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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, September 15, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87466914363?pwd=ektJenZoZnVTT1ZiSFZCMTA0UTRuUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 874 6691 4363**

**Passcode: 333461**

**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 8:00am.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Campbell let the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Call to the Public**

Daniel Cervantez, of Clifton, answered the call to the public, and noted that testing would be conducted on the flood gate this morning. He acknowledged that Gila Health Resources Gila Health Resources provided flu shots and free COVID-19 testing. He also reported on the Clifton Town Council meeting.

Sheriff Tim Sumner answered the call to the public to inform the Board that the Morenci School District will be resuming regular schedule on 9/21/2020. Sheriff Sumner requested that the board consider returning to in person Board meetings and announced that the Greenlee County Fair will be held this week from 9/18/2020 thru 9/20/2020 with the livestock show and sale.

- 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 of the Healthy People Health Communities IGA Contract between Greenlee County Health Department and Arizona Department of Health Services, Contract No. IGA2020-019 for the amount of \$223,228.31**

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.) **Pascal Berlieux, Executive Director, Eastern Arizona Counties Organization**  
**A. Supervisor of the year recognition**

Navajo County Chairman, Jason Whiting, explained that each year the organization names a supervisor of the year for their outstanding service. This year, the board for the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization is recognizing Richard Lunt, as supervisor of the year because of the many great qualities Supervisor Lunt possesses such as great integrity and a willingness to be present with getting work done. His leadership both at the state capital and in Washington DC is widely recognized. The ECO board appreciates all of Supervisor Lunt's hard work as he sits as the vice chair for the organization.

Cochise County Supervisor Peggy Judd expressed her appreciation for Chairman Lunt as he has been a great mentor for her, and she has appreciated his leadership.

Supervisor Lunt expressed his gratitude on receiving the recognition and that he completes all his work out of the love that he has for people.

**C. Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Annual report**

Pascal Berlieux thanked the board for their time. He explained that ECO is an inter-government organization that consists of 6 different small counties. The purpose of the counties being consolidated into one group is to have more local

government influence and involvement with state and federal law makers and regulatory agencies, grants and programs. The organization is governed by a board that consists of one supervisor from each county. Recently ECO has been heavily involved in Forest Service travel management planning, forest restoration, wolf management and other projects.

4.) **Derek Rapiere, County Administrator**  
**A. Discussion/Action – Review of Greenlee County Mask Wearing Regulation**

Chairman Lunt calls on Amanda Gray, with the Greenlee County Health Department who requested to speak on this item at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Gray reads aloud a sentence from the book Slight Edge. She mentioned that since the county mandated the mask wearing regulation, it has made a significant difference in the number of COVID-19 cases in the area. Ms. Gray requested that the county continue with the mask wearing regulation.

Derek Rapiere, County Administrator, read aloud letters concerning the mask wearing regulation. The correspondence came from resident Alek Miller, Medical Doctor Fred Fox, Dr. Richard Vinroot Vice President Medical Director Freeport McMoran and from Doctors at Gila Health Resources.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, the Board approved the mask extending regulation as presented with Supervisors Gomez and Campbell voting in favor of the motion and Chairman Lunt voting against, expressing his view that while he believes in mask wearing, he believes it should be a decision left to the individual.

5.) **Tyler Attaway, County Jail Commander**  
**A. Discussion/Action to purchase 10 new chairs to replace old/broken chairs in the amount not to exceed \$2,008.99**

Tyler Attaway, County Jail Commander, requested to purchase 10 new chairs to replace old/broken one chairs from budgeted funds not to exceed the amount of \$2,008.99.

Supervisor Campbell moved to approve the purchase of 10 new chairs in the amount not to exceed \$2,008.99, seconded by Supervisor Gomez. The Board unanimously approved the request as presented.

6.) **Bianca Figueroa, Elections Director**

Ms. Figueroa explained that with special district elections, the Board has the opportunity to cancel those specific elections due to the number of persons who filed being less than or equal to the number of positions to be filled.

She requested that the following special district elections be cancelled:

**A. Discussion/Action regarding cancellation of the following elections pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410:**

- **School Board Elections for: Duncan Unified School District; Eagle Elementary School District; Blue Elementary School District; and Morenci Unified School District**
- **Duncan Joint Technological Education District Election – Gila Institute for Technology (GIFT)**
- **Duncan Valley Rural Fire District Election**

Supervisor Campbell recused himself from voting on this item due to conflict of interest. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Chairman Lunt, the Board approved the request as presented.

**B. Discussion/Action regarding appointment of School Board Members and declaration of vacancies pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410:**

- **Blue Elementary School District – Barbara Marks; (1) vacant seat**
- **Duncan Unified School District – (3) vacant seats**
- **Morenci Unified School District – Steve Leyba**
- **Eagle Elementary School District – Twig Winkel, Shirley Winkel**

Supervisor Campbell recused himself from voting on this item due to conflict of interest. Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Chairman Lunt, the Board approved the request as presented.

