Board of Supervisors
September 3, 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; 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 Allan Sanchez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Davis made a motion to adopt the Agenda, moving Consent Agenda Item 23 to Action Items and to allow deviation from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Kathy Campana, a resident of Rio Rico, stated that the walking paths in Rio Rico have been well maintained and expressed her appreciation to Vice-Chairman Fanning.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR DAVIS: Supervisor Davis thanked Socorro Hernandez, the original owner of Zarape, for allowing him to host his Cafecito events at the restaurant. He noted that efforts are underway to create additional internship opportunities for students. He also shared that he had the opportunity to attend an Overdose Awareness event at Crossroads Mission, and described Friday’s event at Placita organized by the Suicide Prevention Consortium as a very emotional and impactful experience. Thanked Noe Garcia and the Nogales Rotary Club for their attendance in one of the Government 101 presentations.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING: thanked Taylor and others from the eastern part of the county for the tour last week. He also thanked Undersheriff Castillo, his team, and Telecommunications Supervisor Ms. Huerta for their work on the 911 system. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Kathi Campana for her leadership during the Planning and Zoning meeting and for her continued service on the board. He also participated in the Emerging Leaders opening ceremony and thanked Chris Young for his involvement in the Community Protections and Benefits Agreement (CPBA) meeting.

CHAIRMAN MOLERA: Chairman Molera thanked IT for their YouTube streaming efforts and Shannon, Communications Manager for her great work on the newsletter. He highlighted the Emerging Leaders program by the UofA Cooperative Extension with Dr. Pereira. He also recognized Stephanie Bermudez for her work with Moonshot Rural, helping local entrepreneurs pitch their ideas. He reminded the public to vote and thanked Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board/Elections Director and Anita Moreno, County Recorder and their team for their service. Lastly, he reminded everyone about the “Breakfast with Bugs” event on Tuesday, September 9, from 8–11 a.m. at Nickel's Diner.

2. MANAGER

JESUS VALDEZ, COUNTY MANAGER, advised the Board that staff continues to provide

Government 101 sessions across the county to help inform the community about county processes. He spoke about the Comprehensive Plan, which evaluates zoning throughout the county to identify development opportunities that support smart growth. He also addressed the expenditure limitation, noting that while the County doesn't always have control over certain developments such as the construction of the border wall, it is important to be part of those conversations. Similarly, with the ongoing mine development, he emphasized the need to stay informed, understand the potential impacts, and explore opportunities that may benefit the county.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Deputy County Manager, reported $18,610,206.58 in the General Fund, of which $16,383,726.00 is invested; $5,736,359.45 in the Road Fund, of which $5,067,545.64 is invested; $2,498,932.84 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which $305,407.27 is invested; $5,718,768.88 in the Jail District Fund, of which $4,352,823.63 is invested; $54,762,671.08 total for all funds, of which $28,207,667.00 is invested; $4,603,318.15 estimated end of month balance, compared to $11,041,863.34 cash at September 2024, a difference of $(6,438,545.19).

2. DEPARTMENT(S) UPDATE

None.

3. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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)

FLOOD CONTROL

1. DIRECTOR'S/PROJECT REPORT

Allan Sanchez, Floodplain Coordinator, provided a summary update to the Board, noting that while the county has experienced less rainfall, conditions have shifted from extreme drought to severe drought in some areas. He reported that more rain is expected in September, shared additional flood hazard information, and spoke about a FEMA grant related to floodplain management. The Board thanked him for his report.

Supervisor Davis asked for a start date for the Ephraim Canyon project.

County Manager Valdez responded that the initial concept involved a dam structure, but due to significantly higher costs, they are now exploring an alternative project type. He stated they are working toward a new solution, with construction anticipated to begin within a year to a year and a half.

2. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY OF NOGALES

No Report.

3. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA

No Report

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Board adjourned as the Flood Control and moved into Study Session. (Motion: Supervisor Davis; second: Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)

STUDY SESSION

1. RIO RICO COMMUNITY DAYS BY TONY VARTOLA, ROTARY CLUB OF RIO RICO

Tony Vartola on behalf of the Rio Rico Rotary spoke of Rio Rico Community Days, in particular to a event scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026 at the Rio Rico Fitness Center and Community Center to bring our community together and asked the County for their support. The Board thanked him and the Rotary for their efforts.

