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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 22, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

**Zoom Video Conferencing. To join the meeting enter the following URL into your browser:  
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**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87429918450?pwd=MXlrSWg1RGVoc0dZVmtXbVFucFJOQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 874 2991 8450  
Passcode: 294558**

**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: Richard Lunt, Chairman, David Gomez, Member and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Jeremy Ford, County Attorney; Derek Rapier, County Administrator, Austin Adams, Deputy County Administrator and Bianca Figueroa, Deputy Clerk of the Board**

**1.) Call to Order**

Chairman Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Gomez led those present in the pledge.

**B. Call to the Public**

Daniel Cervantez wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day and shared with the board the Clifton Town Council's Agenda. Mr. Cervantez discussed the business on the agenda.

**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 these items:**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00**
- 2. Health Manager: Consideration of approval for the agreement for professional services for Medical and Psychiatric Services between Greenlee County Health Department and Dr. Laurence Schiff to act as Medical and Psychiatric Advisor to Greenlee County Jail**
- 3. Health Manager: Consideration of approval for the Agreement for professional services between Greenlee County Health Department and Gila Health Resources, for Medical Services**
- 4. Health Manager: Consideration of approval for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Greenlee County Health Department and Arizona Department of Health Services Agreement number CTR055376 Healthy People Healthy Communities**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as presented.

**3.) CSA Presentation: The County Supervisors Association of Arizona Report to the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors Craig Sullivan, will brief the County Board of Supervisors in regard to the activities of the County Supervisors Association, including a discussion of the recent legislative session.**

CSA Presentation was postponed due to the legislature continuing to get a budget done.

**4.) Discussion/Action regarding the request by Freeport-McMoRan Morenci Operations for a public display of fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration which will be under the direction of the Morenci Fire Association**

Due to current fire restrictions, Mr. Paul Easley requested approval of the board for a public fireworks display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Easley stated the fireworks will be fired from Company property, and Morenci Fire Association will manage the display.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

**5.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator**  
**Discussion/Action for direction on proposed franchise agreement between Greenlee County and Valley Telecom and for permission to publish said agreement predicate to consideration of approval**

Mr. Rapier discussed the franchise agreement with Copper Valley Telephone the County has had for years. He stated about a year ago he was informed that the Parent company Valley Telecom will merge with Copper Valley. As the nature of services they offer have changed, they didn't find it useful anymore to have two separate companies and will merge the two. Mr. Rapier stated the agreement was due to expire but it made no sense to put an agreement together with a company that will no longer existed. He suggested Valley continue to provide services and as they conclude their merger a new franchise agreement with the new company will be considered. Mr. Rapier stated the agreement is not a renewal from the previous agreement with Copper Valley, rather it is a new franchise agreement with Valley Telecom. He stated that if the board approved, it will require 3 weeks of publication in the local newspaper before the agreement can be accepted. Mr. Rapier discussed and explained franchise fees.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

**6.) Reed Larson, County Engineer**  
**A. Discussion/Action regarding approval for road name request to be named "Blue Roan Road" submitted by Daniel & Kaylee Rodriguez.**

Mr. Larson stated a road name request was submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez, they purchased the land from Mrs. Rodriguez's grandfather. Mr. Larson stated the road is on Hwy 70 in Duncan.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

**B. Discussion/Action regarding approval to execute a grant offer from the FAA for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project (runway sealcoat)**

Mr. Larson stated this is a continuation from previous meetings and the next step for the Airport project is for the board's approval of grant offer which the FAA's has formally extended to the County.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

**C. Discussion/Action regarding approval to execute a contract with American Road Maintenance for \$177,030 for Airport Improvement Program (runway sealcoat)**

Mr. Larson explained the request is similar to the previous agenda item. He stated American Road Maintenance was the lowest bidder and stated he had concerns initially with how low the bid was, and those concerns have been resolved.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request for the contract with American Road Maintenance as presented.

