

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS. SAFFORD, AZ May 1, 2023

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

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

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

Chairman David called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the minutes of the regular board meeting and work sessions held on April 17, 2023, were approved.

County Attorney L. Scott Bennett requested approval to clarify Mr. Clifford entered two agreements for prosecution services, and to ratify approval of both the Felony and Misdemeanor Agreements. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Election Director Hannah Duderstadt requested approval to appoint Precinct Committeemen pursuant to A.R.S. §16-821(B). Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Planning & Zoning Director Steve McGaughey requested approval to renew an Agreement with State of Arizona's Department of Housing to do all Manufactured Housing Installation Inspections in Graham County, City of Safford, Town of Duncan, and Greenlee County. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Human Resources Director Cindy Norris-Blake requested approval to reclassify the part-time Detention Nurse position to full-time status. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Director Norris-Blake requested approval of revisions to the Graham County Merit System Rules. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Julie Rodriguez requested approval of Resolution No. 2023-02, naming Julie Rodriguez as the Chief Fiscal Officer for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2024 for the purpose of the Expense Limitation Report (ELR) to the Office of the Auditor General. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, A.R.S. 41-1279.07(E) requires each county, city, town, and community college district to annually provide to the Arizona Auditor General by July 31 the name of the Chief Fiscal Officer the governing body designated to officially submit the current year’s annual expenditure limitation report (AELR) on the governing body’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Graham County Board of Supervisors desires to designate Julie Rodriguez, as the County’s Chief Fiscal Officer.

WHEREAS, Entities must submit an updated form and documentation for any changes in the individuals designated to file the AELR.

ENACTMENTS:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Julie Rodriguez, is hereby designated as the County’s Chief Fiscal Officer for the purposes of officially submitting the fiscal year 2024 AELR to the Arizona Auditor General on the governing body’s behalf.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Graham County, Arizona Board of Supervisors, this 1st day of May, 2023.

/S/: Paul R. David, Chairman

Attest to:

/S/: Hannah Duderstadt, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

/S/: L. Scott Bennett, County Attorney

Officer Rodriguez requested approval of Graham County Policy: Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Pension Funding Policy (2024). Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

County Manager Dustin Welker requested approval of the distribution methodology for the \$397,764.18 in Secure Rural School funds to schools. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith to approve allocation method two for SRS monies, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the request was unanimously approved.

Manager Welker presented to the Board the Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation and read the proclamation into the minutes.



**GRAHAM COUNTY PROCLAMATION
PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, child care provides a safe, nurturing place for the enrichment and development of millions of children nationwide, and is a vital force in our economy; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic illuminated how indispensable child care providers are for the well-being and economic security of Graham County's young children, families, and communities.

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, are still recovering from health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Graham county recognizes that child care has been a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. David, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Graham County, hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as Provider Appreciation Day in Graham County and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
/S/: Paul R. David, Chairman

ATTEST:

/S/: Dustin Welker, Clerk

Under current events Manager Welker reported on the following: Budget week and thanked Julie and Cindy for their work.

Supervisor Howard had nothing to report;

Supervisor Smith reported on the following: May 24th AZ Dept. of Commerce, Economic Rural Development.

Supervisor David reported on the following: Downtown Association Appreciation luncheon;

Demands and hand written warrants were unanimously approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard. 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

