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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, July 22, 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 8:01 a.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Wearne led those present in the pledge.

b. Call to the Public

Erica Carrasco, Treasurer for the Democratic Party, presented her concerns regarding the Democratic Party and presented a letter to the board.

Susan Breen, Chair for the Democratic Party, discussed the removal of the state chair, Robert Branscomb, by a two-thirds vote of the state committee membership. Susan mentioned that the appointed acting chair, Kim Khoury provided a letter to Ms. Breen which she presented to the Board regarding the situation with the county Democratic Party Committee.

Eric Ellison, County Sheriff attended the Annual Sheriff's conference and discussed the Sheriff's RX Program, a free program that pays 80% of prescriptions for county employees, he explained the simple process of signing up for the program and mentioned that it is a benefit for all county employees.

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. Gary Griffith, County Attorney and Bianca Castañeda, Elections Director
a. Presentation and Discussion – County Attorney's advice to the Board regarding the Board's duties with respect to appointment of Democratic Party precinct committeemen

The board agreed to take a five-minute recess to review the materials that were distributed by Erica Carrasco and Susan Breen.

Mr. Griffith provided legal advice on the Board's duties with respect to the appointment of Democratic Party precinct committee persons. He explained the statutory process for choosing the party chair and the case law that supports it. Mr. Griffith detailed the issues with the minutes provided by the Democratic

Party, including the lack of a quorum and the proper process for removing their chair. Mr. Griffith's recommendation is for the board to continue to recognize Susan Breen the Chair of the Greenlee County Democratic Party and to approve the appointments of the PC's that were nominated by the Party Chair.

b. Discussion/consideration of approval regarding appointments for the Democratic Precinct Committeemen to fill vacancies: R. Reyes, Precinct #5 York/Sheldon and S. Lundeen, Precinct #3 Clifton

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the appointments of the precinct committeemen as nominated by Democratic Party Chairperson, Susan Breen.

5. Justine Holguin, Fair Director

a. Discussion/Action for potential discontinuation of the Greenlee County held liquor license for the Fairgrounds, proposal includes exploring the option of contracting with a third-party vendor to provide bar services during the County Fair

Ms. Holguin discussed the issues with the fairgrounds liquor license, including the financial loss from bar services. She proposed surrendering the county's liquor license to allow third-party vendors to provide bar services during the county fair, aiming to reduce liability and financial losses, while maintaining control through contracts and insurance requirements. Surrendering the liquor license would allow private parties to bring alcohol onto the premises and to contract third-party vendors for bar services.

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

6. Tony Hines, Public Works-Facilities/Fleet Manager

a. Discussion/Action to award a bid for the sod installation at the Loma Linda Park ball field

Mr. Hines explained the benefits of mid iron sod, including its durability and lower maintenance requirements. He received one proposal in response to his attempts to find contractors to provide sod and his recommendation is to accept the offer from Peterson Landscaping.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid to Peterson Landscaping in the amount of \$85,850.00.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – pursuant of ARS §41-17104 – Adoption of the FY2025-2026 Final Budget

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and

carried unanimously, the Board approved to go into Public Hearing to take comments from the public regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

No public objection or comments were expressed.

Having no one from the public who wished to comment to the Board about the proposed Final Budget, upon motion by Supervisor Wearne and seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the board moved to go out of Public Hearing and go into a Special Board meeting to consider adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget.

8. Derek Rapier, County Administrator

a. Discussion/Action regarding adoption of FY 2025-2026 Greenlee County Final Budget, including tax rates for Greenlee County, and budgets and tax rates for the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and the Greenlee County Flood Control District, the adoption of the Resolution to Adopt the Final Greenlee County Budget, adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan, the Unassigned Fund Balance Policy and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 pursuant to ARS §41-17105

Mr. Rapier provided an overview of the budget, including the statutory requirements and the board's conservative approach to budgeting. He reviewed key revenue and expenditure data and budget priorities that were incorporated into the proposed budget. He also reviewed the tax rates for all 15 Arizona counties which demonstrated that Greenlee County has the lowest combined tax rate in the state.

