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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, January 6, 2026 – 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**

County Attorney Gary Griffith responded to call to the public and introduced a new employee in his office, Luke Arbizo, Investigator who has extensive law enforcement experience.

- 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. Eric Ellison, Greenlee County Sheriff**
  - a. Discussion/Action to consider authorizing an Agreement Regarding Local Boarder Support between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office, pursuant to A.R.S. §11-952.**

Sheriff Ellison discussed the local boarder support grant of \$228,000 and its allocation for vehicles, equipment and overtime. He highlighted the grant's benefits. The board discussed the grant's use for law enforcement tasks, including drug trafficking, human smuggling, and other boarder-related crimes.

Upon motion by Supervisor Wearne seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the authorization for an agreement regarding local border support between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office.

- 5. Reed Larson, County Engineer**
  - a. Discussion/Action to consider awarding the bid for ballfield lighting at the county fairgrounds**

Mr. Larson discussed the bids received for ball field lighting and the need for more time to evaluate them, the numbers were significantly higher than

anticipated. Mr. Larson would like guidance from the board on how to proceed moving forward.

Mr. Rapier explained the scope of the project and the challenges faced in the bidding process. If the county were to accept any one of the bids for the entire park lighting it would slow or delay other planned improvements (playground concession/storage building, utilities infrastructure). Suggested options moving forward were, accept one of the bids and proceed now (fastest but expensive; affects other project phases). Reject all bids and reduce or redefine the project scope; then rebid. Install one field using a vendor through a cooperative purchase (no rebid required). Use temporary lighting for this season (estimated \$12k–\$15k) while planning permanent solutions.

Staff suggested taking more time to analyze the options and bring back a clearer recommendation unless immediate direction is preferred.

The board preferred to hold another work session before making decisions

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the awarding of the bid until more information is gathered and presented to the board at a later meeting.

- b. Discussion/Action to request Board permission to solicit quotes/bids/proposals for various interior buildout elements for the new public works facility, to include**
  - i. Concrete floor surfacing**
  - ii. Interior Framing**
  - iii. HVAC Installation**
  - iv. Spray Foam Insulation**
  - v. Trim Carpentry (includes interior doors)**
  - vi. Sheetrock Installation, Tape and Texture, etc.**
  - vii. Electrical Installation, Wiring, Outlets, Fixtures, etc.**
  - viii. Interior Painting**
  - ix. Plumbing top out for interior/exterior fixtures, etc.**

Mr. Larson presented pictures on the Public Works building, he provided updates on the project including progress on the building shell and the installation of a shade structure. Staff discussed the need for detailed scopes of work for the various building subsets, including such tasks as concrete surfacing, interior framing and HVAC work.

Supervisor Campbell emphasized the importance of providing clear and consistent information to contractors to ensure fair bidding and accountability and would like to see the scope of work before soliciting bids.

Mr. Rapier discussed how flexibility to use outside contractors or internal resources as made project completion quicker and more efficient but acknowledged that better efforts to develop scope of work is the best practice. Staff will continue to develop more defined scopes and specs and will also continue to evaluate the most efficient and cost effective project methods.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Wearne and carried unanimously, the Board approved to solicit quotes/proposals for various interior buildout elements for the new public works facility as listed and as discussed.

**6. Derek Rapier, County Administrator/Reed Larson, Engineer**  
**a. Information Only: Update on Ballfields progress**

Mr. Rapier introduced the topic and asked Mr. Manuz to present. He presented a slide show with detailed photos and described the progress, including grading, watering and playground area preparations.

Mr. Rapier discussed the cost savings achieved thus far and discussed the installation of a 100,000-gallon tank for irrigation.

Mr. Hines discussed the installation of a pump and the progress on the sprinkler system. He also discussed the splash pad and concession stand area preparations.

The board asked that staff prepare and publish project progress and photos for the ballfields, social media and local press outreach to share construction and progress updates with the community. They expressed satisfaction with the progress and the cost savings achieved.

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

**a. County and State budget and legislative issues**

Mr. Rapier highlighted upcoming legislative events, including the first legislative policy committee meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> and the governor's budget proposal. Discussed the impact of federal tax conformity on Greenlee County and the potential political conflict between the governor and legislature. He mentioned a \$438 million cut if all federal tax changes are adopted without adaptation and the importance of the legislative reception on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**b. Calendar and events**

Calendar and events were discussed.

**8. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes of previous meetings: 12/4/2025**
- b. **Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 9016**
- c. **Probation: Consideration of approval of employee transaction form: K. Kay, Deputy Probation Officer**
- d. **Public Works Roads – Manager: Consideration of approval of employee transaction form: K. Glass, Landfill, PT**
- e. **Sheriff: Consideration of approval of employee transaction form: K. Lizarraga, Detention Officer I**

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

**9. 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.**

The board thanked everyone for their help with the ball fields and mentioned the continuing progress.

**10. 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.