

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; Christopher Young, 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 the Sheriff's Administrative Staff.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to adopt the Agenda, removing Study Session Items 1-2, Tabling Action Item 3 and Consent Agenda item 7b, moving Consent Agenda item 18 to Action Items, as stated by County Manager Valdez, and may allow to deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

David Greenlief, a resident of Rio Rico, addressed the Right of Way Ordinance and shared concerns regarding right of way complaints filed against him and a neighbor.

Greg Lucero, representing the Santa Cruz County Community Provisional College, highlighted their ongoing efforts to promote higher education, secure funding for the college, and spoke of the working agreement with South32.

Christopher Young, Deputy County Manager, presented the Key Education Leaders' plan for addressing workforce needs within the county.

Stephanie, participating via Zoom, spoke regarding the utility easements in/around the Cross Creek Connector, agenda item G1.

Rodolfo Perez Rodriguez, a resident of Rio Rico, raised concerns about the presence of potholes in the Rio Rico area and the need for accurate street name recording.

Ursula Conway, joining via Zoom, inquired about the delay in the deposit of checks and asked the Board to investigate potential concerns regarding bonds related to cash handling at the Treasurer's office, as well as the legal proceedings involving embezzlement.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: He participated in the Crossroads Easter celebration with his family, noting that it was a wonderful event. He was invited by Mayor Maldonado to attend the Nogales National Little League ceremony, where he saw many familiar faces and enjoyed the occasion. He also met with Dr. Varona and Mr. Montiel at the Santa Cruz Council on Aging, alongside County Management staff. Additionally, he took part in the First Things First event in Rio Rico, which was a great experience. He highlighted his first Cafecito public meeting for District 1 on April 23, encouraging others to attend. Lastly, he extended his condolences to Mario Toro Morales.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: He expressed his gratitude to those who attended the Government 101 event a couple of weeks ago and thanked Shannon Hall and all others involved in organizing the

event. He also acknowledged the recent presentation by the County Attorney's office at one of the Government 101 sessions, which focused on child abuse, and commended them for delivering a powerful presentation. He participated in a First Things First council meeting and thanked the Vice Mayor of Patagonia for a tour of the Harshaw Creek area and its running water. Additionally, he took part in a Government Affairs meeting and attended an Elgin Club dinner with County Manager Valdez and Deputy County Manager Young. He was also present at the Tubac Citizens' Council meeting. Similar to Supervisor Davis, he has an advisory committee for District 3, with a meeting scheduled for April 30 in Patagonia and an Open House on May 7. Lastly, he thanked Oscar Pena and the team at the Rio Rico Community Center for organizing a successful bingo event.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: He participated in a great event at Mountain View Elementary on April 4, collaborating with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension for a trash cleanup. Students also assessed the walkway to ensure safety, and all findings were forwarded to the State. He thanked Shannon for being present at the event. He expressed his gratitude to the Santa Cruz Council on Aging for hosting lunch, where he had valuable discussions with community members. He also thanked the Mayor for the invitation to the Nogales National Little League ceremony. He mentioned he will be traveling to small counties tomorrow evening and attending the CSA board meeting the following day. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, nothing to report at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported \$22,095,468.90 in the General Fund, of which \$16,157,325.60 is invested; \$7,197,149.20 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,965.52 is invested; \$2,914,255.95 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$301,025.52 is invested; \$7,399,885.81 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$3,285,692.12 is invested; \$67,514,870.86 total for all funds, of which \$21,820,591.34 is invested; \$16,136,510.00 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$16,926,986.86 cash at April 2024, a difference of \$(790,476.86)

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Alejandro Paz, County Treasurer, provided an update on his department, including a courtesy reminder about taxes that are due. He discussed the merchant service for receiving payments and provided a bank update, noting that they are awaiting the final set of checks from PNC as part of the bank transition. He mentioned that he will be submitting the monthly report tomorrow and is working closely with the Coconino County Treasurer on the matter. He clarified that it is uncommon for checks, particularly those over \$40k, to take several days to process by mail. He acknowledged that there will always be some delay in processing checks and assured that they are exploring alternative methods to improve efficiency. He also stated that in-person processing may offer a faster option.

STUDY SESSION

1. UPDATE BY THE GREATER NOGALES SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BY JOSH RUBIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE GREATER NOGALES SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Removed at the Adoption of the Agenda.

2. PRESENTATION BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON VEHICLE FLEET MANAGEMENT AND OPTIMIZATION (REQ: DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER)

Removed at the Adoption of the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO GRANT UTILITY EASEMENTS IN/AROUND THE CROSS CREEK CONNECTOR (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

Robert May, Bureau Chief-Civil Division, stated that everything is in order and has been thoroughly reviewed by all parties involved.

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

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING:

Chairman Molera and Vice-Chairman Fanning read the proclamations.

