

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS. SAFFORD, AZ January 18, 2022

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

The Graham County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session this date with the following present:

Danny Smith	Chairman
Paul R. David	Vice-Chairman
John Howard	Member
Dustin Welker	County Manager / Clerk
Hannah Duderstadt	Deputy Clerk

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the minutes of the regular board meeting and work sessions held on January 3, 2022, were approved.

Health Director Brian Douglas requested approval to ratify a Consulting Agreement with Juli Weatherhead for COVID-19 services. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Planning & Zoning Director Steve McGaughey requested approval of a Special Event Liquor License for the South Eastern Arizona Sportsman Club at the fairgrounds on February 26, 2022. Upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor David, the request was unanimously approved.

County Manager Dustin Welker requested approval to appoint Darlene Alder to serve a two-year term on the Personnel Committee. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Under current events report, Supervisor Howard had nothing to report at this time.

Supervisor David reported on the following: 1/05 Effective Engagement with State Lawmakers webinar; 1/06 ADOT zoom conference; Luggie Baca's retirement; 1/10 Legislature Opening Session; Safford City Council mtg.; 1/11 Historical Society mtg.; 1/12 Desert Cat Rescue mtg.; 1/13 AZ/NM Coalition Board mtg.; 1/14 CSA LPC conference;

County Manager Welker reported on the following: Buford Wash project update; Field 1 project update; Little League agreement; Transfer Site offices update; CSA legislation bills;

Demands and hand written warrants were unanimously approved upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor David. Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §11-217, as amended in 1996, those demands/warrants for any supplier which total more than \$1,000.00 are as follows:

**SUPPLIER/PURPOSE**

**AMOUNT OF WARRANT**

3G PLUMBING & SERVICES, LLC	\$1,622.95
ADVANCED AIR/ ALTECH REFRIGERATION	\$6,582.71
AMAZON	\$3,821.83
ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES -	\$2,397.49

ARIZONA COUNTIES WORKERS COMP	\$89,339.84
BAILEY ALLRED	\$1,830.00
BARRY A. STANDIFIRD, P.C.	\$4,166.60
CENTURY LINK – BUSINESS SERVICES	\$11,333.61
CHASE BANK – CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$2,671.96
COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES	\$4,050.00
DAISY FLORES LAW & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	\$8,333.33
DENNIS MCCARTHY	\$8,750.00
DLM CONSULTING	\$9,600.00
DLT SOLUTIONS	\$1,562.56
EASTERN ARIZONA COURIER	\$1,660.00
GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP	\$3,600.00
GRAHAM COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$2,500.00
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	\$6,965.82
HARALSON FLEET SERVICE	\$1,377.37
JEREMY J. WAITE	\$3,900.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	\$3,133.99
JOSHUA BENSON, PA-C	\$1,930.00
JOSI Y. LOPEZ	\$10,125.00
KNOW INK-XXX	\$4,044.00
LAW OFFICE OF REBECCA JOHNSON	\$10,125.00
MATT N. CLIFFORD	\$1,620.00
NATIONAL TEST SYSTEMS-XXX	\$3,688.00
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT PLAN	\$300,000.00
BRUCE ELLSWORTH SAULS CREEK ENGINEERING	\$6,540.00
SNAP ON TOOLS	\$1,039.35
STATE BAR OF ARIZONA	\$1,430.00
STATE OF ARIZONA RISK MANAGEMENT	\$2,322.87
SUPERIOR SUPPLY	\$14,877.88
VERIZON WIRELESS – TX	\$5,797.38
VISTA RECYCLING INC.	\$3,685.96
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	\$3,094.04
WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	\$1,587.44
JOHNSON MOTORS	\$27,538.00
JTS CONTAINERS	\$39,972.00

Chairman Smith announced it was the time and date to hold a public hearing on the following, Planning & Zoning Director Steve McGaughey gave background on the request.

Road Name Request. Applicant is Planning & Zoning. Request is to name a private easement. Proposed name is “Drew Drive”. Situs address is north of Quail Trail.

No one spoke in favor or against the request. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

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Road Name Request. Applicant is Planning & Zoning. Request is to name a private easement. Proposed name is "Payton's Way". Situs address is west of Pommel Street, Safford.

No one spoke in favor or against the request. Upon motion of Supervisor David, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

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Road Name Request. Applicant is Planning & Zoning. Request is to name a private easement. Proposed name is "Thomas Place". Situs address is north of Quail Trail.

No one spoke in favor or against the request. Upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor David, the request was unanimously approved.

At 8:17 a.m. and upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor David, the Board unanimously voted to enter an executive session to consider retaining Carden Livesay, Ltd., to be retained to defend 2022 tax valuation lawsuits filed by NatureSweet and Mt. View Terrace Apartments. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Darlene Alder	Assessor
Brett Bluth	Property Appraiser I
Valerie Cooke	Chief Deputy Assessor
Scott Bennett	County Attorney
Jean Roof	Civil County Attorney
Hannah Duderstadt	Elections Director
Joshua Carden (telephonic)	Carden Livesay
Dustin Welker	County Manager

Recommendations on the tax valuation lawsuits were discussed.

Chairman Smith adjourned the session at 9:01 a.m.

At 9:01 a.m. the Board entered into an executive session to discuss updates on lawsuit regarding the referendum petitions. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Scott Bennett	County Attorney
Jean Roof	Civil County Attorney
Hannah Duderstadt	Elections Director
Dustin Welker	County Manager

An update of the election lawsuit was discussed. At this time Supervisor David took his leave for the day.

The executive session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Chairman Smith reconvened the regular meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor Smith, it was unanimously approved to retain Carden Livesay, Ltd., to be retained to defend lawsuit filed by NatureSweet, USA, against Graham County challenging their 2022 tax valuation.

Upon motion of Supervisor Howard, seconded by Supervisor Smith, it was unanimously approved to retain Carden Livesay, Ltd., to be retained to defend lawsuit filed by Mt. View Terrace Apartments, against Graham County challenging their 2022 tax valuation.

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m. At this time Supervisor Smith took his leave for the day, and Supervisor Howard presided over the following work sessions.

Supervisor Howard called the first work session to order at 9:25 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to Supervisor Howard were:

Eric Angle	Deputy County Engineer
Collin Fanning	Emergency Management Deputy Director
Brian Douglas	Health Department Director
Steve Puzas	Highway Superintendent
Steve McGaughey	P & Z Director
Dustin Welker	County Manager

Various Health, Highway, and Planning & Zoning issues were discussed.

Supervisor Howard adjourned the work session at 10:30 a.m.

Supervisor Howard called the second work session to order at 9:25 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to Supervisor Howard were:

Julie Rodriguez	Chief Financial Officer
Josh Halversen	Chief Probation Officer
Anne Elder	Judicial Assistant
Gary Griffith	JP#1 Judge
Wyatt Palmer	JP#2 Judge
Dustin Welker	County Manager

The Justice of Peace courts were discussed.

Supervisor Howard adjourned the work session at 11:35 a.m.

Supervisor Howard called the first work session to order at 9:25 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to Supervisor Howard were:

George Garcia	Forest Service
Dustin Welker	County Manager

The US Forest Service gave a quarterly report.

Supervisor Howard adjourned the work session at 1:40 p.m.

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Danny Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dustin Welker, Board Clerk