

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

September 1, 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 Rapiere, 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 presented the Board of Supervisors with a new Senior Nutrition Center menu for the month of September and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Supervisor Campbell responded to the Call to the Public stating that the September Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be hosted and held at the Clifton Senior Nutrition Center on September 28th.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of 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
2. Health & County Services Director: Approval of the Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment No. 8 of the Emergency Preparedness Program

The Board reconvened into regular session.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control District.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, presented proposed amendments to the Greenlee County Floodplain Ordinance. He stated that the changes are to conform to changes in the National Flood rules. The Board gave direction to have a work session at the next meeting to further review and discuss the changes.

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

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Carol Telles, Ranger, Clifton Ranger District, was not present at the meeting.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board Proclaimed the week of September 28th as Diaper Need Awareness Week.

PROCLAMATION
DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

Whereas, 23 percent of children and 15 percent of seniors in Greenlee County live in poverty; and

Whereas, Diaper Need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and

Whereas, national surveys report that one in three mothers experiencing diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

Whereas, the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

Whereas, diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

Whereas, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early education programs; and

Whereas, the people of Greenlee County recognize that addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the state's low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of September 28th through October 4th, 2015 as

"DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK"

and encourage the citizens of the County to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

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

- He attended the 2015 Rural Policy Forum and stated that the three day event had excellent programs and information
- He attended the Chamber of Commerce Mixer where 55 persons were in attendance.
- The Clifton Hill Climb Event will begin this week with three days of racing, beginning on Saturday.
- The 97th Annual Greenlee County Fair will be held on September 17th through the 20th
- The 10th edition of the Greenlee County Clarion is now available.
- The Yarborough Band event at the Fairgrounds was very successful with approximately 100 persons in attendance.

Mr. Kovach requested approval to apply for the Freeport McMoRan Community Investment grant opportunities for two different county parks and recreation improvement projects – one at the Loma Linda Park and one at the Duncan Little League Field. The requested amount of grant funding will not exceed \$110,000.00. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale explained the need to correct the assessed valuation for the Duncan Rural Fire District. She stated that there have been three different assessed valuations presented and that the Fire District used the values they received from the Tax Roll Abstract. Linda Durr, County Assessor, explained the process her office follows and how the Abstract is produced. Ms. Gale explained that the correction to the valuation will not bring in more dollars to the Fire District. Supervisor Corbell moved to amend the Assessed Valuation, Tax Levy, and Tax Rate Worksheet to correct the assessed valuation of the Duncan Valley Rural Fire District to \$3,230,285 which resets the tax rate to \$1.1671. Supervisor Campbell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution 15-08-02 requesting the Congress of the United States to immediately provide full mandatory Funding for the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) Program.

RESOLUTION 15-08-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENLEE COUNTY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FULL MANDATORY FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF TAXES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county, and

WHEREAS, the County of Greenlee is comprised of 1,179,603 acres of which 905,970 acres, 77%, is held by the federal government and unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base, and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona contains 113,417 square miles of land, with federally owned land, excluding tribal lands, comprising 42 percent of the land mass, while private land in Arizona comprises only 17 percent, and

WHEREAS, the national average PILT payment in Fiscal Year 2014 was \$0.72 per acre, far below the amount federal lands would return through both value based taxation and economic development, and

WHEREAS, \$37 million of the Fiscal Year 2015 payments have yet to be released, placing added financial pressure on Greenlee County taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County is required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with tax-exempt federal public lands, and

WHEREAS, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the back of Greenlee County tax payers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities, and

WHEREAS, failure to provide mandatory PILT funding to Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of Greenlee County, and substantially compromise the county's ability to provide essential services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress provide full mandatory

funding to the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2016 without delay, and work to find a long-term funding solution for the future.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2015.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

/s/ David Gomez, Chairman, Supervisor District 1

/s/ Ron Campbell, Supervisor District 2

/s/ Robert Corbell, Supervisor District 3

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board

The Board reviewed the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the counties of Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Navajo, and Cochise, Arizona to participate in, support, and endorse the actions and decisions of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) which are in compliance with the adopted Bylaws of the organization. Ms. Gale stated that the IGA was redrafted to include Cochise County in the organization. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the counties of Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Navajo, and Cochise, Arizona to participate in, support, and endorse the actions and decisions of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) which are in compliance with the adopted Bylaws of the Organization as presented.

