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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 25, 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: 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 Campbell led those present in the pledge.

b. Call to the Public

Jean Schwennesen, with the Engineer's department, expressed her disappointment about not getting Americorp grant and thanked the IT team for their help.

Steve Ahman, Clifton resident thanked the supervisors and staff for their efforts and mentioned a housing development meeting.

Will Collins, Clifton resident announced the Frisco River Festival including entertainment and activities.

Tina Babaletakis, Clifton Town manager, introduced herself and mentioned the Clifton Pride initiative, she discussed the cleanup project and the enforcement of ordinances like address numbers and road striping. Ms. Babaletakis requested assistance for the police dispatchers to upgrade their technology.

Martha Lujan, Social performance and townsite manager in Morenci announced a cleanup date on April 5th and invited volunteers.

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

4. Derek Rapier, County Administrator

- a. Discussion/Action to consider charitable donation to the Duncan Library to replace HVAC system.**

Mr. Rapier discussed handling off - schedule charitable requests and the Duncan Public Library's HVAC system needs.

Jackie Hale, board president of the Duncan Public Library, explained the library's operations and the need for HVAC system replacement.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the charitable donation to the Duncan Library to replace the HVAC system in the amount of \$10,250.00.

b. Information/Discussion – US Forest Service report on recent events and programs of interest to Greenlee County

Vince Volker, district ranger discussed recent terminations and potential rehiring's within the Forest Service.

Joe Names, district fire manager provides an update on the fire season, including the current drought conditions and fire restrictions. Mr. Names discussed the importance of prescribed fire projects and the potential impact of human-caused fires.

5. Irvin Talley, Chief Probation Officer

a. Discussion/Action regarding proposal to contract with Navajo County for juvenile detention services

Mr. Talley requested approval to enter a contract with Navajo County for juvenile detention services. Mr. Talley explained the current contract with Pinal County and the benefits of the new contract with Navajo county, such as cost being half of the amount.

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

6. Tyler Attaway, Commander and Eric Ellison, County Sheriff

a. Discussion/Action regarding emergency request for organizational change within the jail to create two more Jail Sergeant positions by re-classifying two jail officer positions

Mr. Attaway, jail commander, requested approval to reclassify two jail officer positions to sergeant positions. He explained the current organizational structure and the need for additional supervisors in the jail. He further explained that this organizational change will save the county money while also providing more leadership oversight.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the organizational change within the jail to create two more jail sergeant positions.

7. Austin Adams, HR Director

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

Mr. Adams requested approval for additional docking stations for patrol vehicles, he explained the need for proper docking stations to avoid unplugging computers during vehicle use and interchange between units.

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

8. 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 legislative front, including bill HCR 2002 regarding 1,000 voter precincts, which seems to be losing steam. He also addressed the state Secure Rural Schools Act funding, the county and school's historic reliance on this funding source and its impact on the FY26 Budget process. Mr. Rapier praised Rene Ontiveros' work on the budget, managing a difficult audit process with the Auditor General. Budget management and inflation concerns were discussed, noting that local inflation rates are below the national average but mentions rising prices for eggs, produce and other goods due to tariffs and economic factors. The uncertainty about the economy, including potential recession, makes budget planning challenging. Suggested presenting budget options with 1%, 3% and 5% cost increases to the board. Revenues have slightly outperformed projections, but not significantly. The current budget planning is based on a forecast of \$450,000 from state shared sales revenue, a slight increase from last year's \$425,000. Proposed placing a placeholder for Secure Rural Schools funding, expecting it to be in jeopardy due to federal budget uncertainties. Mr. Rapier asked the county attorney's office, sheriff's office, and health department to review grant funding sources, particularly those from federal sources. He plans to send letters to elected officials and department heads requesting forecasted capital projects and position changes, will also meet with department heads to discuss their needs and proposals for the next budget meeting.

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 3/11/2025;3/18/2025**
- b. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8021; 8022**

- c. Sheriff: Consideration of approval of amendment with Guardian RFID to upgrade operating system for inmate tracking system with Jail Enhancement Funds**
- d. Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: T. Montoya, Deputy**

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

10. 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 attended the small county forum and CSA meeting, highlighting discussion with legislators and updates on rural funds. Great discussions, was well attended and stated he is looking forward to next month's meeting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – A.R.S. 38-431.03(3) and 38-431.03(4) Discussion or consultation for legal advice on Strong Communities Lawsuit and proposed settlement.

Upon motion by Supervisor Cambell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into regular session as the Board of Supervisors.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

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