

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 (via Zoom); 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, led by Mr. Ed Delci.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Pam Lemke, a resident of Tubac, was excited about the National Wildlife Refuge presentation and provided information on a proposed refuge.

Daniel Dellings, a resident of Tubac, spoke about the recent filing of the application for a serial number for a recall against Sheriff David Hathaway not being done by the Republican Party.

Skye Leone, a resident of Tubac, spoke of the urban wildlife refuge and the push for the refuge.

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

#### **1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SUPERVISOR DAVIS:** spoke of his recent visit to Washington DC; thanked Mr. Velasquez's office for the students that applied for the internship opportunities in DC; took part in the Gear Up event and Family Resources night that will have a great impact on the community; attended the monthly city hall meeting to see what is going on at the city level.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING:** apologized for not being in person and will hold his comments about the DC trip until the next Board meeting; and reiterated what Ms. Pam Lemke said about the national wildlife refuge.

**CHAIRMAN MOLERA:** stated that the trip to DC was different this year. For instance, he mentioned that the EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) wouldn't meet with the Supervisors as they did before; that the meeting with the forest department was very unsettling and unsure of his situation and released 2400 staff members from the Forest Service; did meet with Senator Kelly and spoke of the priorities such as the infrastructure projects in the county; spoke of the recent press release and thanked the independent auditors that are making sure we are doing the right thing in the county; and will be hosting an open house in Rio Rico tomorrow.

#### **2. MANAGER**

**JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER,** recognized the Board for their great work; thanked the Board for their efforts; there is a lot of confusion when you speak with our senators and congressional delegates; over 60% of our funding is grant dependent.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported \$21,269,652.21 in the General Fund, of

which \$16,044,332.17 is invested; \$6,775,453.83 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,909.81 is invested; \$2,894,820.75 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$298,920.35 is invested; \$6,735,349.16 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$3,262,714.21 is invested; \$64,989,913.52 total for all funds, of which \$21,667,993.20 is invested; \$12,929,596.30 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$14,799,452.64 cash at March 2024, a difference of \$(1,869,856.34).

## **2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE**

None.

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene the Flood Control District Board seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera) None.

## **FLOOD CONTROL**

### **1. DIRECTOR'S/PROJECT REPORT**

Allan Sanchez, Floodplain Coordinator provided the report update to the Board.

### **2. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY OF NOGALES**

No Report.

### **3. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA**

Report was submitted in writing.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)**

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

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to adjourn the Flood Control and convene into the Jail District seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

## **JAIL DISTRICT**

### **1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT FIVE (5) DETENTION OFFICER POSITIONS (REQ: SHERIFF)**

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

The Board did not adjourn the Jail District, but continued to Action Items.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2025 AS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION MONTH (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera) Chairman Molera thanked Alma Schultz for organizing the employee appreciation event.

### **2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY COUNTY MANAGER'S SIGNATURE OF THE EXTENDED TOLLING AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICTS (REQ:**

**COUNTY MANAGER) *A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE ACTION REQUIRING RATIFICATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE.***

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON(S) FOR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: (REQ: FRANCIS GLAD, CHAIRPERSON, SCC DEMOCRATIC PARTY)**

**A JUAN M. FLEISCHER - CORONADO 5**

**B CLAUDIA L. LIZARRAGA - RIO RICO 7**

**C HIRIANA N. GALLEGOS - NOGALES 8**

**D MIGUEL A. LOPEZ - BACA 19**

**E ROBERT H. BRUBAKER - NOGALES 18**

**F EDUARDO A. COTA - CALABAZAS 17**

**G SONIA R. SANCHEZ - CALABAZAS 17**

**H LUIS DAVIS - NOGALES 12**

**I GRACIELA V. AGUIRRE - NOGALES 10**

**2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL:**

**A VACANT BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION (REQ: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)**

**B VACANT VICTIM ADVOCATE POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)**

**C SOON TO BE VACANT EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)**

**3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT NO. 25-019-30 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION & REENTRY FOR THE PROVISION OF LOW-COST INMATE LABOR FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

**4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. SC2500000082 WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)**

**5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PATRICIA BARRAZA-PRECIADO FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE 2025 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER EFFECTIVE THROUGH 08/31/2025 IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$4,000 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)**

**6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. C-00021303 WITH WESTED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING IET (INTEGRATED EDUCATION TRAINING) FROM 01/01/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,000 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)**

**7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL NO. J23170157 WITH CTI FOR COURTROOM 4 AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,946.82 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)**

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUPERIOR COURT'S FILL THE GAP (FTG) APPLICATION FOR FY2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,409 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)**

**9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS DIVISION TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT OF MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS TO QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS IN GRANT NO.: (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)**

**A E5S5F 01C (EROSION CONTROL CONSTRUCTION) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**B E3S2F 01D (EROSION CONTROL DESIGN) AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**C E4F1A 01C (FUEL FARM DESIGN) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**D E3S2G 01C (GUIDANCE SIGNS) AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**E E2S3Q 01C (RUNWAY SIGNS) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**F E2S3P 01C (RUNWAY LIGHTING-MIRL/HIRL) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**G E2S3O 01C (PAPIS) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**H E3S2H 01C (TWY LIGHTING-MITL) AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND FOR DUPLICATE WARRANT #4-685229 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,507.77 DATED 12/17/2024 PAYABLE TO ARCADIS U.S. INC (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)**

**11. APPROVAL OF TAX VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR)**

**A 133-03-127 - CAAS LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 57110**

**B 101-43-084 - NORBERTO HERNANDEZ AND MARIA DEL CARMEN HERNANDEZ, RESOLUTION NO. 57111**

**C 112-11-011 - GEORGE W. BORMAN AND MARGARET M. BORMAN, RESOLUTION NO. 57115**

**D 133-03-100 - THOMAS J. THOMPSON AND FLOR NAMIKO THOMPSON, RESOLUTION NO.57113**

**12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02/18/2025 & 02/20/2025 SPECIAL MEETING**

**13. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS** were approved in the total amount of \$2,203,274.06, of which \$780,335.96 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.

The Board welcomed the presenters of the Study Session.

### **STUDY SESSION**

#### **1. PRESENTATION OF SANTA CRUZ RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (REQ: CLERK)**

Presentation by Luke Cole, Sonoran Institute, Mike Quigley, The Wilderness Society, and Heather Reading, Land Advisors Organization.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **1. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE WITH JMG INVESTMENTS LLC, LIENHOLDER OVER FORMER COUNTY TREASURER ELIZABETH GUTFAHR'S PROPERTIES (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

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

### **ACTION ITEMS CONT.**

#### **3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE WITH JMG INVESTMENTS LLC, LIENHOLDER OVER FORMER COUNTY TREASURER ELIZABETH GUTFAHR'S PROPERTIES (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)**

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera) The agreement was reviewed by legal counsel and announced that the agreement and other related documents will be publicly available.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)