

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

November 3, 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 Corbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Billy Waters, Mayor, Town of Duncan, responded to the Call to the Public and updated the Board on the turnout for the Rock 'n Roll Car show event he had this past weekend at the Fairgrounds. He stated that there were 22 cars, 2 bikes, 30 raffles from businesses, and 14 sponsors. He expressed disappointment that the county did not sponsor all the trophies for the car show. He said that he understood that the county would provide trophies and the town would provide shirts and he learned 4 days before the event that the county was not providing all trophies only the 16 that were given. He plans to make this car show an annual event with possibly having one in the Spring and one in the Fall. A profit of \$1,300 was made at the car show.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and presented the Board with the new meal menu for the Senior Center for November. He stated that the Health Department demonstrated how to prepare and provided a meal at the Center.

Walter Mares, Copper Era reporter, responded to the Call to the Public stating that he did not know about the Fall Festival that was held at the Fairgrounds. His supervisor found the event on Facebook. He reminded that there are other means of advertising in addition to Facebook and asked that he receive information on events in the future.

Ms. Gale responded to the Call to the Public expressing sympathy to the family of former Senator Jack Brown. Mr. Brown passed away last week.

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

John Lieberenz, Javelina Chase Bicycle Race Coordinator, presented details of the upcoming Javelina Chase event to the Board. The event will take place on April 23rd and 24th, 2016. He requested a letter of support from the Board, law enforcement and emergency medical services personnel for the days of the races. The Board directed that the Letter of Support be on the next agenda for consideration.

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

- He attended the National Association of Development Organizations conference where recovery, resilience, and renaissance was the theme and message. He challenged the Board members to each start thinking about their own story of Greenlee County to better self-promote the County.
- The Colors of Copper Art & Wine Festival is this coming weekend in Clifton with artists from France and Mexico showcasing their art along with local artists.
- The Poker Run sponsored by the Clifton American Legion was a success with \$1,000 raised to benefit the American Legion.
- The Holiday Boutique will be held at the Fairgrounds on November 13 & 14 where vendors will be selling their ware.
- Greenlee County will sponsor a “What you need to know about Social Security and Medicare” workshop on November 19th at the Clifton Library which is designed to help answer questions for persons who will be transitioning into those needs.
- The Tourism Council will hold the 3rd of a series of workshops focusing on ways to enhance Greenlee County at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center in Clifton on November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Charles Berube, IT Manager, updated the Board on the following:

- Issues the Sheriff’s Office is having with data through-put and the inability to do certain tasks is due to insufficient bandwidth at the sub-station located at the Duncan Town Hall. He stated that there will a cost associated with increasing the bandwidth. An issue with a connectivity conflict has been addressed.
- Upgrades to connectivity switches have been purchased and will be installed to provide better performance and better security against threats.
- Issues with the Assessor’s parcel information program are being addressed by the Assessor this week. The Assessor is in meetings regarding this issue and will make the determination when migration to new programs and a new server will happen and will then notify IT.
- The equipment has been purchased and is ready to install for enhancement of cell phone reception in the Courthouse. The equipment will be installed on the roof but due to safety issues and restrictions, access to the roof is restricted at this point. Once roof access is allowed the cell phone reception enhancement equipment will be installed. Ms. Gale stated that the roof access restriction is

due to an OSHA citation requiring installment of a safety harness which is on order.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of the Scope of Work Agreement with C & S Engineering for the Airport Drainage project. He stated that this agreement is necessary due to a requirement of the Federal Aviation Agency that a third party handles the project. Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Resolution 15-11-01 regarding 2016 County Supervisors Association Legislative Priorities.

RESOLUTION 15-11-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENLEE COUNTY REGARDING 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, actions by state government since 2009 have impacted Greenlee County by more than \$3.9 million, and

WHEREAS, these actions have resulted in \$449,900 in diverted road maintenance funds, \$3.1 million in lost revenue, and \$378,930 in program shifts, including increasing the county share of justices of the peace salaries and requiring counties to fund state agencies, and

WHEREAS, these cost shifts caused significant financial distress for Greenlee County, which is already reeling from the negative financial impacts of the economic downturn and slow recovery, and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) is unsustainable, and is placing growing pressure on Greenlee County taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the shifting of state agency costs to counties is both an inappropriate use of county taxpayer dollars and an ineffective governance model, forcing county taxpayers to subsidize a state run agency with no county managerial oversight, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County has neither the financial capacity to pay for additional state costs, nor the statutory ability to control costs of state administered programs the county is required to fund, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County also faces significant risk from the uncertain funding status of federal programs, including the Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs, and

WHEREAS, Greenlee County's financial condition continues to be suppressed by declining sales tax revenue in the first eight months of 2015, likely caused by state changes to sales tax statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is critical to Greenlee County that the state works to eliminate these cost shifts and revenue reductions in the FY 2017 budget, with the goal of reestablishing a sustainable financial model for the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Greenlee County that the Arizona State Legislature is hereby implored to:

- Engage with stakeholders to create a viable, long-term funding and benefit structure in PSPRS that addresses the needs of public safety professionals while protecting the interests of taxpayers; and
- Eliminate mandated county payments to state agencies, including the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Arizona Department of Revenue, and the Arizona State Hospital; and
- Engage with counties and other stakeholders to find a mutually beneficial solution that protects both the state and local governments from uncapped liabilities associated with the 1 Percent Constitutional Property Tax Cap while allowing for budget flexibility to respond to constituent needs; and
- Eliminate the local government HURF transfers in the state budget, identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system, and pursue policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources; and
- Eliminate, fully fund, or require the political parties to pay for the costs associated with the Presidential Preference Election; and
- Restore, in statute, the county share of lottery funds to provide a stable source of revenue for county operations; and
- Continue to include authority for counties to access restricted funds through flexibility language to allow counties the ability to most efficiently manage taxpayer funds;

Thereby providing Greenlee County and all Arizona counties with the financial stability necessary to continue providing mandated state services to local residents.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November, 2015.

