

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS.SAFFORD, AZ July 13, 2020

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
Danny Smith	Vice-Chairman
James A. Palmer	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 Palmer, the minutes and work session of the regular board meeting held on July 6, 2020 2020 were approved.

Health Director Brian Douglas requested approval of a Consulting Agreement with Sara Martin for public health nursing services for COVID-19. Upon motion of Supervisor Palmer, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.

County Manager Dustin Welker, after a brief review, requested approval of adopting the FY 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget. Upon motion of Supervisor Palmer, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.



Chairman David moved to adjust the agenda order to have Call to the Public before proceeding with the next agenda item.

Under Call to the Public, Nick Nordgran-Tellez added his support of the Proclamation by Graham County, City of Safford, Town of Thatcher, and Town of Pima strongly urging residents of Graham County to wear masks in public and follow CDC guidelines. He also asked the Board

Under Call to the Public, Supervisor Paul David, on behalf of Juliet Benvenuto, read her emailed letter inquiring how the county will address reopening schools safely amid the pandemic.

After Health Director Brian Douglas presented a brief update on COVID-19, Manager Welker requested approval of Proclamation by Graham County, City of Safford, Town of Thatcher, and Town of Pima strongly urging residents of Graham County to wear masks in public and follow CDC guidelines. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Palmer, the request was unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE SAFFORD CITY COUNCIL, THE THATCHER TOWN COUNCIL AND THE PIMA TOWN COUNCIL STRONGLY URGING THE RESIDENTS OF GRAHAM COUNTY TO WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC AND FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES

Whereas, Graham County is facing severe health challenges that are impacting the nation and the world as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of the date of this Proclamation, the Graham County Health Department has confirmed two hundred and seven (207) positive COVID-19 cases and four (4) deaths in Graham County.

Whereas, Graham County has increased seventy (70) confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last week and is experiencing increased community spread and for the next several weeks are anticipating an upward trajectory in this trend.

Whereas, the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease complications, and death for our residents, particularly those with underlying medical conditions and the elderly.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed the Graham County Board of Supervisors, the Safford City Council, the Thatcher Town Council and the Pima Town Council hereby **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** the following:

1. Wear a mask in public at all times, regardless of whether you are six (6) feet apart or not;
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, if soap and water is not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol;
3. Clean surfaces that you or others touch often with an EPA registered household disinfectant;
4. Maintain at least a six (6) foot distance between you and others in public at all times;
5. Avoid any large gatherings at all times;
6. If you are sick or not feeling well, stay home and contact your medical provider; and
7. If quarantined, follow all instructions from health and medical officials.

It is critical to slow the spread in our community for the protection of our most at risk populations, ensure our healthcare system is not overwhelmed and to enable businesses to remain open in a safe and healthy manner.

PROCLAIMED this 13th day of July, 2020

Chairman, Graham County Board of Supervisors

/s/: **Paul David**

Mayor, City of Safford

/s/: **Jason Kouts**

Mayor, Town of Thatcher

/s/: **Bob Rivera**

Mayor, Town of Pima

/s/: **C.B. Fletcher**

Under current events report, Supervisor David deferred his report for the next regular session.

Manager Welker deferred his report.

Supervisor Smith deferred his report.

Supervisor Palmer had nothing to report.

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

AOC RETIREMENT	\$13,835.69
ARIZONA DEPT OF REVENUE	\$12,160.62
ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT	\$58,611.98
CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT	\$4,865.57
ELECTED OFFICIAL RETIREMENT	\$21,433.94
GRAHAM COUNTY FUND X-006	\$106,047.18
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$4,931.65
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$96,795.56
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	\$3,633.76
NATIONWIDE TRUST CO. FBO NRS	\$1,690.00
OCHS, INC.	\$1,873.46
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$19,574.69
EFT NWS PAYROLL	\$278,341.60
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,622.90

Chairman David adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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Paul R. David, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dustin Welker, Board Clerk