

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS.SAFFORD, AZ March 24, 2020

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

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

James A. Palmer	Chairman
Paul R. David	Member
Danny Smith	Member
Dustin Welker	County Manager / Clerk

Supervisor David called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

PJ Allred	Sheriff's Office
Brian Douglas	Health Dept.
Robert Hernandez	Animal Control
Josh Halversen	Probation
Scott Howell	Sheriff's Office
Jeff McCormies	Sheriff's Office
Melissa Matlock	Parks & Fairgrounds
Debbie Barnes	Attorney
Scott Adams	Attorney
Anna Elder	JP #1
Darlene Alder	Assessor
Cindy Norris-Blake	HR
Hannah Duderstadt	Elections/BOS
McCoy Hawkins	IT
Wyatt Palmer	JP #2
Steve Puzas	Highway Dept.
Lee Hurston	Highway Dept.
Steve McGaughey	Planning & Zoning
Mary Bingham	Treasurer
Lori Boren	Treasurer
Wendy John	Recorder
Stephanie Newton	Clerk of Superior Court
Donna McGaughey	Supt. Schools
Michael Bryce	Engineering
Michael Peterson	Superior Court
Mike Cochran	Sheriff's Office

County Manager Dustin Welker welcomed those in attendance and outlined the topics of discussion regarding COVID-19.

Health Director Brian Douglas presented a synopsis of COVID-19 situation in Arizona. There have been 326 confirmed cases, and 5 deaths in Arizona. In Graham County, 37 have been tested, 15 came back negative, 2 positive, and 20 are pending lab results. The Health Department has received an allotment of medical supplies and items. Please call the Health Department for questions or need of items.

Judge Michael Peterson gave an update on the Superior Court. The courts will still provide access, and in-custody cases are continuing, while out-of-custody cases have been moved out eight weeks. Court filings will still be received. Inmate release will be determined case by case. At all possible, in-person proceedings are to be avoided, and teleconferences preferred.

Chief Probation Officer Josh Halversen gave an update on probation services. The adult and juvenile lobbies are closed. Most contact will be telephonic. Group treatments and counseling are still accessible via telephonic and video appearance.

Sheriff PJ Allred gave an update on the Sheriff's Office. Patrol cars have been outfitted with 1% bleach solution spray and gloves. The lobby is closed, and nurses are monitoring all employees upon entering the facility. Currently there are no COVID-19 cases detected in Arizona jails.

Officer Mike Cochran provided further details on the jail. The jail population has been reduced from 159 to 130 inmates, to accommodate room in case of need to quarantine any inmate displaying symptoms. DOC has implemented a request that inmates be quarantined for 14 days before sent to DOC.

County Manager Dustin Welker explained the General Services building will be closed to the public starting March 25, 2020, but will maintain ability to serve customers. Treasurer's office will meet at the back door to receive receipts. Demands are due Tuesday, the week prior to the board meeting at 12:00 PM. No late demands will be accepted. Mail must be delivered to the General Services building by 10:00 AM. Time sheets are due Thursday, week prior to pay day by 12:00 PM. Checks and direct deposits will be available Thursday, at 4:45 PM. Departments are encouraged to call prior to any pick-up or drop-off.

It is imperative county employees practice social distancing, and good sanitation practice. Board meetings will continue, but for those who have no agenda or interest in the meeting, please refrain from attending.

Manager Welker discussed the #3-2020 Attendance Policy During Influenza Viral Pandemic Influenza Outbreak, and #2-2020 Telecommuting Policy. Manager Welker also discussed the government issued, Families First Coronavirus Response Act which will begin April 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Questions and answers followed the discussion.

The Work Session was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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Paul R. David, Supervisor

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Dustin Welker, Clerk