• FY 2025–2026 Budget Adopted:

- General Fund: \$22,134,729 million
- Total Budget: \$41,569,789 million
- Public Health Services District: \$2,742,588 million
- Flood Control District: \$569,931

• Tax Rates Set:

- Primary Property Tax: \$0.8036 per \$100 assessed value
- Public Health Services District: \$0.2500 per \$100 assessed value
- Flood Control District: \$0.2400 per \$100 of assessed value

• Employee Compensation: 3% for all employees

Supervisor Campbell moved to set the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Primary Property Tax Rate for Greenlee County at \$0.8036 per \$100 of assessed value seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Primary Property Tax Rate.

Supervisor Wearne moved to set the Fiscal Year 2025-2025 Public Health Services District tax rate at \$.2500 per \$100 of assessed value seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Public Health District tax rate

Supervisor Campbell moved to set the Fiscal Year 2025-2025 Flood Control District tax rate at \$.2400 per \$100 of assessed value seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Flood Control District tax rate

Pursuant to A.R.S. 42-17105 Supervisor Wearne moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Greenlee County budget as follows:

To adopt the General Fund budget in the amount of \$22,134,729 and the total Budget in the amount of \$41,569,789. This includes the Flood Control Budget in the amount of \$569,931 and the Public Health Services District Budget in the amount of \$2,742,588. This motion includes the passage of the Resolution for the Adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, the passage of the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 tax levy and rate, the adoption of the Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Plan, the Fund Balance Policy and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Campbell. By a unanimous vote, the Board approved the adoption of the 2025-2026 Final Budget.

The board adjourned to go out of the Special Board Meeting for the Budget and go back into the Regular Board meeting.

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

a. County and State budget and legislative issues

The state has finalized its budget and has moved on. Counties are working through CSA to propose legislative items. The deadline to submit proposals is August 4th. Mr. Rapier discussed end-of-year sales tax receipts as follows:

• County Half-Cent Sales Tax:

- Projected: \$120,000/month
- Actual average: \$117,810/month
- Total projected: \$1.44 million
- Total received: \$1.413 million
- Shortfall: \$26,282
- Noted volatility (e.g., April dropped to \$82,000)

• State Shared Sales Tax:

- Projected: \$425,000/month
- Actual average: \$493,000/month

- Total projected: \$5.1 million
- Total received: \$5.9 million
- **Surplus: \$816,000**
- **Combined Outcome:**
 - Total surplus: \$789,000 above projections
 - Budgeting was conservative, allowing the county to live within its means
 - Surplus may support future budgets or tax rate reductions

b. Calendar and events

Calendar and events were discussed.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 7/1/2025; 7/7/2025**
- b. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 8033; 9001**
- c. **Chief Financial Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$3,096.53 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 – \$350.01, Fund 308 - \$ 2,746.52**
- d. **County Administrator: Consideration of approval regarding Proclamation in support of August as Child Support Awareness Month**
- e. **Fair Director: Consideration of approval for Sun Valley Rides LLC Contract to provide carnival services for the 2025 Greenlee County Fair**
- f. **Public Works: Consideration of approval regarding employee transaction forms: S. Rodriquez, Temporary Inventory Control: M. Lucero, Temporary Inventory Control**
- g. **Sheriff: Consideration of approval regarding employee transactions forms: B. Hernandez, Deputy Cadet; T. Reyes, Deputy Cadet; D. Hernandez, Jail Officer I**
- h. **Superior Court Judge: Consideration of approval regarding transaction form: B. Sanchez, Deputy Clerk**
- i. **Health Manager: Consideration of approval regarding a contract for Dietitian and WIC services with Brianna Morales**
- j. **Health Manager: Consideration of approval regarding the renewal of a contract for Jail Medical Services with Dr. Laurence Schiff**
- k. **Health Manager: Consideration of approval regarding the renewal of a contract for Medical Services with Gila Health Resources**

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

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Supervisor Campbell attended the NACO Conference in Philadelphia, serving on the Ag and Rural Affairs steering committee. He highlighted the valuable information and discussed several policies. Very successful conference.

Supervisor Wearne attended the NACO Conference in Philadelphia, learned a lot from the public lands group. He attended workshops and discussed strategies for the future.

Chairman Gomez attended the NACO Conference in Philadelphia, focusing on community, employment workforce development, he mentioned that 18 resolutions were run through with 16 approved and 2 disapproved. The conference was successful, and the weather in Philadelphia turned out to be better than expected.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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.