ACTION ITEMS

23. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 3-04-0024-028-2025 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT AND FUEL FARM IMPROVEMENT AT NOGALES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO $585,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGREEMENT (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

Robert May, Bureau Chief of Civil Division stated that an individual must be designated as the authorized signatory. Therefore, Mary Dahl was named as the authorized signator to execute the agreements.

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

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

JAIL DISTRICT

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL DETENTION RISK CLASSIFICATION CLERK POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, REGULAR MEETING FROM THE EVENING TO THE MORNING AT 9:30 AM (REQ: CLERK)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE AND FILL A TAX CLERK POSITION (REQ: TREASURER)

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

A TAX CLERK POSITION (REQ: TREASURER)

B MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

C TWO (2) LEGAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KATHI CAMPANA AS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 3 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2029 (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN FANNING)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A ONE-TIME VACATION BUYBACK OPTION FOR UP TO 40 ACCRUED VACATION HOURS FOR ELIGIBLE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR PROCESSING ON NOVEMBER 14, 2025 (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PARTIAL SUBSTITUTION ASSURANCE AGREEMENT WITH TUBACULA LLC AND FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE AGENCY, INC FOR SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS IN A PORTION OF TUBAC GOLF RESORT DEVELOPMENT UNIT 2 (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (AZDPS) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARIZONA WIRELESS INTEGRATED NETWORK (AZWINS) TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION WITH SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030, WITH UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR RENEWALS (REQ: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED ADULT DRUG COURT AND VETERANS TREATMENT COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM, GRANT #15PBJA-21-GG-04218-DGCT MODIFYING THE TERM FROM 10/01/2021 THROUGH 09/30/2025 TO A NEW END DATE OF 09/30/2026 (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PATRICIA BARRAZA-PRECIADO FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR EVENT COORDINATOR SERVICES, MODIFYING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT TO $7,402.50 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR NO COST EXTENSION FOR THE C-CREO GEAR UP GRANT NO. PR #: P334A180085 WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MODIFYING THE GRANT TERM END DATE FROM 09/30/2025 TO 05/31/2026 (REQ: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASCENDANT HEALTHCARE PARTNERS FOR SUPPORT IN COORDINATING AND CONDUCTING A COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) EFFECTIVE 09/03/2025 THROUGH 10/22/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,000 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE PURDUE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO SIGN THE SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM AND ALLOW TO DELEGATE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY AS NEEDED (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 GRANT FUNDING WITH THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY, INCLUDING GRANT NO. 2026-AL-017 FOR DUI AND IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME, GRANT NO. 2026-OP-013 FOR OCCUPANT PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT, AND GRANT NO. 2026-PTS-063 FOR SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM OVERTIME IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $22,700 EFFECTIVE 10/01/2026 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (REQ: SHERIFF)

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIZONA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (AICAC) TASK FORCE EFFECTIVE FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENT REQUEST NO. 9 TO GRANT NO. RCAPD-23-010 WITH ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (ACJC) FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVERSION, DRUG COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM AND BEHAVIORAL EMPOWERMENT COURT MODIFYING THE TERM FROM 12/01/2022 THROUGH 12/01/2025 TO A NEW END DATE OF 12/31/2026 (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTION BOARDS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 AND ALLOW THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO FILL VACANCIES AS NEEDED (REQ: ELECTIONS)

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ENHANCED VOTING EQUIPMENT USE FOR UOCAVA VOTERS (UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT) TO SECURE ELECTRONIC BALLOT DELIVERY AND PROCESSING (REQ: RECORDER AND ELECTIONS)

18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MOST HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON 09/20/2025 IN RIO RICO (REQ: CLERK)

19. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE TUBAC GOLF RESORT ON: (REQ: CLERK)

A SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 FOR A WEDDING

B SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 FOR A WEDDING

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

A 109-34-013 - ANNA OSTHOLTHOFF, RESOLUTION NO. 57234

B 109-34-013 - ANNA OSTHOLTHOFF, RESOLUTION NO. 57240

C 109-34-013 - ANNA OSTHOLTHOFF, RESOLUTION NO. 57241

D 101-39-026 - LETICIA BOLANOS, RESOLUTION NO. 57242

21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 08/20/2025 & 08/29/2025 SPECIAL MEETING

22. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of $1,096,120.79, of which $583,602.90 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 10:12 a.m. (motion: Supervisor Davis; second: Vice-Chairman Fanning; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Davis, Fanning, Molera)