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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, November 7, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

Audio/Visual Streaming of this meeting may be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@GreenleeCountyAZ>

**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, 253 5th Street,
Clifton, Arizona**

AGENDA AND MINUTES

In attendance: Board of Supervisors members: Richard Lunt, Chairman, David Gomez, Member and Ron Campbell, Member. Also present were Gary Griffith, County Attorney, Derek Rapiere, County Administrator, Austin Adams, HR Director, and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

Total financial impact to Greenlee County to date resulting from Sheriff's lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors = \$247,101.53

1.) Call to Order

Chairman Richard Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Campbell led those present in the pledge.

B. Call to the Public

Derek Rapier, County Administrator, responded and acknowledged the Duncan Volleyball team and congratulated two girls that landed on the region all team, Emily Kempton and Rachel Sumner.

Mr. Sumner responded and discussed the Mares Bluff Celebration. Also discussed his concerns regarding the new IT website.

David Manuz, Public Works Roads Manager, responded and reminded drivers to drive safely and with caution, especially with mine workers who work long hours and have a long commute back home.

- 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**

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.) **FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT – the Board of Supervisors will convene as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Flood Control 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 Flood Control District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00**

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING – for the Board to receive public comment regarding the application for a public utility franchise submitted by Cactus State Utility Operating Company, LLC**

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Public Hearing

No public responses to public hearing.

The Board reconvened into the Board of Directors.

5.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action regarding consideration of approval of the application for a public utility franchise submitted by Cactus State Utility Operating Company, LLC

Mr. Rapier explained Cactus State purchased Verde lee and Loma Linda water companies, and now owns both systems. The franchise will allow Cactus State to operate, also work and coordinate with the county, such as cutting through roads, and place utilities and easements. It is a standard franchise arrangement. His recommendation is to approve the application.

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

6.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action regarding possible sponsorship donation to the Clifton Social Club in support of the Festival of Lights

Mr. Rapier discussed the changes in the organization responsibilities for the Festival of Lights in Clifton. The Clifton Social Club will now organize the event and requested sponsorship from the County.

Ms. Morales, Chairperson of the Social Club, discussed plans, ideas and expenses for the event.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a sponsorship donation in the amount of \$2,000.00.

7.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action regarding possible donation to the Arizona Alpine Trail Organization to assist in development of the Alpine UTV Trail

Mr. Rapier discussed the development of the trail, it would extend roughly from the Payson area, through the White mountains, and end near Hannagan Meadow. The ask is \$2,000.00 in donation.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00.

8.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator
A. Discussion/Action: Consideration of appointment of County Librarian upon retirement of the current County Librarian, Karen Soohy.

Mr. Rapier stated Ms. Soohy County Librarian, is retiring.

Ms. Soohy gave her appreciation to the board for allowing her to serve for 12 years as the Librarian. She gave a brief discussion on the duties as a Librarian. She recommended appointing Sabrina Dumas, the current Clifton Librarian, as her replacement for the County Librarian, Ms. Soohy explained Ms. Dumas's knowledge and experience with Library services and continues attending conferences, classes and webinars on a regular basis.

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

9.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Matt Bolinger, Emergency Management
A. Discussion/Action regarding installation of water tanks and standpipes to increase water storage capacity and utilization at Loma Linda Park, Loma Linda Landfill, and County Fairground.

Mr. Rapier discussed the current water system provided for roads, the wells cannot produce enough to meet all different functions.

Mr. Bolinger discussed the current well issues. There's not enough storage capacity in the wells to meet all county functions. Loma Linda Park and the Landfill wells are being utilized, one of the Duncan Fairgrounds wells are currently not being utilized. There are benefits to increasing storage, such as cutting down on water cost reduce fuel cost, and wear and tear on equipment. He would like to add 10,000 gallons of storage capacity to Loma Linda, 10,000 to the Landfill and 20,000 to Duncan fairgrounds well.

Mr. Rapier presented the ARPA funds spread sheet and explained where budget funding will come from within ARPA funds.

Upon motion by Supervisor Gomez seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried unanimously, the Board approved the requested agenda item as presented in the amount not to exceed \$72,500 using ARPA funds.

10.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Reed Larson, County Engineer
A. Discussion/Action to consider of adoption of proposed Board Resolution 23-11-01 regarding Calle Jón in the Loma Linda Estates Subdivision

Mr. Rapier asked the board to table this item, he'd like to get more information.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell seconded by Chairman Lunt, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the agenda item. Supervisor Gomez abstained from the motion.

11.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator and Bianca Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

A. County and State budget and legislative issues

Mr. Rapier stated constituents are meeting with the legislature to discuss the upcoming session, water will be a popular subject. A tentative meeting is scheduled with Senator Gowan, Chairman Lunt and Mr. Rapier to discuss state/county issues.

C. Calendar and Events

Calendar and events were discussed.

12.) Consent Agenda

- A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 7012**
- B. Chief Finance Officer: Consideration of approval of General Fund loans in the amount of \$2,966.12 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$2,636.30; Fund 159 - \$329.82**
- C. Chief Probation Officer: Consideration of acknowledgment of Employee Transaction Forms: D. Chavarria, Deputy Probation Officer; J. Altamirano, Deputy Probation Officer**
- D. Public Works Manger: Consideration of approval or Employee Transaction Form: T. Christner, Assistant Manager Facilities**
- E. Public Works Fleet-Manager: Consideration of approval of the updated Greenlee County lube CVA contract with Empire Southwest LC**
- F. Superior Court Judge: Consideration of approval Employee Transaction Form: S. Romo, Court Administrator**
- G. County Administrator: Consideration of approval to add Austin Adams, Deputy County Administrator as alternate trustee to Arizona Counties Insurance Pool**

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

13.) Supervisor Reports (Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual supervisors may present brief summaries of current events, but no

discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented)

Supervisor Campbell attended the Mexican Wolf Executive team meeting, discussed MOU and clarifications, with many of the steak holders. Well attended and very informative.

Chairman Lunt stated the upcoming legislative session will be tough and believes water issue will be a battle.

Supervisor Gomez sat in on a team meeting regarding the status of water and how it may affect affordable housing, very interesting with a lot of information.

14.) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

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