Board of Supervisors
January 21, 2025
9:30 AM

The Board met in a Regular Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Rudy Molera, Chairman; John Fanning, Vice-Chairman; Luis Carlos Davis, Member; Jesus Valdez, County Manager; Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Molera called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Arnold Montiel.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to adopt the Agenda and deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Adele Post, a resident of Tucson, spoke about the De La Ossa family and their request for the De La Ossa Family Cemetery.
Alfredo Velasquez, School Superintendent, bid farewell and acknowledged Patricia Barraza for her years of dedicated service.
Patricia Barraza, a resident of Rio Rico, expressed her gratitude for the recognition and mentioned that she would miss everyone in the county.
Maritza Lynn Higuera, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke about an upcoming First Inter-Mayor FHC Forum, a binational forum set for March 28-30, 2025.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: met with the Tubac Community Center; took part in a Rural Water Coalition meeting in Phoenix; attended the Governor's State of the State; participated in the County Supervisor Association orientation; and thanked Patricia Barraza once again for her service.
SUPERVISOR DAVIS: met with different community leaders; plans to meet with the public library board; and hopes to bring new ideas for the county.
CHAIRMAN MOLERA: expressed his condolences to David Moore's family and to those families from the accident that happened on I-19; took part in the County Supervisors' Association reception and meeting; thanked staff for the Retreat that was informational only to have the new supervisors on track; and took part in a local bicycle race.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, thanked the Board for attending the County Supervisor Association orientation; spoke of the retreat by highlighting the incoming budget process; the expenditure limit; and spoke of smart growth such as workforce, housing, and infrastructure.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. FINANCE: CASH & INVESTMENTS, EXPENDITURES & REVENUE REPORTS

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported $21,881,295.15 in the General Fund, of which $15,984,133.92 is invested; $6,323,123.74 in the Road Fund, of which $7,880.13 is invested; $2,851,563.4 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which $297,798.80 is invested; $5,015,850.6 in the Jail District Fund, of which $3,250,472.52 is invested; $63,290,708.74 total for all funds, of which

$21,586,695.26 is invested; $13,763,208.84 estimated end of month balance, compared to $16,234,049.73 cash at January 2024, a difference of $(2,470,840.89).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer, spoke of Real Auction progress that should be up by the end of this week.

Jesus Valdez, County Manager, Ribbon Cutting for the Fiber in Patagonia.

Supervisor Davis made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Study Session seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

STUDY SESSION

1. PRESENTATION BY DAVID E. SHAMBACH, ARCHITECT, INC. ON COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FACILITY SITING STUDY (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

Presentation by David E. Shambach, DESA Architecture

2. UPDATE FROM PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE (PARA) ON PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES BY CAROL SHAFER, MISSION COORDINATOR OF PARA (REQ: CLERK)

Presented by Carolyn Shaffer on behalf of Patagonia Area Resource Alliance (PARA).

The Board adjourned the Study Session and reconvened into the Regular Session. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis ; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES HEADQUARTERS (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to move forward with the discussion taking place about promoting education and site 5 be approved, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

Robert May stated that the Board may amend.

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 FOR SETTING A GOAL TO BECOME A NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER AND COMMUNITY (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve, seconded by Chairman Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEIRDRE M. ESHLEMAN TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE DISTRICT 3 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FROM JUNE 5, 2023 TO JUNE 5, 2027 (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MELINDA S. MADDOCK TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE DISTRICT 3 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FROM JANUARY 21, 2025 TO JANUARY 21, 2029 (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RECLASSIFY AND FILL APPRAISER ASSISTANT POSITION TO APPRAISER I POSITION (REQ: ASSESSOR)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT APPRAISER I POSITION (REQ: ASSESSOR)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH VERSATERM PUBLIC SAFETY US, INC. FOR THE CRIME VERIFICATION SYSTEM (VINE) THROUGH THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (ACJC) FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES REGARDING THE ARIZONA VICTIM NOTIFICATION INITIATIVE (REQ: SHERIFF)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH APIC SOLUTIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NETWORK CONNECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,452 (REQ: SHERIFF)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FIESTA MARKET IN RIO RICO, AZ (REQ: CLERK)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND FOR DUPLICATE WARRANT #4-684085 IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,252.99 DATED 09/17/2024 PAYABLE TO SSVEC (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

9. APPROVAL OF TAX VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR)

A 112-44-557 - JESSICA C. WOLFE, RESOLUTION NO. 57067

B 109-24-021-D - BRUCE ORA FULLERTON, RESOLUTION NO. 57069

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/07/2025

11. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

12. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of $1,274,068.01, of which $761,864.53 is from the General Fund. Details of these expenditures are available for inspection during working hours and are to be considered as part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)