**C. Discussion/Action regarding the Gila Institute for Technology (GIFT) Members and declaration of vacancies pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410:**

- **Duncan GIFT – Kimberly Waters**

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

**D. Discussion/Action regarding appointment of Duncan Valley Rural Fire District Members and declaration of vacancies pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-410:**

- **(2) vacant seats**

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

7.) **Tony Hines, Public Works Manager - Facilities/Fleet**

**A. Discussion/Action regarding the award of bid for the 4x4 SUV for Emergency Management to the recommended bidder**

Tony Hines requested that the Board award the bid to Kempton Chevrolet-Buick as they were the lowest bidder.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, the Board approved to award the bid for the 4x4 SUV for Emergency Management to Kempton Chevrolet-Buick. Administrator Rapier reminded the Board that this purchase will be fully reimbursed by the Department of Emergency Management.

8.) **Reed Larson, County Engineer**  
**A. Discussion/Action to extend the on-call airport engineering services agreement with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. thru August 15, 2021**

Reed Larson requested to extend the on-call airport engineering services agreement with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. thru August 15, 2021.

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

9.) **Derek Rapier, County Administrator**  
**A. Discussion/Action to ratify a USDA Grant Application**

Chairman Lunt calls to Susan Menges, on her request to speak on agenda item number 9. Ms. Menges spoke about the concern of community members who reside in rural areas and about emergency services not being able to locate their residence. It is her hopes that Greenlee County will utilize this USDA Grant, if it gets awarded, in order to better map our county for our 911 system.

Derek Rapier, County Administrator, explained that the county received the solicitation for this grant too late present it at the last Board meeting but the deadline to apply was on 9/10/2020. Because the grant, if awarded, will require a 25% match, the Board must approve the application and it is presented for ratification today. If the county were to be awarded this grant, it would be a great opportunity to invest in tools and technology for the engineering department that can be utilized for rural development.

Akos Kovach, with Economic Development, agreed that the USDA Grant would make a significant difference for the county.

Reed Larson, County Engineer, responded to the concerns of Susan Menges in explaining that the grant would be useful in purchasing the tools necessary to create remote address points in rural areas.

Upon motion of Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, the Board unanimously ratifies the USDA Grant application as presented.

10.) **Derek Rapier, County Administrator**  
**A. Information/Discussion/Action – Options for addressing outstanding unfunded PSPRS liability**

Mr. Rapier shared a PowerPoint presentation on PSPRS Liability concerns and potential funding options. He asked for the Board approval begin discussions with underwriters, financiers and bond counsel to explore options for Greenlee County.

The Board granted permission for Mr. Rapier to move forward with discussing possible plans more specific to Greenlee County.

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

At this moment, Derek Rapier explained, there are no major legislative issues. Mr. Rapier mentioned that many believe that there is a strong possibility that the State House of Representatives will change from Republican majority to a Democratic majority in this next election. If so, that will affect legislative agendas, priorities and budget considerations.

**B. Calendar and Events**

Mr. Rapier presented all calendar meetings for the month of September, October and November.

Supervisor Campbell noted that on November 7, 2020 there will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cody Denogean Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk, if proper COVID safety guidelines can be observed.

12.) **Consent Agenda**  
**A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings: 9/01/2020**  
**B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 4007; 4008; 4009**  
**C. Chief Finance Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$13,953.15 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 146 - \$469.63; Fund 169 - \$990.77; Fund 186 - \$496.98; Fund 195 - \$3,014.90; Fund 243 - \$8,980.87**

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

13.) **Supervisors Report**  
**Supervisor Richard Lunt**  
**A. AZER/ADOT Semi Annual meeting**

On September 9, 2020 the AZER/ADOT Semi Annual meeting took place, during the event, they talked about the washes being problematic for the railroad and ADOT. Supervisor Lunt gave kudos to County Engineer Reed Larson for the presentation on the study and project that will be completed to address the problematic areas.

**B. PILT & SRS meeting with Senator Martha McSally, Representative Tom O'Halleran and Representative Ann Kirkpatrick**

Supervisor Lunt explained that various counties met with Senator Martha McSally, Representative Tom O'Halleran and Representative Ann Kirkpatrick about their support for a federal bill to make PILT payments mandatory either permanently or with a designated end date.

**C. Governs Water Augmentation Innovation and Conservation Council meeting**

Supervisor Lunt sat in on the meeting where 9 different tribes throughout the state spoke on their specific water issues. Smaller tribes would like the opportunity to use their trust lands to expand their reservations. The meeting was very educational on the concerns of the tribes with water for sanitation, especially with COVID-19.

**14.) Adjournment**

Chairman Lunt adjourns the meeting at 10:16am.

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.