

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 led by Roberto Montiel, was recited.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Carolyn Shafer, a resident of Patagonia, on behalf of Patagonia Area Resource Alliance, spoke of agenda item F1 and of preserving water.

Robin Lucky, a resident of Rio Rico, on behalf of Calabasas Alliance, thanked the board for bringing water experts to present; spoke in support of Ms. Shafer's comment about conserving water and the possibility of obtaining grant funds to address Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Kathi Campana, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke about the need to have a park on the northeast side of Rio Rico with the possible use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: attended the Nogales International Airport Copper Mountain Air Open House on the 16th of February; took part in a University of Arizona Library event with local librarians with the County Manager to speak with the university to bring resources to the local libraries; and took part in the Nogales, At the Heart of Opportunity on the 14th of February.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: took part in the Spelling Bee as a Judge, thanked the School Superintendent's office; participated in the Tubac Festival as a volunteer and with family; attended a Tubac Citizen's Council alongside Jesus Valdez, County Manager; attended a Sonoita Elgin Planning and Preservation meeting; went two-stepping in the Elgin Community Center; and looks forward to the presentation today.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: had the honor of viewing the Spelling Bee and thanked the School Superintendent's office; mentioned February 14th was the State Birthday and wished a belated happy Valentine's Day; will be attending a County Supervisors Association Board of Directors meeting and Small Counties Forum; and recognized Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager and Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer for their work being done in the County Treasurer office.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, took part in a County Managers meeting and an ACIP (Arizona Counties Insurance Pool) meeting to discuss liability issues.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported \$22,201,112.45 in the General Fund, of which \$16,044,332.17 is invested; \$7,029,548.85 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,909.81 is invested;

\$2,850,854.72 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$298,920.35 is invested; \$6,802,085.72 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$3,262,714.21 is invested; \$66,329,986.34 total for all funds, of which \$21,667,993.20 is invested; \$14,732,352.90 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$15,635,570.89 cash at February 2023, a difference of \$(903,217.99).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer, spoke of the results of the auction online, which were successful and showed improved participation in comparison with the year 2024. Positive feedback was provided by the public to the Treasurer's office about having the auction online.

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

STUDY SESSION

1. PRESENTATION BY CHRISTOPHER KUZDAS, ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND OF "OUR SHARED WATER STORY: WHERE ARE WE GOING?"

Presentation by Christopher Kuzdas in person. Mr. Kuzdas provided a presentation on what is happening with water from a broad statewide perspective, what other rural communities are grappling with and offering support to address local water issues.

Questions and answers were open to the public. The Board thanked Mr. Kuzdas for the presentation.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

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

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COMMITTEES: (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera) Rotation in these committees may apply when the rotation schedule of the Chairman and the Vice-chairman comes into play, Vice-Chairman Fanning read the primary and secondaries in the committees, and Jesus Valdez, County Manager, provided a summary of each committee.

A ARIZONA BORDER COUNTIES COALITION

Primary: Rudy Molera, Supervisor District 2

1st Secondary: Luis Carlos Davis, Supervisor District 1

2nd Secondary: John Fanning, Supervisor District 3

B GREATER NOGALES SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Primary: John Fanning, Supervisor District 3

1st Secondary: Luis Carlos Davis, Supervisor District 1

2nd Secondary: Rudy Molera, Supervisor District 2

C SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION

Primary: Luis Carlos Davis, Supervisor District 1

1st Secondary: Rudy Molera, Supervisor District 2

2nd Secondary: John Fanning, Supervisor District 3

D COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AGREEMENT

Primary: John Fanning, Supervisor District 3

1st Secondary: Rudy Molera, Supervisor District 2

2nd Secondary: Luis Carlos Davis, Supervisor District 1

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 3, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 7, 2025 AS READ ACROSS AMERICA/READ ON SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WEEK (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECLASSIFY COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATOR POSITION TO AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST POSITION AND FILL SAID POSITION (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

**3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT:
A TWO (2) DEPUTY SHERIFF I POSITIONS (REQ: SHERIFF)
B COURT CLERK POSITION (REQ: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT)**

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TU NIDITO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS SCCSSO GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP EFFECTIVE FROM 01/31/2025 THROUGH 07/31/2025 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO SUBRECCIPIENT AGREEMENT 21-AZDOHS-OPSG-210440-01 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO EXTEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT DEADLINE (REQ: SHERIFF)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE LOCAL JUDICIAL COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT FUND (JCEF) GRANT TO FUND CIRCLES OF PEACE/PRETRIAL SERVICES FROM JANUARY 01, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000 (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ARIZONA STOP (SERVICES, TRAINING, OFFICERS AND PROSECUTORS) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT NO. GR-STOP-GOYFF-010124-18Y2 FROM 01/01/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2025 FOR A FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$149,710 AND A GRANTEE IN-KIND MATCH OF \$49,983 (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RECORDER IN APPLYING FOR FUNDS THROUGH THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE TO REIMBURSE COUNTY FOR EXPENSES IN HELPING REMEDY DOCUMENTED PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP (DPOC) ISSUES FOR VOTERS AFFECTED BY THE ARIZONA MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT'S (MVD) DATA ERROR IN 2024 (REQ: RECORDER)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE STATEMENT OF WORK WITH CIVICPLUS LLC FOR THE RENEWAL OF CIVICCLERK SOFTWARE THAT IS USED FOR AGENDA AND MINUTES MANAGEMENT FROM 01/01/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2026 WITH A 1-YEAR RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,604.48 (REQ: CLERK)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR PROPERTY TAX REVIEWS AND APPEALS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR (REQ: CLERK)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SAKILA IN RIO RICO (REQ: CLERK)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CRAFT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ON 05/17/2025 AT PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK (REQ: CLERK)

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

A 109-48-015-A - CITADEL HOLDINGS LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 57079

B 112-26-009-A - IRENE CORBETT, RESOLUTION NO. 57084

C 112-26-009-A - IRENE CORBETT, RESOLUTION NO. 57085

D 112-44-136 - KENNETH D. VEAL, RESOLUTION NO. 57080

E 112-44-136 - KENNETH D. VEAL, RESOLUTION NO. 57081

F 112-44-136 - KENNETH D. VEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE KENNETH D. VEAL TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 57082

G 112-44-136- KENNETH D. VEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE KENNETH D. VEAL TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 57083

H 101-36-084 - MARIA GUTIERREZ AND LUDIVINA GUTIERREZ CORRAL, RESOLUTION NO. 57038

I 124-02-184 - THE ANTHONY WAYNE & DORA LUZ DEXTER REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 57086

J 115-07-319-B - BACILIA Q. GUERRERO, RESOLUTION NO. 57087

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02/04/2025 & 2/11/2025 SPECIAL MEETING

15. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

16. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$1,228,212.09, of which \$617,018.45 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 10:39 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)