The Board reviewed the amended Bylaws of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO). Supervisor Corbell recommended changing portions of the bylaws stating that he is not supportive of having non-elected persons on the ECO Board, that ECO is getting off track, that all supervisors should be able to go to meetings and that he does not support the bylaws with the current wording. Supervisor Campbell moved to approve the Bylaws of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization and Supervisor Corbell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Supervisors Gomez and Campbell voting aye and Supervisor Corbell voting nay.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- A member of the Greenlee County Library System has resigned his position so the vacancy will need to be filled.
- She thanked the efforts of the Health Department for their hard work in getting control of the Pertussis outbreak.
- The County Managers are working through the list of legislative proposals which Ms. Gale will review with the Board at the next two meetings.

- The Town of Duncan has worked through the water leak issue that occurred during the pressure test of the new water line on Fairgrounds Road. The County will connect to bring the water into the Fairgrounds.
- A letter from Sunzia Transmissions has been received with a recommendation that a transmission line be routed through southern Greenlee County meaning additional tax revenue for the County.

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 meetings – 08/03/2015; 08/17/2015
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1014; 1016; 1017; 1018; 1019; 1089
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$50,564.68 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 – \$669.97; Fund 146 - \$798.79; Fund 169 - \$191.34; Fund 186 – 973.74; Fund 195 - \$1,321.45; Fund 219 - \$11,028.76; Fund 243 \$2,777.48; Fund 800 - \$32,803.15
- D. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Form – D. Ogas, Teen Court Assistant
- E. Health Director: Approval of the appointment of Yvonne Pearson to serve as an alternate for the South Eastern Arizona Community Action Program.
- F. County Administrator: Approval of the Appropriation of County Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-20 for the conduct of Extension programs in Greenlee County
- G. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the Sales Order Agreement, the Electronic Pollbook Sales Order Agreement, and the Software Hosting, System and Services Agreement with Election Systems & Software for the purchase and implementation of the new election/voting system for Greenlee County to be financed to keep from exceeding expenditure limitations.
- H. Clerk of the Board: Approval of the updated Nationwide Retirement Solutions Governmental 457(b) Plan Loan Procedures the Greenlee County Plan
- I. Superior Court Judge: Approval of the Contract for Provision of Indigent Representation 2015-2016 for attorney, Donielle Wright

The Board convened into Work Session regarding the Greenlee County Social Media Policy, Use of Greenlee County Seal Policy, and Records Retention. Ms. Gale opened the discussion and presented a draft of each of the policies. Jeremy Ford, Chief Deputy County Attorney, reviewed each policy and answered questions. The Social Media Policy will encompass County Facebook accounts, Twitter, and other forms of social media and record retention requirements that need to be addressed. The Board directed the policies to be on the agenda for the next Board of Supervisors meeting for consideration of adoption.

The Board continued in Work Session regarding Public Works and Facilities. The Board reviewed the current policy for replacement of the Public Works Director including advertising the position (internal/external) or the direct appointment through outreach to specific individuals. The Board also reviewed the possible restructure of the management team for the Public Works Department including Roads, Facilities, Fleet, Parks, and Landfill under the Director with either the Assistant Manager or Tech IV being the direct supervisor over departments or separation of the departments which would entail considerable restructure and reduce the ability to utilize personnel where they are needed at any given time. The Board directed Ms. Gale to advertise externally for the Public Works Manager position and keep the current structure with all departments under the Director reporting directly to either the Assistant Manager or the Tech IV position.

Ms. Gale discussed issues with the horse stalls at the Fairgrounds that were damaged during a recent monsoon storm in Duncan. It has been estimated that it will cost \$7,000 to repair the stalls with in-house personnel and \$38,000 to have a contractor repair the damage. The Board directed that this issue be discussed in a future work session to look at all opportunities.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended a meeting with Senator Flake at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher where discussion took place regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools funding and Waters of the U.S.
- B. He attended the Chamber of Commerce Mixer where 56 persons were in attendance. He stated that the event was very successful with good networking opportunities.
- C. He attended the Greenlee County Cattlegrowers meeting at Upper Eagle Creek where Representative Gowan was in attendance. He updated those present on current Greenlee County issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board