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
/s/ David Gomez, District 1, Chairman
/s/ Ron Campbell, District 2

/s/ Robert Corbell, District 3

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

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- Notice has been received that the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding has been released but the amount to Greenlee County is not yet known.
- The legislature has finished a special session to address the K-12 Education payment and has scheduled a special election in May to ask voters to allow use of public land trust funds to make the payment.
- The equipment for the new voting system has been received. An open house will be planned for the public to try the new equipment in the near future.
- The restroom project on the San Francisco River has been completed. The Public Works Department assisted with the project.

Ms. Gale reviewed the both the County ½ Cent Sales Tax and State Shared Sales Tax revenue and stated that the combined revenue is coming in under estimates. She will be recommending postponing the purchase of vehicles and equipment until later in the year and review fund transfers. Supervisor Campbell stated that he had a meeting with Freeport McMoRan regarding purchases where departments have been told to think before making purchases and postpone if possible.

Ms. Gale reviewed the 2015 Greenlee County Fair Income and Expense Report:

- Revenues \$87,806
- Expenses \$67,993
- Non-recurring expenses \$17,286.66
- Net Income \$2,526

Ms. Gale stated that some items in the non-recurring expenses should have been paid from Capital expense funds and that she will be making an adjustment to move those expenses to capital expense which will increase the Net Income.

She reviewed the budget for the Fairgrounds Department and cautioned that events that are held at the Fairgrounds need to be self-sustaining events. Public is welcome to schedule the use of the Fairgrounds per policy. Ms. Gale explained that the Fall Festival held at the fairgrounds last weekend was not a County function. It was several entities coming together to put this event on. It was not understood that the County was responsible for funding or for payouts for the car show. The County donated trophies that were on hand and County personnel helped with the car show. She never had the understanding that the County would be involved with the car show.

Ms. Gale explained that Public Works is working on a list of capital improvements needed at the fairgrounds including race track improvements and are getting quotes for cost estimates. She stated that a professional is needed to come to assess the race track to determine what improvement or repairs are needed. There is not enough funding to do all projects at the fairgrounds this year.

A work session will be scheduled at the next Board meeting regarding the replacement of the Duncan Annex. The project has been on hold until water issues were resolved.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

Sheriff Avila requested to speak to item G of the Consent Agenda. He stated that this was the first he had heard of these unpaid invoices and expressed concern that this made the Sheriff's Office look like they don't pay their bills. Ms. Pearson explained that by law the County cannot pay an invoice that is not presented by the vendor within 6 months of the purchase or service. These invoices were presented later than the allowed 6 month timeframe but Gila Health Resources produced documentation that the County had been billed within the allowed time period. At this point the invoices need approval of the Board to pay. Ms. Pearson stated that she will draft a procedure on this issue and make it available to all departments. Ms. Gale asked that item I be tabled at this time. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled item I as requested and approved the remaining Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings 10/20/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1039; 1040; 1041; 1043
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$75,824.94 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 133 - \$937.43; Fund 139 - \$965.90; Fund 159 - \$71.55; Fund 160 - \$2,547.13; Fund 195 \$1,321.68; Fund 222 - \$52,571.95; Fund 243 \$8,571.77; Fund 800 - \$8,837.53
- D. Clerk of the Board: Approval of an order the establishment of a convenient number of election precincts for 2016 Elections pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 16-411.A and designating polling places and Vote Centers pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 16-411.A(1) and 16-411.B(4)
- E. Clerk of the Board: Adoption of Resolution 15-11-02 adopting and implementing Vote Centers for all countywide elections beginning in 2016
- F. Clerk of the Board: Certification of the 5% Fill the Gap Set Aside fund collected for fiscal year 2014/2015 in the amount of \$22,710.35 to be distributed to the Arizona State Treasurer pursuant to ARS 41-2421.E
- G. Clerk of the Board: Approval to pay invoices submitted by Gila Health Resources to the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office for inmate medical services dated six months or older. Gila Health Resources submitted the invoices timely but they were not submitted timely by the Sheriff's Office for payment.

- H. County Administrator: Approval of the Arizona Department of Corrections Inmate Labor Contract
- I. Assistant Public Works Manager: Tabled the Empire Equipment Management Agreement for equipment maintenance

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Rural Business Development Advisory Council meeting on October 29th along with Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, and Corine DeDray with Ultimate Business Solutions. A presentation on how to brand the state and what should be done to promote the state was discussed.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the National Association of Development Organizations where he attended a session regarding “Brownfields” and sessions on how to tell the story of your organization/location. He also stated that he made several connections with hoteliers.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board