

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

April 21, 2015

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona, with the following members present: David Gomez, Chairman; Ron Campbell, Member; and Robert Corbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, Derek Rapier, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that he attended the Clifton School Board meeting and shared a copy of the agenda with the Board. He spoke about the school board's discussions regarding a quit claim deed and their decision to suspend the school district.

Tom Powers, County School Superintendent, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that the Clifton School Board will sign the quit claim deed for the school property back over to Freeport McMoRan – Morenci and that the school district will be dissolved at that point. The school board will be conducting a yard sale of equipment and other property on May 9th at the school location. He added that Duncan and Morenci School Districts have already taken what they could use. Trophies have been distributed to local businesses to be displayed with Morenci Schools taking several to put on display at the school. He thanked the Board of Supervisors and Derek Rapier, County Attorney, for their help and support.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors for the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Terry Cooper, Graham County Manager and member of the Arizona Community Foundation of the Gila Valley, expressed his appreciation for Greenlee County's membership in the Foundation. He explained the funding process for the Foundation. Ted Prina, Chairman of the Arizona Community Foundation of the Gila Valley, explained that the Foundation is an affiliate of the Arizona Community Foundation with over \$700 million in assets for the state as a whole. He explained that the Foundation is a very good steward with the money and has contributed \$90,000 to students for continuing

their education. He asked the Board to consider supporting the Foundation annually. The Board thanked Mr. Cooper and Mr. Prina for the information.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03(A)(3) & (4) – Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Greenlee County Attorney regarding Greenlee County's decision not to participate in litigation regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision on proposed changes to the 10(j) Rule and the existing recovery plan for the Mexican Gray Wolf and to withdraw from the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties.

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In the absence of Eric Schwennesen, Ben Menges, Vice President of the Greenlee County Cattle Growers, spoke regarding the Coalition of Counties membership. He stated that the Greenlee County Cattle Growers met in February and would like to see the County rejoin the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties. He stated that the County was one of the founding counties and would like for the Board to continue the battle that previous Supervisors have fought so hard for and that they see the cooperating agency alternative regarding the wolf as harmful and puts ranchers at risk.

Jeff Menges, local rancher, stated that the Arizona State Cattle Growers Association has recently joined the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties. At the February meeting of the state association they voted to pursue legal action: 1) a constitutional challenge whether it is legal for the wolf to roam on state and private land; and 2) to intervene in the lawsuit filed in Tucson by the Center for Biological Diversity and ask for a stay of action. He stated that he is disappointed by the action of the Board of Supervisors to vote for expansion of the wolf area and feels that the people who have wolves on their land now will have more and everyone else will too.

Rocky Manuz, local rancher, stated that ranchers have to deal with many different types of vermin and currently have a big problem with lions. He stated that he has already had a wolf on his ranch and that a restitution program needs to be put in place. He understands running cattle on land with lions and can deal with it but don't add more problems with adding wolves.

Mr. Rapier explained the reason for the County's withdraw from the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties. He stated that through the process of reviewing litigation it was discovered that the Coalition had no insurance coverage for the directors, error and omissions coverage, and explained the ramifications to the Supervisors who sit on that board. He also explained an issue with the Joint Powers agreement which allows for the participating counties to direct where contributions are to be used but does not allow

direction for the use of the County's name. The Coalition had Greenlee County named in a lawsuit without approval of the Board of Supervisors taking action to join in the lawsuit. He explained that it has been the intent of the County that should a new Joint Powers Agreement be drafted appropriately with no harm to the County, Greenlee County is open to consider rejoining.

