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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, March 23, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.**

Zoom Video Conferencing. To join the meeting enter the following URL into your browser:

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Meeting ID: 891 2096 6035

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

AGENDA

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 8:20 a.m. (due to technical difficulties)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Gomez led those present in the pledge.

B. Call to the Public

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to Call to the Public and expressed his appreciation to the Board and the County Administrator for providing information and locations to residents where COVID vaccines can be given.

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 for Employee Transaction Forms: A. Sams, Animal Control Supervisor; J. Galvin, Animal Control Officer**

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.) Steve Ahmann, Greenlee County Tourism Council Board Member
A. Discussion/Action - Request by local sponsoring organization (Tourism Council) for permission for Arizona SCCA to use County Road (Ward Canyon Road) for non-county event - Clifton Hill Climb - April 16-18, 2021

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, addressed this item and stated as a teenage and a Morenci resident he attended the first Hill Climb in the 1960's. Mr. Cervantez expressed his support and asked the Board members to support the Clifton Hill Climb.

Mr. Ahmann, discussed the Clifton Hill Climb, he stated with all the obstacles putting the event together the race should be bigger and better than prior years. Mr. Ahmann expressed his excitement.

Mr. Rapiere expressed his appreciation for how responsive Mr. Ahmann and the Tourism Council Members were in getting the insurances that the County needed for the event in a timely manner.

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

4.) Reed Larson, County Engineer

A. Discussion/Action to approve to execute Professional Services Agreement with Atkins North America, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$584,848.00 for the Franklin/Duncan Watershed Improvement Project funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service

Mr. Larson discussed the Atkins Agreement for the Franklin/Duncan Watershed, the project was started a few years ago by the former Engineer. Mr. Larson stated once Agreement is executed Atkins could start.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to execute Professional Services Agreement with Atkins North America, Inc as presented.

B. Discussion/Action regarding approval to go out for bid for the airport runway sealcoat project.

Mr. Larson stated the County Airport and runway are due for repairs and improvements. Mr. Larson stated he is receiving grant funding from FAA, ADOT and Greenlee County will match.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to go out for bid for the airport runway as presented.

5.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator

A. Budget Work session

Mr. Rapier stated this is the first budget work session and discussed several budget considerations. He discussed potential raises that could be considered. The Board gave Mr. Rapier direction to explore potential raises of 3,5, possibly 6 or 7%. He also discussed the 3% increase in Health Insurance Premiums. The Board directed that the increase should be split on the same percentages as the current division between the County and the employees as it's been done in the past. Mr. Rapier explained possibly adding the jail to the CIP, he considered bringing in a consultant to get estimates, the Board agreed with his recommendation and gave him direction to do so. Change of Procurement levels, Mr. Rapier suggested moving from \$0-\$2k to \$0-\$5K; to allow spending to take place in that department or in an Elected Official's office, \$2k-\$10k to \$5-\$15K to require County Administration approval; from \$10k-\$50k to \$15-\$75K which would require three written bids but not a sealed bid process. And moving the requirement for sealed bids from anything above \$50k to anything above \$75K. The board asked Mr. Rapier to get feedback from the departments and elected

officials. The Board also considered Mr. Rapier's suggestion to review the Travel Policy and Milage rate, the Board stated the County uses the State rate reimbursement 44.5/mile. Mr. Rapier discussed online booking travel services and suggested the county take advantage of some deals that exist, the board is not opposed and asked that the Travel Policy reflect these changes in travel services. Cell phone stipend rate was discussed, the board gave Mr. Rapier direction to examine the current reimbursement rates to see if they should be adjusted to current market conditions. Mr. Rapier discussed specific fund and/or budget adjustments to prepare for increased Cyber Security and Server Maintenance costs. He explained over all IT costs will be going up. Mr. Rapier discussed Economic Development and asked the board for direction, the Board proposed have a work session regarding this. American Recovery Act funds were discussed and the fact that there is not much guidance yet on their use. The Board gave Mr. Rapier direction that will help develop components of the budget. Mr. Rapier reported that he has already started meeting with offices.

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

Mr. Rapier stated this is the last week to hear bills from where they originated in the other house. Mr. Rapier stated the legislature will possibly finish their budget by June unfortunately the County will not know what cost shifts and what revenues are coming to build around until the state finishes the budget.

B. Calendar and Events

Calendar and events were discussed.

7.) Consent Agenda
A. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of minutes to previous meetings: 3/02/2021
B. Clerk of the Board: Consideration of approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 4027; 4028

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

8.) Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Richard Lunt
A. NACo Legislative Conference Public Lands Steering Committee

Chairman Lunt joined the NACo conference via zoom. He stated policies were discussed the main policy discussed were interim policies that require a different procedure to pass. Legislative updates were given. Chairmen Lunt discussed all speakers they heard from.

B. Eastern Counties Organization (ECO) Meeting

Chairman Lunt stated over 1700 bills have been presented this year. Chairman Lunt discussed the speaker from the Arizona Fish and Game and stated there is a 14% increase in wolves.

C. Small County Forum

Chairman Lunt stated several counties at the forum gave appreciation to their health department and employees for the dedication they have to residents in distributing the vaccine. Discussed the 1.9 billion dollars the state will be receiving from the American Recovery Act.

D. County Supervisor Association

Chairman Lunt listed all speakers that were present, also Sen. Mark Kelly was a speaker via zoom. Chairman Lunt stated all bills that were passed by Senate and House were discussed.

E. Legislative Policy Committee meeting

Chairman Lunt stated the issues from the LPC meeting were already discussed.

F. Western Interstate Region meeting

Chairmen Lunt stated different national speakers attended. Discussed Agricultural projects and programs. The Executive Director of NESARC spoke at the meeting. Discussion about the Annual WIR conference in October for potential in person conference.

Supervisor David Gomez

A. National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference

B. Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee meeting

Supervisor Gomez is a member of Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee he attended the business meeting virtually, the main topic was 4 proposed interim policies, all were approved and will be carried to the next NACo meeting.

Supervisor Ron Campbell

A. National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference

Supervisor Campbell attended the NACo conference virtually which he sits on the Agricultural Rural Affairs Committee. He stated several speakers were present. He also attended the small counties forum, discussion about COVID response and vaccinations. He also attended a couple of the virtual workshops.

9.) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Richard Lunt, Chairman

**ATTEST: /s/ Bianca Figueroa
Deputy 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 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.