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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, June 17, 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 Deputy County Administrator, Austin Adams

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

Jr. Murdock, Greenlee County resident, addressed the board regarding his proposal for predator control services.

Jean Schwennesen, with the county engineering department discussed the housing crisis and mentioned the Strong Towns approach housing and planning.

Tony Hines, Public Works Manager introduced a newly Promoted employee to an Assistant Manager for Facilities and Parks, JT Maher.

Erica Carrasco, Greenlee County precinct committeemen democratic party objected to the consent agenda appointment of Democratic precinct committeemen.

In order to allow those who attended the meeting for the purposes of the appointment of Democratic precinct committeemen to leave and not wait for the end of the meeting, Chairman Gomez suggested that item “e” on the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda and tabled for a future meeting for the Board to receive legal advice on the Board’s responsibilities for such appointments.

Mr. Rapier explained that the purpose of tabling the item would only be for the board to review their own internal responsibilities, the county will not intrude in any party organizations.

Supervisor Campbell asked the County Attorney to review and give guidance.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to remove item “e” from the consent agenda and tabled for a future meeting.

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/Rene Ontiveros, Chief Financial Officer
a. Presentation of the FY2025-2026 Greenlee County Tentative Budget

Mr. Rapier discussed the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, with a proposed general fund budget of \$22,134,729 and a total proposed budget, including all special revenue funds, of \$41,569,789. The proposed budget allows for an across the board 3% pay increase and several market adjusted wages across most departments and offices. It also supports ongoing capital improvements. Although the net assessed value decreased by \$10 million, the primary tax rate will remain unchanged and the combined tax rate rising only 3.8%. The overall amount of money collected from property taxes will decrease by 1.74%. The board emphasizes structural cost savings and the importance of maintaining a strong cash position.

b. Discussion/Action to Adopt FY2025-2026 Greenlee County Tentative Budget

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to approve the FY 2025-2026 Greenlee County Tentative Budget in the General Fund amount of \$22,134,729 and the total budget in the amount \$41,569,789. This motion includes the budgets for the Flood Control District in the amount of \$569,931, the public Health Services District Budget in the amount of \$2,742,588, the Unassigned Fund Balance Policy, and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy, and the Capital Improvement Plan which may be amended by assigning projects to various priority Tiers at the time of the final budget. A Public Hearing to take comments from the public regarding this proposed budget will be held on July 22, 2025 at 8:00 AM. The tentative budget will be made available to the public in accordance with state law.

5. Matt Bolinger, Emergency Manager
a. Discussion/Action regarding Morenci Fire Association's request to host a public fireworks show on July 4, 2025

Mr. Bolinger discussed the annual Morenci Fire Association's request for an exemption to host a public firework show on July 4, 2025

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

6. Tony Hines, Public Works Manager – Facilities/Fleet
a. Discussion/Action regarding request to install sprinklers and grass in the Loma Linda Park ballfield

Mr. Hines discussed the quotes for a sprinkler system and sod for the Loma Linda Parks. Mr. Hines received only one quote; he requested direction from the board.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the agenda item to receive additional proposals and set a special meeting date for next Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

7. David Manuz, Public Works Manager – Roads

a. Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of a portable screener for use in making road building/repair material for county roads and other construction projects.

Mr. Manuz requested approval to purchase a portable screen for the gravel pit. Two quotes were received, his recommendation is to purchase from EZ Screen from Argus Industrial CO. in the amount of \$91,489.12

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved recommendation as presented in the amount not to exceed \$91,489.12.

b. Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of three (3) 40yd roll off dumpsters for Loma Linda Landfill and two (2) front end closed dumpsters for the Blue Transfer Station.

Mr. Manuz discussed the requested approval to purchase three 40-yd roll-off dumpsters for the Loma Linda landfill and two front-end closed dumpsters. His recommendation is to purchase from American Made Dumpster

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchases as presented in the amount not to exceed \$33,000.00

c. Discussion/Action regarding reconstruction of roping chute/arena entrance area and construction of a stripping chute in the primary rodeo arena at the Greenlee County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Manuz discussed the reconstruction of the headers box and building a stripping chute at the fairgrounds.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reconstruction as presented awarded to Diamond J. Welding Inc in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The Board gave further direction to work with the selected vendor to construct other related facilities that are part of the rodeo arena.

8. Reed Larson, County Engineer

a. Discussion/Action to purchase “engineered fill” for construction of the dirt pad for the metal building to serve as the new public works facility

Mr. Larson discussed the purchase of engineered fill for the construction pad for the Public Works building. Tri County provided a quote of \$20.50 per ton for materials, including delivery from Safford and a bid from FNF Construction for millings at a cost of \$14.00 per ton. He would like the board to consider a hybrid award using millings as engineered fill at the bottom of the pad and to top it with a foot of AB from Tri County.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to award approximately 700 tons of AB to Tri County at \$20.50 per ton and approximately 2,000 tons of millings from FNF Construction at \$14.00 per ton.

b. Discussion/Action regarding the construction, plus potential change orders, of an engineered fill pad for the metal building to serve as the new public works facility.

Mr. Larson explained that the placement of the material in compacted lifts. He received three proposals to construct the pad, his recommendation is to go with Swapp Construction.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to award Swapp Construction in the amount not to exceed \$41,821.86.

9. Derek Rapier, County Administrator

a. Discussion/Action to consider entering into the FY26 USDA APHIS WILDLIFE Services contract regarding animal damage control.

Mr. Rapier discussed the long association the county has had with USDA APHIS and the contract for animal damage control and its importance for the ranching community. He discussed the pros and cons of contracting with the USDA and recommended signing the contract for another year.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to enter into the USDA APHIS contract for fiscal year 2026.

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

a. County and State budget and legislative issues

Budget was discussed in Mr. Rapier's FY 25/26 presentation.

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed. A non-scheduled meeting will be held next Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 12pm.

11. Consent Agenda

- a. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 6/3/2025**
- b. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8028; 8029; 8030**
- c. **County Administrator: Consideration of approval for the final Intergovernmental Agreement between Greenlee County and the Town of Duncan respecting a public roadway known as Carlisle Road and Campbell Street**
- d. **County Administrator: Consideration to approve County Administrator Contract**
- e. **Elections Director: Consideration of approval for the appointments for Democratic Precinct Committeemen to fill vacancies: R. Reyes, Precinct #5 York/Sheldon and S. Lundeen Precinct #3 Clifton**
- f. **Public Works Manager – Facilities/Fleet: Consideration of approval of the Chemtex contract for the treatment of the chiller water**
- g. **Public Works Manager: Facilities/Fleet: Consideration of approval of the employee transaction form: J. Maher, Assistant Manager**
- h. **Public Works Manager Roads: Consideration of approval of the employee transaction form: J. Joy, Operations Tech II, PT**

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the consent agenda excluding agenda item "e" since it was tabled earlier in the meeting.

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.

No supervisorial reports

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 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.