clifton, she has been actively working with schools to provide life skills training, including mock interviews and resume-building workshops, she expresses her passion for her job and appreciation for her colleagues.

**5. Tony Hines, Public Works Fleet/Facilities Manager**

**a. Discussion/Action regarding approval of the vehicle list for auction**

Mr. Hines presented a list of 10 vehicles that need to be sold at the upcoming auction on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The auction is organized by Bruce Tingle of Tingle Auctions, serving multiple local entities, additional unused items from county laydown yards may also be included.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the list of vehicles for auction.

**6. Eric Ellison, County Sheriff**

**a. Discussion/Action to approve the procurement of new squad car computers for Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles.**

Sheriff Ellison requested approval to purchase 17 new laptops for deputies' patrol cars. The current laptops are in poor condition, batteries fail when unplugged, and keyboards are damaged. The purchase will not require new funds, as it will be covered by existing impound fee funds and other department sources. The IT department supports the request, acknowledging the urgency of replacing outdated equipment.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of computers in the amount of \$50,000.

**7. Derek Rapier, County Administrator**

**a. Discussion/Action to consider authorizing payment of budgeted donations to charitable organizations to assist the elderly and other groups of need.**

Mr. Rapier explained these donations support vulnerable populations and help offset long-term care costs that the county might otherwise be responsible for. The board approves distributing already budgeted funds to organizations supporting seniors, and other groups of need.

Key recipients include:

- Meals on Wheels and Home Care Services (helping seniors remain at home).
- Podiatry & Other Health Services.
- Food Bank Support (assisting in commodity distribution).

This ongoing appropriation has been part of the county budget for years.

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

**b. Discussion/Action to consider a charitable donation to the Mount Graham Safe House to assist with Greenlee County Safe House location site development.**

Mr. Rapier explained that Mount Graham Safe House serves domestic violence victims in Graham and Greenlee counties, previously there was a satellite office in Morenci, but was displaced due to clinic renovations. They've secured a new location in Duncan and need infrastructure support. Requesting funds to build a protective wall for privacy and security. This funding was not pre-budgeted, but the county has funding capacity to support the request. The original funding request was \$10,000, but material costs alone have now been quoted at \$13,279.96. The board recognizes the importance of the Safe House in supporting victims of domestic violence.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the amount not to exceed \$13,279.96, ensuring full coverage of materials for the protective wall.

**8. Austin Adams, Deputy County Administrator**

**a. Information/Discussion/Possible Action regarding mid-budget year requests for position, wage, and/or title changes, the timing and processing of such requests and the analysis of whether the potential budget impact is neutral, positive, or negative.**

Mr. Adams presented an overview of how midyear position changes impact the budget and the timing of such changes. Discussion mainly revolved around whether these adjustments should continue being handled during the budget process or if exceptions should be made for emergencies. The board is in agreement to continue handling mid-year position changes primarily during the budget process, except in cases of emergency where immediate action is required. The goal is to maintain a consistent and structured approach while allowing flexibility when necessary. Mr. Adams will serve as the gatekeeper to determine whether a request qualifies as urgent before bringing it to the board for consideration.

The board gave Mr. Adams direction to lean toward maintaining the current approach handling most changes during the budget cycle but allowing for exceptions in urgent situations.

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

**a. County and State budget and legislative issues**

Mr. Rapier stated the legislative session is heating up, with a significant number of bills under consideration and potential impacts on local governance, elections, zoning, and federal funding. The discussion highlighted the importance of monitoring developments at both state and federal levels, particularly as budget decisions trickle down to local governments.

**b. Calendar and events**

Calendar and events were discussed. The board meetings in April were changed, to April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**10. Consent Agenda**

- a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 1/14/2025; 01/22/2025**
- b. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8015**
- c. Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: A. Miller, Jail Sergeant**

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

**11. 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 has attended all LPC meetings, which were very informative. He will continue to attend and report back.

Supervisor Campbell is attending the Greenlee County at a Substance Abuse Coalition event and stated it's great to hear that there's active participation in legislative meetings and national conferences, especially with youth involvement from Greenlee County. Having students represent the county and speak on Capitol Hill is a fantastic way to engage the next generation in policy and governance.

**12. WORK SESSION: Outline state acquisition timelines and processes, identify and define desired state land for purchase, identify potential areas**

**of concern including such things as water availability and evaluating private interest in housing development, evaluate aspects of county ownership of the purchased state land and disposal of county owned land to private developers or homeowners, and explore utility of housing authority to advance housing initiatives.**

The board discussed the potential acquisition of state land for housing development. Keys points included water availability, the importance of ensuring adequate water supply for any proposed housing developments was emphasized. A hydrogeologist will be consulted to assess water resources in the area. Developer interest, the board acknowledge the need to gauge private developer interest in the project and potential risks involved. Also, housing development was discussed, along with the pros and cons of different approaches to land development.

- 13. Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Reed Larson, County Engineer**  
**a. Discussion/Action - Consideration to formally begin the process of purchasing state land near the "Y" between Loma Linda and Verde Lee near Skyline Road. Exact dimensions and locations to be determined by the Board.**

The board motioned to formally begin the process of purchasing state land near the "Y" area with specific dimensions and locations to be determined later.

#### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 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.