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

A APRIL 20, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2025, AS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL WEEK (REQ: SHERIFF)

B APRIL 20, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2025, AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (REQ: SHERIFF)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BRIGAND WINES LLC IN ELGIN (REQ: CLERK)

Tabled to May 6, 2025.

18. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board, stated that all reports have been received, except for the Treasurer's Report.

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 Consent Agenda Items with Item 7b being tabled and Item 18 already voted on, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE JULY 15, 2025, REGULAR MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 9:30 AM (REQ: CLERK)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON FOR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: JOHN M. FANNING, PRECINCT RIO RICO 7 (REQ: FRANCIS GLAD, CHAIRPERSON, SCC DEMOCRATIC PARTY)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GUILLERMO PADILLA AS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 2 FROM APRIL 15, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2029 (REQ: CHAIRMAN MOLERA)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL RECORDER CLERK POSITION (REQ: HUMAN RESOURCES)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT:

A COURT CLERK POSITION (REQ: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT)

B ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL RECORDS OFFICER POSITION (REQ: ANIMAL CONTROL)

C ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

D LEGAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

E PROPERTY/COLLECTION SPECIALIST POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

F PROBATION OFFICER POSITION (REQ: PROBATION)

G APPRAISER, LEAD POSITION (REQ: ASSESSOR)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026: (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

A VANESSA CARTWRIGHT AS FULL-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

B SHEILA DAGUON AS TEMPORARY PART-TIME VOLUNTEER JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

C DEE-DEE SAMET AS A PART-TIME VOLUNTEER JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

D KARLA D. BERBER AS TEMPORARY PART-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026: (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

A MELINDA MADDOCK AS A TEMPORARY PART-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

B DEIRDRE ESHLEMAN AS A TEMPORARY PART-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

C CONCEPCION BRACAMONTE AS A TEMPORARY PART-TIME JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISION TO THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN TO INCLUDE ANNEX 3- EVACUATION PLANNING (REQ: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CACTUS STATE UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY LLC. FOR THE USE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND ALLEYS WITH THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES FOR ABOUT EIGHTEEN (18) CUSTOMERS IN ELGIN (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBCONTRACT WITH CIRCLES OF PEACE, INC. TO ADMINISTER SERVICES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. CTR070294 (OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION-OD2A-S) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,364 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR LOCAL BORDER SUPPORT EFFECTIVE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,434.20 (REQ: SHERIFF)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE DATA ACCESS/EXCHANGE AGREEMENT NO. 24-0009763-I WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DATA ACCESS AND EXCHANGE OF DATA FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS (REQ: SHERIFF)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH32 HERMOSA INC. TO SUPPORT THE 2025 SUMMER PROJECTS IN THE FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$49,775 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04 DESIGNATING THE VOTE CENTERS FOR THE JULY 15, 2025, SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ARIZONA (REQ: ELECTIONS)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CAFE ENTRADA IN TUBAC (REQ: CLERK)

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

A 101-50-026A - EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOUNDATION, RESOLUTION NO. 57136

B 101-50-026A - EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOUNDATION, RESOLUTION NO. 57137

C 101-50-026A - EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOUNDATION, RESOLUTION NO. 57138

D 116-12-051 - CAAS LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 57144

E 112-07-011 - STANLEY A. FITZGERALD & JEANNETTE BLAHNIK FITZGERALD, RESOLUTION NO. 57146

F 112-07-011 - STANLEY A. FITZGERALD & JEANNETTE BLAHNIK FITZGERALD RESOLUTION NO. 57147

G 112-07-011 - STANLEY A. FITZGERALD & JEANNETTE BLAHNIK FITZGERALD, RESOLUTION NO. 57148

H 110-42-001A - THE STEPHEN JAMES LIVING TRUST, STEPHEN JAMES JULIUS, AS TRUSTEE 50% INT; AND THE WILLIAMS LIVING TRUST, THOMAS FRANCIS WILLIAMS & MAKENZIE LEIGH WILLIAMS, AS TRUSTEES 50% INT; RESOLUTION NO. 57149

I 106-06-215 - JAMES BRADLEY MANWARING AND KATHLEEN MARGARET MANWARING, RESOLUTION NO. 57150

J 106-06-215 - JAMES BRADLEY MANWARING AND KATHLEEN MARGARET MANWARING, RESOLUTION NO. 57151

K P201900084 - SOUTH 32 HERMOSA, INC., RESOLUTION NO. 57141

L 101-45-014 - THERESE M. MEALEY, RESOLUTION NO. 57155

M 109-67-031-C - RICHARD A. DIEFENDERFER & DONNA J. DIEFENDERFER, RESOLUTION NO. 57156

17. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 04/01/2025

19. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$1,244,139.83, of which \$487,173.85 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 10:17 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)