

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

AUGUST 9, 2004

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in special session in the 2nd floor Conference Room, Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona with the following members present: Hector Ruedas, Chairman; Donald Stacey, Member; and Dixie Zumwalt, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board and Yvonne Pearson, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Ruedas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Call to the Public, Mr. Steve Lopez requested that the Board readdress an issue previously discussed concerning on-line traffic school. Ms. Gale advised the Board that the issue is in the jurisdiction of the Superior Court Judge who is in contact with the company looking at providing the on-line service.

Ms. Daisy Mae Cannon expressed her concerns of wildcat dumping in Greenlee County. She stated that during recent rains she observed a great amount of garbage floating down the Gila River which runs on her property that was washed out of area washes. Ms. Canon stated that she has to cleanup garbage on a regular basis that is dumped on her ranch property and then pay to dump it at the landfill. Ms. Cannon expressed concerns that debris such as oleanders which are poisonous, are being dumped which then wash down the washes into the rivers poisoning the waters. She requested that the Board consider the possibility of a periodic free dumping day at the landfill stating that this possibly would alleviate some of the wildcat dumping. Mr. Philip Ronnerud, Public Works Director, stated that the construction and demolition debris portion of the landfill is now available for that type of dumping and could be considered for periodic free dumping. He expressed concerns of allowing periodic free dumping for the portion of the landfill for household garbage. He stated that this creates a health issue due to the fact that many persons will then hold their garbage until the free day causing health hazards. The Board assured Ms. Cannon that the possibility of a construction and demolition debris free dumping day will be considered.

Mr. Darrell Miller, Road Superintendent, requested approval to piggyback on a Maricopa County bid packet for a Caterpillar 140H Road Grader awarded to Empire Machinery. He stated that the purchase of the road grader was included in the budget and will replace a grader purchased in 1974. Upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of the Caterpillar 140H Road Grader from Empire Machinery in an amount not to exceed \$189,577 plus \$6,500 for quarterly maintenance agreement with Road funds.

Ms. Gale presented the amended Greenlee County Travel Reimbursement Policy stating that the amended policy incorporates the State's current reimbursement per diem and

mileage rates. Upon motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Zumwalt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the amended Greenlee County Travel Reimbursement Policy effective immediately.

Ms. Gale presented a plan, as directed at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting, to restructure the position of Animal Control/Maintenance Supervisor which was vacated by the recent retirement of Gary Bearden. Ms. Gale stated that it has become more evident that there is need for an individual who is solely responsible for the maintenance of county facilities experienced in electrical, plumbing, and HVAC as well as parks. This will result in major savings overall in our need for outside professional assistance. She recommended developing two positions - a Facilities Manager and an Animal Control Supervisor. She also recommended hiring a part-time Animal Control Officer who would work approximately 19 hours per week to cover vacations, sick leave, and help cover county animal control calls. Mr. Ernie Casias, Animal Control Officer, expressed the need for another animal control officer stating that court cases have increased, inmates need to be monitored, euthanasia assistance is needed, and assistance for other liability issues that arise. Upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Facilities Manager position at pay scale level 16 dependent on experience, the Animal Control Supervisor position at pay scale level 12, and hiring a part-time Animal Control Officer at the pay scale already established (level 8).

Chairman Ruedas commended Ms. Gale for taking on the responsibility of the duties of economic development for the past 6 years due to the vacancy of the position and funding issues. Ms. Gale stated that this position takes a full-time qualified person trained in the field of economic development who can take a leadership role and also maintain a good working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, the Towns of Clifton and Duncan and other agencies. Supervisor Stacey stated that the position had been on a part-time basis and expressed the need to have a full-time position preferably with a person knowledgeable in rural area economic development. Upon motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Zumwalt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to hire a full-time Economic Development Coordinator.

Upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing to conduct the Truth in Taxation Hearing as required by A.R.S. 42-17107.

Ms. Gale stated that as required by statute, the Truth in Taxation notice has been published even though tax rates will drop from .85 to .77. She stated that the language and formula are mandated by statute and that the legislature has established a study committee to look at the outdated formula which will require a constitutional amendment. The formula does not allow for the possibility of a drop in population with an increase of construction. The formula is based on the idea that population will always increase which is not the case in Greenlee County.

