

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, led by Tivo Romero.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to adopt the Agenda; allow them to deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary and table Consent Agenda item I2; seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: took part in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection tour alongside County Manager Valdez and Deputy County Manager Chavez; attended the Candlelight Vigil to honor Congressman Raúl Grijalva and reminded the community to attend the Community Protections Benefit Agreement (CPBA) 2nd listening session from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Americana.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: expressed his condolences to the family of Raúl Grijalva; spoke briefly about the DC trip; attended the Gear Up Family Resources Night in Rio Rico; listened to Juan Ciscomani addressing the produce industry of the tariffs and the impact on the community; took part in an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality meeting; and thanked those who participated in the listening session in Patagonia.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: expressed his condolences to the family of Raúl Grijalva and Olga Valdez; thanked staff for helping organize his recent open house; and took part in the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality meeting.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, took part in a discussion with the City of Nogales, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), and other related stakeholders in efforts to improve the Nogales Wash issues and the 595 project; highlighted topics spoke of during Supervisor Molera's open house; took part in a meeting with Arizona Department of Transportation regarding clean up on the highways and will schedule a meeting with Public Relations person to strategize to come up with a solution; and Public Works is meeting with the Forest Service involving the water that crosses back and forth on Harshaw Road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported \$21,481,954.14 in the General Fund, of which \$16,098,142.31 is invested; \$6,931,572.55 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,936.34 is invested; \$2,904,564.44 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$299,922.88 is invested; \$6,995,263.94 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$3,273,656.83 is invested; \$64,824,467.86 total for all funds, of which

\$21,740,664.03 is invested; \$13,266,069.70 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$15,330,798.72 cash at March 2024, a difference of \$(2,064,729.02).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer, provided an update on the department.

Jose Arriola, Deputy Director of Health Services, provided an update on the department.

STUDY SESSION

1. MARCH 2025 HERMOSA PROJECT UPDATE BY PAT RISNER, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH32 HERMOSA INC. - RESCHEDULING

Rescheduled to May 20, 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

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 FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PROPOSED FUTURE ACTION TO ENTER A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CACTUS STATE UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY FOR USE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND ALLEYS IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 CUSTOMERS IN ELGIN (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GRANTS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK ESTABLISHING UNIFORM GUIDANCE, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (REQ: DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT APPLICATION NO. 2740-01 FOR CHANGE OF LAND PATENT USE FOR RECREATION OR PUBLIC PURPOSES; SPECIFICALLY, FOR PLACEMENT OF A NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER NEAR THE COUNTY COMPLEX (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES AND/OR PENALTY: TAX ID# 102-03-008E - EL MESIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,990.32 (REQ: TREASURER)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CRAFT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ON 06/28/2025 AT FIRESKY FARMS IN ELGIN (REQ: CLERK)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE RIO RICO HIGH SCHOOL ON: (REQ: CLERK)

A 05/14/2025 - SENIOR NIGHT PARADE

B 05/22/2025 - RIO RICO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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

A 102-04-089A - TERRENT INVESTMENTS CORP., RESOLUTION NO. 57117

B 108-60-002 - JEFFREY SCOTT COSTELLO, RESOLUTION NO. 57119

C 133-02-155 - ERNESTO A. VASQUEZ, RESOLUTION NO. 57122

D 114-02-067 - ALEX WATSON, RESOLUTION NO. 57118

E 101-33-003G - BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CHARITY, INC., RESOLUTION NO. 57116

F 115-08-006 - ADRIAN A. CASTANEDA. RESOLUTION NO. 57124

G 105-27-030 - MARIO GAXIOLA RODRIGUEZ AND ELISA BANUELOS MOLINA, RESOLUTION NO. 57125

H 117-02-091 - JOAQUIN VALENZUELA, RESOLUTION NO. 57055

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03/11/2025, 03/11/2025 SPECIAL MEETING & 03/13/2025 SPECIAL MEETING

9. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

10. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$411,293.81 of which \$229,903.19 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.

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Supervisor Davis; 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 THE FORMER COUNTY TREASURER ELIZABETH GUTFAHR'S EMBEZZLEMENT MATTER TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC BODY'S POSITION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON LITIGATION (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

2. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING LITIGATION AND CASE STATUS IN THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY V. AUDIT USA MATTER (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

3. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND DIRECTION REGARDING LITIGATION AND CASE STATUS IN THE *STRONG COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION* MATTER (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. (motion: Supervisor Davis; second: Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)