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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, March 11, 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

In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Chairman, David Gomez Member Ron Campbell, Member and William Wearne, Member. Also present were Gary Griffith, County Attorney, 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 Wearne led those present in the pledge.

b. Call to the Public

Steve Ahman and Will Collins with Arizona Tourism Association addressed the board to promote the upcoming Spring San Francisco River Festival set for March 29th, starting at 11 a.m. at the RV park. They highlighted the community support to make the event successful, which will feature entertainment from a local band and activities.

Erin Miller, County Recorder, introduced Susan Albers, a new full-time employee in their office.

Reed Larson, County Engineer, shared insights from an AI class he attended, discussed an experiment where AI chatbots communicate in obscure languages and discussed examples of AI search engine responses.

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. **Matt Bolinger, Emergency Manager**
 - a. **Discussion/Action for consideration of initiating emergency fire restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Greenlee County. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions on February 28, 2025.**

Mr. Bolinger discussed that the Apache Sitgreaves Forest entered stage 1 fire restrictions but that they were also considering backing away from the declaration and noted that discussions were ongoing due to moisture coming later this week, he proposed potentially tabling any further actions until the next meeting when conditions could be reevaluated.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board moved to table the resolution to implement county fire restrictions until a future meeting.

5. Tony Hines, Public Works Fleet/Facilities Manager

a. Discussion/Action regarding approval to addendum b for Empire to add a 150 grader to the service contract

Mr. Hines proposed adding the new Motor grader the county recently purchased to the existing service contract with Empire as this helps us get the best buy back value at the end of the lease.

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

b. Discussion/Action regarding approval of electrical re-routing of main lines within the Fairgrounds

Mr. Hines discussed a proposal for DVEC to reroute electrical lines for current work at the fairgrounds, which will also help with future preparations, he will work with DVEC to establish a timeframe for completion.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the agenda item as presented in the amount of \$35,047.65.

6. Reed Larson, County Engineer

a. Discussion/Action to award the bid for Greenlee County Airport Drainage Improvements, phase I in the amount of \$336,450 plus any approved change orders up to 10% of the bas contract amount to Spencer Construction LLC, subject to Arizona Department of Transportation concurrence

Mr. Larson presented the first phase of the airport drainage project. The County received three responsive bids, his recommendation is to award the bid contract to Spencer Construction for \$336,450.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the bid to Spencer Construction

7. Derek Rapier, County Administrator

a. Discussion/Action to consider whether to apply for Arizona Parks and Recreation, Land and Conservation Fund grant (Pass through grant from Federal National Parks Department) for fairgrounds project.

Mr. Rapier discussed a potential grant from the Arizona State Parks Grant. He raised concerns about the long-term restrictions that would accompany the grant, suggesting that the board should forego the opportunity to maintain

flexibility in land use. Mr. Rapier gave his appreciation to Kristian Talyor in finding several grant opportunities.

The board gave Mr. Rapier direction and decided to forgo the Arizona Parks grant opportunity due to the extensive requirements and potential long-term restrictions.

b. Discussion/Action to consider awarding well drilling contract for additional water supply at the fairgrounds.

Mr. Rapier discussed the need for additional water supply at the fairgrounds to support recreational fields. The recommendation is to award the project to Diaz Pump and Well Drilling operating under Patagonia Trading Company for \$53,900.00 to drill a new well, aiming to improve water availability for irrigation and maintenance.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved awarding the contract to Diaz Pump and Well as presented.

8. Budget Work Session: Discussion/Direction: Consideration of baseline components of the FY25-26 Budget, such as initial primary tax rate, health insurance premium allocation, and other budget data points.

Mr. Rapier discussed upcoming budget, focusing on maintaining the tax rate below the Truth in Taxation rate (TNT). The board decided to build the budget based on the TNT rate. Reviewed the health insurance and proposed 4.5% rate increase for the upcoming year. The board decided to split the health insurance cost equally between employer and employees, as they have done in the past. Discussed charitable donations reserves to support local organizations. Per Diem rates were discussed and reviewed, the board decided to adjust the per diem and mileage rates to align with state rates. Discussed capital improvement projects, including ambulance acquisition and potential election equipment upgrades.

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

a. County and State budget and legislative issues

Mr. Rapier provided updates on the county budget, monthly shared sales tax revenue was up again. Legislative matters, including a bill that could significantly impact election processes by requiring smaller precincts. Expressed concerns about the implications of this bill and the potential need for additional voting equipment. Another bill mentioned moving through would affect public meetings and public records.

Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed

10. Consent Agenda

- a. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 1/22/25; 2/4/25; 2/19/25**
- b. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8018; 8019; 8020**
- c. **Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$30,122.55 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 – \$14.60, Fund 139 - \$753.24; Fund 159 - \$42.62; Fund 160 - \$614.31; Fund**
- d. **237 - \$28,668.80; Fund 308 - \$28.98**
- e. **Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: R. Rodriguez, Detention Officer I; T. Hallgrimson, Jail Cook; K. Tea, Dispatcher, A. Ballesteros, Jai; Officer I**
- f. **County Librarian: Consideration of approval to apply for an AZ State Library, LSTA grant, for the amount of \$4,000. Project title: Stay Sharp at Greenlee County Libraries. Funds will be used to purchase Stay Sharp kits, create a list of local resources, promote the Brain Injury Association of Arizona website and encourage participation in support groups. The required funds will be reflected as 80 hours of County Librarian administration of grant.**
- g. **County Librarian: Consideration of approval to apply for an AZ State Library, LSTA CAP grant, for the amount of \$4,000. Project title: America250 - Greenlee County. The required funds will be reflected as 80 hours of County Librarian administration of grant.**
- h. **County Recorder: Consideration of approval for Employee Transaction Form: C. Petross, Admin Assistant, PT, S. Albers, Administrative Assistant**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne, 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 Campbell attended the NACo Annual Conference, it was very well attended, and very productive. He sits on the Ag Rural Affairs steering committee they voted on issues in the meeting. He spent time on Capitol Hill and discussed issues pertaining to the county with Representative Mark Kelly and Senator Juan Ciscomani, they were very receptive and took time to sit down and discuss issues.

Supervisor Wearne attended the NACo Annual Conference, he attended meetings for first time visitors. It was very informative to learn and grow in his position. He had

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the opportunity to attend meetings with Austin Adams and gave his appreciation. He also expressed his appreciation to meet with Representative Kelly and Senator Ciscomani.

Chairman Gomez attended the NACo Annual Conference, he is a member of the community workforce and economic Development Committee, some of the items discussed got a little heated, there was six resolutions, and they all passed. Meetings with Representative Kelly and Senator Ciscomani were very informative.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 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.