Chairman Ruedas called for a roll call vote to approve the proposed decrease in tax levy for fiscal year 2004/2005 with Supervisor Stacey voting aye, Supervisor Zumwalt voting aye, and Chairman Ruedas voting aye. Upon motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Zumwalt, and carried unanimously, the hearing was declared closed and the Board reconvened into open session.

Upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Budget Work Session.

Ms. Gale stated that there is no change in the budget from the Tentative Budget and recommended no changes. Supervisor Zumwalt stated that she is proud of the budget and is certain that it is good for the County. Supervisor Stacey thanked Ms. Gale for a job well done in compiling the information presented to the Board for their consideration to be able to provide the best services at the lowest cost to tax payers. Chairman Ruedas commended Ms. Gale for doing her job so well. Ms. Gale commended Elected Officials and Department Supervisors for their cooperation in keeping their expenses at a minimum and their cooperation for helping to develop the budget in a timely manner. No changes were made to the budget as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Zumwalt, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into regular session.

This being the date and time set for the final hearing on the fiscal year 2004/2005 Greenlee County budget, as provided by law and duly published, upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the hearing was called to order. No person presented testimony in favor of or in opposition to the budget as presented. Upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the Board of Supervisors adopted the final budget for fiscal year 2004/2005 in the amount of \$14,818,515. The General Fund budget was set at \$6,588,557, the Special Revenues budget at \$7,885,403, and the Long Term Debt budget at \$344,555. The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Title 42, Chapter 17, Articles 1-5, Arizona Revised Statute, (A.R.S.), the Board of Supervisors do make an estimate of the different amounts required to meet the public expenditures for the ensuing year, also an estimate of revenues from sources other than direct taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation upon real and personal property of Greenlee County, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said chapter of said title, and following due public notice, the Board will met on August 9, 2004, at which meeting any taxpayer is privileged to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures or tax levies,

and

WHEREAS, it appears that publication will be duly made as required by law, of said estimates together with a notice that the Board will meet on August 16, 2004, at the Office of the Board for the purpose of hearing taxpayers and making tax levies as set forth in said estimates, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the sums to be raised by taxation, as specified therein, do not in the aggregate amount exceed that amount as computed in A.R.S. 42-17051(A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the said estimates of revenue and expenditures/expenses shown on the accompanying schedules as now increased, reduced or changed are hereby adopted as the final budget of Greenlee County for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2004.

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah K. Gale
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:/s/ Hector Ruedas
Chairman

Ms. Gale commented on consent agenda bullet item #4 commending Steve Rutherford, Bio-Terrorism Coordinator, for his ability to obtain approval to purchase the listed items for Gila Health Resources which are items approved for hospitals to receive. Gila Health Resources is the place for treatment in the event of an emergency situation. Upon motion by Supervisor Stacey, seconded by Supervisor Zumwalt, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes to previous meetings
- Approval of demands in excess of \$1,000
- Approval of payroll change notices - J. Bejarano, J. Goddard
- Approval to purchase decontamination tent not to exceed \$10,676.85; fixed satellite phone not to exceed \$1,999.00; portable satellite phone not to exceed \$599.00; personal protective equipment not to exceed \$2,508.20 for Gila Health Resources and fixed satellite phone not to exceed \$1,999.00 for Bio-Terrorism department all with Bio-Terrorism grant funds.

Supervisor Stacey commended the Road Department for striping the new Hackberry intersection at Verde Lee.

Chairman Ruedas stated that school starts this week and asked that everyone watch for children.

Ms. Gale reviewed the calendar of events. She announced that Supervisor Zumwalt was awarded Outstanding Supervisor for Arizona at the Coalition of AZ/NM Counties meeting. She reported that Mr. John Akin, Arizona Department of Transportation Resident Engineer,

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has informed her that reconstruction of Highway 191 at the hazardous spill is going quickly. The construction crew is working seven days a week and as of this date construction is schedule to be completed by August 25th.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, upon motion by Supervisor Zumwalt, seconded by Supervisor Stacey, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Hector Ruedas, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Asst. Clerk of the Board