**7.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator**  
**A. County and State budget and legislative issues**

Mr. Rapier explained the legislative issues have been changing quickly. He discussed bills that have been passed by the house. Mr. Rapier discussed headlines, that they could be voting on a 13-billion-dollar budget, and that there has been a lot of speculation about the budget vote. He discussed the legislators budget deadline and if not met, consequences are that State Government will shut down. He discussed how county negotiations can be affected, such as additional assistance for out of county tuition may be gone. Mr. Rapier stated if the state budget appears to have a significant impact on the county budget, he may ask the board to push the adoption of the tentative budget back a week.

**B. Calendar and Events**

Calendar and events were discussed. Mr. Rapier would like to have another budget work session next week on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

**8.) Consent Agenda**  
**A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings:6/01/2021**  
**B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 4038; 4039; 4040;4041**

- C. Chief Finance Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$1,654.21 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 159 - \$291.68; Fund 167 - \$1,362.53**
- D. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: L. Garcia, Account Clerk I**
- E. Superior Court Judge: Consideration of approval of contracts for provision Indigent Representation 2021-2022 for attorneys: Ramai Alvarez; Daisy Flores; Rebecca Johnson; Josi Lopez; and Dennis McCarthy**
- F. County Sheriff: Consideration of approval of Employee Transaction Form: A. Esparza, Deputy Sheriff; A. Rodriguez, Control Room Operator; J. Melendrez, Control Room Operator**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

**9.) Supervisor Reports  
Supervisor Richard Lunt  
A. Jr. Rodeo**

Chairman Lunt discussed the Jr. Rodeo and stated he received good comments and feedback from the public. He stated there was other activities going on that day, participation was down but still managed to have over 50 participants. He stated it was a smooth event. Chairman Lunt expressed his appreciation for the participants and stated how much they improve every year.

**10.) Budget Work Session**

Mr. Rapier presented a PowerPoint to the board. Mr. Rapier stated the discussion will be what was done last year, why it was done and the effects and how it affected this fiscal year's budget. Key features of the FY 20-21 budget were discussed. The budget was set during the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, with uncertain decisions and priorities. County adopted a no increase budget including no wage increase, capital projects, and no vehicles to be purchased. Austerity measures were also adopted in March 2020 adopted to help control spending. Mr. Rapier discussed key accomplishments over the past year. He explained that resources were conserved for COVID response and that all offices and departments were committed to living within a tight after it was adopted. He pointed out the County's outstanding COVID response, including a very low number of overall cases and no widespread outbreak. Elections were conducted cleanly and robust with COVID protocols. Although, there wasn't a full fair, a livestock show and record sale was held and money saved from having a smaller fair event has been used to make improvements to the rodeo arena.

He also discussed unexpected opportunities, how copper unexpectedly did very well. Federal Stimulus money in several departments, and how the

county was able to pay approximately 44% of county's outstanding, unfunded PSPRS actuarial pension liability with unused capital projects funds, general fund revenue freed up by Federal CARES Act funding and vacancy savings from the Sheriff's Office budget. He explained some of the important distinctions between both fiscal years, the economy in Arizona responded very well and the copper economy remained strong throughout the pandemic and in recovery. He stated there is some spending pressure since the county did not spend anything on usual scheduled purchases such as vehicles. The county made do with we had. Mr. Rapier discussed the state budget uncertainties and until the legislature ends there will be a significant amount of uncertainty from the State and Out of County tuition payments. He explained that the budget accommodates the 6% raise for all employees and the restructuring of some offices, a shift of a job unit, and reassigning some job units within the Board's office exchange of job unit, additional capacity in one office and adding an investigator. Discussed final cyber security deductible of \$150,000, additional professional Services contracts for a jail consultant and redistricting consultant with the approximate cost of \$200,000. The land fill is becoming more and more self-sufficient with the small rise in tipping fees two years ago and is resulting in smaller general fund contribution from \$120,000 to \$50,000. The total projected general fund revenues and expenses are up approximately \$3.5M, he explained the primary reason for the increase. Mr. Rapier stated many of the figures will change small amounts between now and budget adoption and as of now, uncertainty at the state legislature is most affecting the budget adoption.

- 11.) Executive Session: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee or any public body, specifically, County Administrator, Derek Rapier. A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into regular session.

- 12.) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Figueroa  
Deputy 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 Figueroa at 928-865-2072 (TDD 928-865-2632). Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time for arrangement of the accommodation.