Board of Supervisors
August 6, 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; 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 Allan Sanchez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to adopt the Agenda, moving Consent Agenda items 1a-b to Action Items and allow deviation from the Agenda sequence as necessary, seconded by Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Channing Velasquez, a resident of Nogales, on behalf of Circles of Peace, thanked the Board for proclaiming August 29th, as Overdose Awareness Day.
Mary Dahl, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke of the successful Military Appreciation Day with appreciation to our FBO (Fixed-Base Operator), Copper Mountain Air and County Personnel for organizing the event.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: he thanked Ms. Shaffer for giving a tour of the Patagonia Mountains and shared concerns with her. I had a "Cafecito" at Zarape restaurant, thanked the restaurant staff, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Chavez for participating in the Cafecito and for their efforts toward transparency. Announced that another "Cafecito" would take place next Monday and mentioned speaking with Paulina regarding hearing public concerns. Spoke about Government 101 and wished all students, families, and administrators a good school year. Chairman Molera asked Supervisor Davis if he missed the first day of school. Supervisor Davis confirmed he did and noted that a few students visited him.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: he visited Judge Olaiz in action and encouraged the public to view the podcasts. Participated in a ranch event and attended active shooter training, thanking Emergency Management for their efforts. Engaged in a discussion about the bylaws with the Fire Department. Attended the 'Welcome Back' event hosted by Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35. He took part in the District 3 Advisory Meeting in Sonoita, met with a constituent in Elgin, and had a great discussion with the school superintendent. Also presented to the Rotary Club alongside Shannon Hall, Communications Manager.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: took part in the Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 Welcome Back event and commended Superintendent Verdugo and staff for an awesome event. Congratulated Maya Donnelly once again on her appointment as School Superintendent. Accompanied Sheriff Hathaway to evaluate a potential site in Rio Rico for a frisbee park. Thanked Supervisor Davis for setting up the Government 101 podcasts.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, had nothing to report at that time, and thanked Mr. Chavez for their work on the budget.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA, recognized Mr. Valdez for planning and hosting the County Managers pre-legislative session at the Tubac Golf Resort.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported $20,310,429.83 in the General Fund, of which $16,324,922.57 is invested; $5,660,583.99 in the Road Fund, of which $5,048,991.60 is invested; $2,745,142.91 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which $304,289.07 is invested; $4,909,035.83 in the Jail District Fund, of which $4,336,886.43 is invested; $55,769,754.38 total for all funds, of which $28,105,572.14 is invested; $6,397,449.45 estimated end of month balance, compared to $13,496,681.57 cash at August 2024, a difference of $(7,099,232.12).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

Maya Donnelly, School Superintendent, provided an update on her department regarding summer camps, thanked those organizations and everyone who contributed to the summer camps, and shared news of the Teacher of the Year event, and finished the property taxes for the School Districts. Chairman Molera presented a challenge coin to School Superintendent Donnelly.

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

FLOOD CONTROL

1. DIRECTOR'S/PROJECT REPORT

Allan Sanchez, Floodplain Coordinator, provided a summary update on the report to the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Sanchez.

2. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY OF NOGALES

A report was not submitted.

3. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA

A report was not submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT PROCLAMATIONS DESIGNATING: (REQ: CHAIRMAN MOLERA)

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

A AUGUST 2025 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Vice-Chairman Fanning read the proclamation proclaiming August 2025 as Child Support Awareness Month.

B AUGUST 29, 2025, AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Supervisor Davis read the proclamation proclaiming August 29, 2025, as Overdose Awareness Day.

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

JAIL DISTRICT

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT: (REQ: SHERIFF)

Vice-Chairman Fanning made a motion to approve 1a-b, seconded by Supervisor Davis; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

A DETENTION CORPORAL POSITION

B THREE (3) DETENTION OFFICER POSITIONS

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CANCELLATION OF ADCRR AGREEMENT NO. 23-133-28 WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY FOR DETENTION OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY (COTA), DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE PER-CADET COST FROM $920 TO $1,400 (REQ: SHERIFF)

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)
Sheriff David Hathaway stated that they could either establish their own officer academy, as is common practice, or utilize an academy operated by other governmental entities such as Pima County or other counties. He added that the agreement could be reinstated at the new price, if needed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)
Vice-Chairman welcomed David Simons to the Tubac Historic Zone Advisory Board and Josh Mentesana to the Planning and Zoning Commission for District 3.

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

A LEGAL ASSISTANT POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

B OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

C CHIEF DEPUTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT POSITION (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID SIMONS AS TUBAC HISTORIC ZONE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA F. MENTESANA AS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 3 (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO.:

A 2025-09 TO DESIGNATE VOTE CENTERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ARIZONA (REQ: ELECTIONS)

B 2025-10 AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY VOTING CENTER FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ARIZONA (REQ: RECORDER)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE EARLY BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS AND EARLY VOTING SITES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ARIZONA (REQ: RECORDER)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER WITH ELECTION SYSTEM & SOFTWARE INC. (ES&S) FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE TO EVS 6.5.0.0 IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,638 (REQ: ELECTIONS)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE FY26 VERTICAL PROSECUTION THROUGH THE AUTOMOBILE THEFT AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,794 (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF FY2425 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS GRANT NO. 2425-AR-2302SD-086 FROM VITALYST HEALTH FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,500 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROJECT SPONSOR AGREEMENT ASPT NO. 552404.1 WITH ARIZONA STATE PARKS TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FROM DECEMBER 31, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN THE MODIFIED GRANT AMOUNT OF $250,000 (REQ: SHERIFF)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND FOR DUPLICATE WARRANT: (REQ: CLERK)

A #2-125850 IN THE AMOUNT OF $739.20 DATED 05/20/2025 PAYABLE TO MEXUS GROUP LLC

B #4-050199 IN THE AMOUNT OF $295.99 DATED 03/28/2025 PAYABLE TO SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS

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

A 112-11-279 - THE DURKIN FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT, MARTIN E. DURKIN & MOREAU W. DURKIN, TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION NO. 57206

B 105-33-068 - JAMES PHILLIP WILLIAMS AND ALMA ROSA WILLIAMS, RESOLUTION NO. 57207

C 140-03-007A - EL DESTINO ESTATES LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 57208

D 140-03-006B - EL DESTINO ESTATES LLC, RESOLUTION NO.57209

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 07/23/2025 SPECIAL MEETING, 07/23/2025 REGULAR MEETING

14. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of $494,772.54, of which $209,018.07 is from the General Fund for FY26 and a total amount of $541,604.36, of which $256,394.51 is from the General Fund for FY25. The total for all funds is $1,036,376.90, of which $465,412.58 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 10:16 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Fanning; second: Supervisor Davis; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)