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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

hereby gives notice that a

Special Meeting

will be held on Friday December 11, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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Meeting ID: 894 5732 0626

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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 Jeremy Ford, County Attorney; Derek Rapier, County Administrator

1.) Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.) Derek Rapier, County Administrator

A. Discussion/Action regarding reimplementation and modification of County Mask Wearing Regulation

Luis Montoya, Mayor of Clifton, requested to speak on this agenda item. He expressed his appreciation for the work that the Board of Supervisors has done in regard to the current mask wearing mandate in the county. Mr. Montoya stated

that the Town of Clifton and Greenlee County are partners and serve the same people. He noted that regardless of the outcome of today's vote on the regulation, the Town of Clifton who does have their own separate mask wearing mandate, does not have any immediate plans to implement an expiration date.

Susan Breen, Clifton resident, requested to speak on this agenda item. She thanked the Town of Clifton and the Board for their work with the mask mandates. Ms. Breen expressed her concerns on the enforcement of the mandate should it be passed by the Board.

Sheriff Sumner requested to speak on this agenda item. He expressed his views regarding the mandate of having to wear a mask and that it should ultimately be a personal choice.

Erica Carrasco, Clifton resident, requested to speak on this agenda item. Ms. Carrasco expressed her concern about residents not wearing their masks and that the virus isn't mindful of who it does effect. She thanked the Board and the Town of Clifton for their efforts regarding the mandates.

Amanda Gray, with Gila Health Services, requested to speak on this agenda item. Ms. Gray would like to see the mandate get extended; she does wish that people would choose to do the right thing by wearing a mask as it does help with the level of exposure that others may receive. She explained that Gila Health is constantly completing testing for COVID and all of the hard work that goes into the entire process. Should the mandate not be extended it could really create chaos as the numbers would increase a great amount.

Chairman Lunt stated that the county did receive two letters, one from Dr. Fred Fox with the Greenlee County Health Department and the other from Dr. Richard Vinroot the Vice President-Medical Director of Freeport McMoran. Both in support of extending the mandate.

County Administrator, Derek Rapier discussed that since the mandate was passed this past summer, it has been extended three separate times. Mr. Rapier stated that the language on the agenda item is slightly different as the number of cases in the county were updated on Tuesday, 12/8/2020. The "Whereas" clauses containing the dates and COVID counts were updated but the substance of the regulation has not changed from the regulation that was previously implemented, should the Board approve the mandate.

Supervisor Campbell expressed his opinion on the mandate and reiterated his support for the mandate. Chairman Lunt again expressed his view that mask wearing is important, but should be a matter of personal choice. Supervisor Gomez echoed Supervisor Campbell's comments. Upon motion of Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Gomez, the Board moved to reimplement and modify the County Mask Wearing Regulation until January 19, 2021, should the regulation not be renewed at that Board meeting, the mandate will expire on

January 23, 2021. The motion passed with Supervisors Campbell and Gomez voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Lunt voting against the motion.

3.) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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.