Mr. Menges stated that these all sounded like legitimate concerns regarding the membership to the Coalition. He feels that it was drastic to just drop membership without a letter to the Coalition with concerns. Mr. Rapier stated that the Coalition Director was aware of the concerns.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board on the following:

- The Business Association of Chase Creek Arizona has created a brochure with a map of Chase Creek and Clifton businesses
- Mr. Kovach pointed out a painting in the brochure by Victor Navarro who is a very active part of a community of artist representing Sonora, Mexico and Paris, France, as well as Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Navarro will be bring 15 international artists to the next Colors of Copper event which will be running an additional 2 days.
- Mr. Kovach is implementing a "positive recognition" program to offer a certificate of appreciation and recognition for people who go out of their way to help others or improve the community.
- There was a Duncan community meeting where discussion took place regarding the fairgrounds, using the facility more and moving forward.
- The next Chamber of Commerce mixer is on April 29th at the Menges Ranch hosted by Black Hills Catering
- On April 25th the Local First and Tourism Council will hold the second workshop at Tyler's Taste of Texas on how to enhance and attract more tourists to the area.

Charles Berube, Information Technology Manger, requested approval to purchase 23 Surface Pro 3 tablets and hardware to install in Sheriff Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 with general funds. Ms. Gale stated that the funds are budgeted. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Larry Avila, County Sheriff, requested approval to transfer the purchase of a Sheriff vehicle from detention use to patrol use and purchase a sedan car for with Jail Enhancement funds. Ms. Gale stated that the vehicle is a 4x2 and that the Sheriff has been getting 4x4 vehicles and that the bid process will need to be followed for the purchase of the car. Sheriff Avila stated that the 4x2 would suffice. The Chairman clarified that the Sheriff would be getting two vehicles next year instead of three and would only need 4x2's instead of 4x4's. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell,

seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to change the utilization of the new detention vehicle to patrol use and the upfitting with patrol equipment in an amount not to exceed \$16,519 to be purchased with Contingency funds.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of a limited extension of the contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering and planning services for the Airport. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale presented the two servicing bank proposals received and the analysis results by the consulting firm. Diane Berube, County Treasurer, explained the needs of the Treasurer's office and recommended award to National Bank of Arizona. Ms. Gale explained that there was not much difference in the proposals. Wells Fargo offers a \$7,500 transition credit but the amount of time, printing costs and effect to all departments and other entities to convert to a new servicing bank will exceed that credit and that there will be a cost for courier service to a Wells Fargo bank. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the proposal by National Bank of Arizona as servicing bank for Greenlee County as presented.

Supervisor Campbell presented two ideas of a new County Seal. He stated that the current seal was adopted in 1964 which depicts the Spaniard Coronado. He would like to see a seal that better tells what Greenlee County is about which is more than Coronado. He asked the Board to consider the possibility of adopting a new seal. Ms. Gale stated that the process for adopting a new seal will be researched and brought back for consideration.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- A. She presented the proposed schedule for upcoming budget work sessions and handed out preliminary information on Primary tax rates for Greenlee County for the Board to begin considering for fiscal year 2016.
- B. The President has signed the two year extension of the Secure Rural Schools Act funding and Greenlee County should receive funds within 45 days. A distribution plan will be brought to the Board for approval. At this point, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) has not been funded by Congress and it will be after the new fiscal year before it is known if funding will be received and how much.
- C. The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 04/07/2015
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1058
- C. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – C. Abril, full time Control Room Operator; T. Montoya, Deputy Cadet; I. Alva, Administrative Assistant
- D. County Administrator: Approval of the Annual Work and Financial Plan with the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
- E. Information Systems Manager: Approval to purchase a replacement server for the Assessor's Office to accommodate program updates in an amount not to exceed \$11,239.80 with budgeted General funds

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He met with Ethan Orr, Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Partnerships with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. They met at the Mine Lookout and discussed how to improve partnerships and relationships. Mr. Orr is heavily involved with the noxious weed program in Duncan.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization meeting where the highlight of the meeting was the news that the Organization has received \$250,000 in funding for next year. The bylaws were reviewed and Supervisor Gomez was elected Vice Chair of the Organization.
- B. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting which was hosted by Graham County. Representative Gowan spoke to the group about the legislative session and assured that he was there to help. Graham County Supervisor Drew John announced that he will run for the legislature.
- C. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where discussion took place regarding results of the legislative session which ended in 81 days and broke the record for the shortest session. State Treasurer Dewitt spoke to the group.

There begin no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board