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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 20, 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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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 8:03 a.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Wearne led those present in the pledge.

b. Call to the Public

Susan Breen, Clifton resident also serves as the Democratic Party Chairperson requested recognition and expressed concerns about unauthorized meetings and the impact on the party, she highlighted the importance of maintaining a Democratic Party presence in Greenlee County.

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. **Jeremy Ford, Superior Court Judge**
    a. **Information only – update on Greenlee County Recovery court progress.**

    Judge Ford reported on the successful Recovery Court program. The recovery court is a unique treatment court that combines courts tools and treatment to help individuals with addiction. The court has seven participants, who are currently clean and sober, and the program has had significant success in helping individuals recover. Judge Ford requests no additional funding but appreciates the current support from the board.

5. **Information Only: Presentation by Arizona Department of Transportation regarding ADOT projects in or affecting Greenlee County**

    Brian Jevas, Assistant Southeast District Engineer with ADOT gave an update on projects around the county. The Clifton paving project, he explained the challenges, initial difficulties with traffic management, they are making adjustments by reducing working hours from 7am – 4pm to avoid shift changes.

The expected completion will be by early July with final adjustments by late August.
The roundabout construction is behind schedule, with the final concrete pavement pour completed. Expected to be fully functional by early June, with additional work continuing through the month. The micro seal project will be located from the county line to the state line on Highway 70 through Ducan and will start in the next few weeks, lasting about a month. He explained that there will be continuous communication with local entities like FMI to manage traffic and minimize disruptions.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING: A request by Montoya Investments LLC to change the zoning district of Parcel Number 500-10-004G, 500-10-004I, 500-10-004J, and 500-10-004K from RU-36 (rural, minimum lot area 36 acres) to MR-A (multiple-household, minimum lot area per dwelling unit 3,000 sq. ft.). The Commission had a favorable recommendation with a vote of 4/2 on all 4 parcels, with the stipulation that the lots are not less than 1/2 an acre**

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

John White, owner of the property next to the acreage, expressed concerns about the property next to his addressing his initial concern about the 30,000 square foot lot size and is relieved that the lot size will be half an acre. He'd like to see a detailed plan for the property development, given its proximity to his own property and emphasized the need for a soil sample due to the unstable ground which can cause vehicles to get stuck. He mentioned his house required 41 yards of concrete to remain stable.

7. **Haiden LaFoy, Planning and Zoning**
   a. **Discussion/Action regarding approval for a request by Montoya Investments LLC to change the zoning district of Parcel Number 500-10-004G, 500-10-004I, 500-10-004J, and 500-10-004K from RU-36 (rural, minimum lot area 36 acres) to MR-A (multiple-household, minimum lot area per dwelling unit 3,000 sq. ft.). The Commission had a favorable recommendation with a vote of 4/2 on all 4 parcels, with the stipulation that the lots are not less than 1/2 an acre**

The board reconvened into regular session.

Ms. LaFoy explained that the area involves four parcels, which appear as one large parcel but are separate. To address density concerns, a stipulation was added that each house or modular home must have a half-acre lot. The adjustment reduces the potential number of houses to eight on the four-acre lot. The zoning change does not allow for RV parks or mobile homes only modular or site-built homes are permitted. Detailed plans, including soil evaluations and water assessments, will be required during the permit process.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the zoning change with the stipulation.

8. **David Manuz, Public Works Roads Manager**
    a. **Discussion/Action regarding permission to award the bid to purchase 3/8” fractured chips for the 2025 Chip Seal Project**

Mr. Manuz requested permission to award the bid for the 2025 chip seal project to Tri County Materials. Discussed the bid details, including delivery cost and tax.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid to Tri County Materials in the amount of $70,000.00.

    b. **Discussion/Action regarding permission to award the Oil Emulsions bid for the 2025 chip seal project.**

Mr. Manuz explained he received two bids, one from Western Emulsions and the other from Hawker and Evans Asphalt. His recommendation is to award the bid to Western Emulsions, the lower bidder.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board awarded the bid to Western Emulsions in the amount of $152,858.84

9. **Reed Larson, County Engineer**
    a. **Discussion/Action regarding approval to go out for bid for construction of the concrete pad for the metal building to serve as a new public works facility**

Jean Schwennesen presented on behalf of the Reed Larson requesting permission to go out for bid for the construction of a concrete pad for the new public works facility.

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

10. **Eric Ellison, County Sheriff**
    a. **Discussion/Action regarding approval to purchase a new (1) 2024 Polaris, Expedition Adv 5 1000 ULT**

Mr. Ellison requested approval to purchase a 2024 Polaris expedition to improve access in the remote areas such as lower eagle and Frisco.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchase in the amount not to exceed $40,000.00.

11. Derek Rapier, County Administrator

a. Discussion/Action to consider policy proposals for consideration by the CSA Board as part of the collective county legislative platform

Mr. Rapier gave an update regarding legislative proposals through CSA. The discussion revolved around the process of developing and proposing legislative changes through the County Supervisors Association. CSA call for proposal deadline is August 4th. Approved proposals are presented at the annual CSA Conference in October for further development into legislative proposals.

12. Budget Work Session: Discussion/Direction regarding components of the FY25-26 Budget.

Mr. Rapier discussed the budget work session, noting that the budget is close to being balanced.

Renee and Austin provided details on the budget adjustments, including the transfer of $700,000 to the financial stability fund and the impact of market adjustments and including a 3% cost of living increase to keep the scale on pace.

The Sheriff discussed the housing stipend for deputies and sergeants, set at $10,000 per deputy, totaling $160,000. The budget adjustments included eliminating a $100,000 lieutenant position and using a $160,000 jail enhancement fund for vehicle purchases. The stipend aims to retain employees within the county, currently with only one deputy living there. The county is fully staffed with 16 deputies and is planning for future growth. The budget is sustainable, with revenues $650,000 ahead of projections.

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

a. County and State budget and legislative issues

Derek Rapier provided an update on the county's revenue projections, noting that they are $650,000 ahead of their budgeted amount. The county’s property tax revenue is steady, and PILT funding is secure for the next two years. Mr. Rapier emphasized the importance of being conservative in revenue projections to ensure financial stability. The county is in good financial positions, with a sustainable budget that can withstand economic uncertainties.

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were outlined for upcoming meetings.

14. Consent Agenda

a. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of $1,000.00 – Voucher 8026

b. Elections Director: Consideration of approval regarding resignation of Patricia Mikelonis as a Democratic Precinct Committeemen for Precinct 3 – Clifton

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

15. 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.

Chairman David Gomez attended ECO, SEAGO and CSA meetings. The new executive Director Chris Ventrice attended the SEAGO meeting, and an audit was completed with zero findings. Very informative meetings.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 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.