

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

December 15, 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.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that he is a self-appointed advocate for the Clifton Senior Center Meal on Wheels and other events at the Senior Center. He read an editorial in the recent Copper Era regarding the retirement of Walter Mares longtime local reporter for the Copper Era. He stated that the Clifton Library is closed due to a mold issue. He also stated that the Paw Express students from Morenci Schools took cookies to the Senior Center and nursing students will be available to check vitals for those interested.

Ms. Gale expressed her appreciation for all Greenlee County employees and extended best wishes for the Holidays. She asked that military personnel be kept in prayers.

Chairman Gomez extended best wishes for the Holidays to all employees and stated that the employee Christmas party was very nice and thanked those who worked hard to make it a success.

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

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Erin Collins, President of Erin Collins and Associates, updated the Board on the new employee Wellness Program to be implemented in January. He reviewed the history of the Arizona Local Government Employee Benefit Trust stating that Greenlee is a forming member of the group medical insurance pool. The current wellness programs have not been successful so the focus will change to a new program that will include health report cards for employees to use to assist them in enhancing their wellbeing. A nurse consultant will be available to assist those whose Health Risk Assessments

reveal the need for health and/or lifestyle changes to help plan and achieve healthy goals.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, was absent from the meeting so the Economic Development Planning update was not heard.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer and Planner, requested approval of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for On-Call Professional Services for airport consulting for planning, engineering design and airport construction project management. He stated that the process will follow the Federal Aeronautics and Aviation (FAA) selection process requirements. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

The Board convened into Work Session regarding the building of a new Duncan Annex. Mr. Ronnerud reviewed the six different delivery (construction) methods available. Mr. Rapier reviewed the legal aspects to the delivery methods with the Board. Supervisor Campbell expressed his concerns with the timing of moving forward with the project because copper prices are down and the drop in property value which will cause a probable increase in property tax rates next year. Ms. Gale stated that funding is already set aside for the project. The Board reviewed timelines and milestones and the ability to stop the project at each milestone if needed. Supervisor Corbell stated that he feels building the Annex is a priority over any other projects.

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Upon motion by Supervisor Corbell, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved moving forward with construction using the design bid build with contractor pre-selection method for replacement of the Duncan Annex.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- The lawsuit filed by Pima County regarding the 1% property tax cap is on hold until the Property Tax Oversight Committee meets again later this month.
- There is still movement on the lawsuit regarding pension funds which will have an impact next year depending on the ruling.
- Auditors have completed the preliminary audit of the County which now includes booking pension liability.
- She reviewed sales tax revenues which are down from estimates and if the trend continues will reflect a total sales tax revenue loss of \$400,000 for the year.
- The Board directed Ms. Gale to send notice that the County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) representative for Greenlee County will be Supervisor Gomez.

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

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

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meetings – 11/23/15; 12/01/15
- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1052; 1053; 1054
- C. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of Employee Transaction Forms: S. Chacon, Court Interpreter
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Employee Transaction Form: L. Mortensen, Detention Officer
- E. Superior Court Judge: Appointment of Ricardo Guerena as Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore
- F. Emergency Management Coordinator: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment and Maintenance of the Regional Mass Communication System between Pinal County, Gila County, Graham County and Greenlee County

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Fair and Racing Association meeting in Douglas where discussion took place regarding filling the Secretary/Treasurer position of the organization, barn fees and management, cost for certified workout persons, liability contracts and worker compensation. Also possibly having a big screen for the Breeders Cup at Greenlee County, Sonoita has been running with private funding for six years and other issues. He stated that putting on horse racing is more difficult than just talking about it.
- B. He attended the Rural Business Advisory Meeting where discussion took place regarding capital strategy, trade with Mexico and how to make it better, federal employees, the ozone, Water of the US, and federal overreach. He requested that these meetings be held in rural areas next year.
- C. He attended the Gila Watershed Partnership meeting where a presentation was given regarding fires and how fire is used to treat forests and that healthy forests promote 20 – 30 % water production.

Supervisor Campbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting where roundtable discussion took place with each county discussing current issues they are facing.
- B. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where guest speakers Secretary of State Michelle Reagan and Senator Farnsworth gave information regarding issues in their offices.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Arizona Small Counties Forum meeting that was hosted by Graham County where discussion took place regarding the economy and how blessed Greenlee County is to not be affected by the copper market yet.
- B. He attended the County Supervisors Association meeting where Secretary of State Michelle Reagan stated that she will help as much as possible with the costs of the upcoming elections. He stated that he was disappointed by comments made by Senator Farnsworth that counties and cities are worse enemies than the federal government.

The Board convened into Work Session – Greenlee County Duncan Annex and Fairgrounds site visit. The site visit was cancelled due to bad weather. Ms. Gale presented the Board with a list of updates/repairs that are needed at the Fairgrounds and asked the Board to review. Lendsey Basteen, County Events Coordinator, stated that, in her opinion, the priorities on the list are fixing the roof and flooring in the Exhibit Building and purchase of a new sound system.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board