ADHS, AHCCCS TREASURER	\$44,683.00
ALEXANDRIA PROTO	\$1,245.00
ALLTERRA CENTRAL, INC.	\$44,239.45
ARIZONA COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL	\$4,683.94
ARIZONA COUNTIES WORKERS COMP	\$53,191.47
AZLGEBT	\$235,961.27
BI INCORPORATED	\$1,334.25
BOKF, NA (VIA BANK OF OKLAHOMA)	\$160,374.48
BOULEVARD GLASS, LLC	\$1,015.78
CARDEN LIVESAY, LTD.	\$1,875.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$1,919.12
CENTURY LINK – 91155	\$2,145.34
CIRCLE C PAINTING	\$22,000.00
CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$1,343.67
CITY OF SAFFORD UTILITIES	\$26,609.74
CITY OF SAFFORD WASTE TIRE FUND	\$21,285.78
CKC CONSTRUCTION	\$2,201.75
COOPER LOPEZ & ASSOCIATES, PLLC	\$1,641.25
DARLENE MONTIERTH	\$1,506.44
DENNIS MCCARTHY	\$3,100.00
DLM CONSULTING	\$9,600.00
DYNAMIC TREATMENT & COUNSELING	\$7,175.00
ELIZABETH M. HALE	\$5,040.50
EMPIRE SOUTHWEST	\$4,518.59
ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY OF PHOENIX, INC.	\$1,675.52
GCR TIRES & SERVICE	\$4,102.19
GRAINGER	\$2,470.36
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	\$2,460.66
INTOXIMETERS	\$9,140.74
JEREMY J. WAITE	\$2,418.67
JOSI Y. LOPEZ	\$3,600.00
LAURENCE SCHIFF, M.D.	\$1,900.00
LAW OFFICE OF REBECCA JOHNSON	\$3,500.00
LEXISNEXIS	\$1,160.74
MACDONALD COUNSELING SERVICES, PLLC	\$2,100.00
MACKS AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$3,826.24
MCDUGAL'S CALDWELL FUNERAL CHAPEL	\$2,045.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$9,993.64
NEW INSULATION CONCEPTS	\$51,625.50
PAYMENT REMITTANCE CENTER	\$2,474.40
PINAL COUNTY JUVENIL COURT SERVICES	\$64,889.00
PTS OF AMERICA	\$7,040.00
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$324,998.61
QUILL – ACCT NO. C2304735	\$1,302.49
RON COX BUILDERS	\$116,487.00
RUNBECK ELECTION SERVICES	\$3,443.55
SAFFORD ACE 1881-A	\$7,602.13
SCOTT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$1,792.00
SEM APPLICATIONS, INC	\$1,854.00

SENERGY PETROLEUM	\$4,359.83
SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$68,284.61
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$5,743.84
SPARKLIGHT	\$1,748.39
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	\$19,738.76
TETRA TECH, INC.	\$48,483.88
THE GILA HERALD	\$1,200.00
TRI COUNTY MATERIALS, INC.	\$1,567.02
USDA – APHIS	\$4,876.60
VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO.	\$1,135.92
WESTWOOD PHARMACY CLINICAL SERVICES	\$3,105.78

Chairman David announced it was the time and date to open the following bid:

Banking Contract Bid
 - Wells Fargo (Various Amounts/Incentives)

Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Howard, the bid was unanimously forwarded to staff for review and authorized to award if bid is compliant.

At 8:42 a.m. the Board entered the first executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), to discuss developments in Arizona Democratic Party, et al, v. No Labels, et al., Maricopa County Cause No. CV-2023-004832, provide direction, and potentially take action. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Jean Roof	Chief Deputy Civil Attorney
L. Scott Bennett	County Attorney
Dustin Welker	County Manager

The lawsuit was discussed, and recommendations given.

The first session was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

At 8:54 a.m. the Board entered the second executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3), for the Board to discuss and potentially take action regarding revisions to Graham County’s marijuana ordinances. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Jean Roof	Chief Deputy Civil Attorney
L. Scott Bennett	County Attorney
Dustin Welker	County Manager

The revisions and next steps for the ordinances were discussed.

The second session was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

At 9:04 a.m. the Board entered the third executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), for the Board to discuss, provide direction, and potentially take action regarding the lease of the County building located at 627 W. Main Street in Safford, Arizona. At this time Supervisor David recused himself from the meeting. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Jean Roof
L. Scott Bennett
Dustin Welker

Chief Deputy Civil Attorney
County Attorney
County Manager

The draft lease was reviewed and provisions discussed.

The third session was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Chairman David resumed the regular meeting at 9:28 a.m. At this time Supervisor Howard took his leave.

Upon motion of Supervisor David to not file an answer regarding litigation Arizona Democratic Party, et al, v. No Labels, et al., Maricopa County Cause No. CV-2023-004832, but do file a notice of appearance asserting nominal party status, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman David adjourned the regular meeting at 9:54 a.m.

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Paul R. David, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dustin Welker, Board Clerk