

The Board met in a Regular Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Bruce Bracker, Chairman; Manuel Ruiz, Vice-Chairman; Rudy Molera, Member; Jennifer St. John, County Manager; Kim Hunley, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; and Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bracker called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Anita Moreno, County Recorder.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Michael Allan, American Red Cross Representative, read the Red Cross Month proclamation and summarized current projects the Red Cross has been working on in southern Arizona communities.

Doug and Denise Snow, county residents, asked the County to accept a four-acre property donation to be designated as a county open space for the community.

Chairman Bracker directed staff to study the matter.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR MOLERA: participated in the Read Across America event held by the School Superintendent's office and took part in a weekly Legislative Policy Committee by CSA (County Supervisors Association of Arizona).

VICE-CHAIRMAN RUIZ: attended the 100th-year Anniversary of the Nogales Santa Cruz County Public Library and thanked the Library Board and all others who took part in the celebration.

CHAIRMAN BRACKER: met with UniSource in regards to the power line siting for South 32, Soldier Basin, and other related issues; thanked the fire department, and others who helped stop the fire in Elgin and helped with shelter during the fire.

2. MANAGER

JENNIFER ST. JOHN, COUNTY MANAGER, attended the School Superintendent's educational consortium to discover opportunities and participated in the annual health insurance trust meeting with staff members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director, reported \$19,235,947.40 in the General Fund, of which \$14,510,915.17 is invested; \$976,247.73 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,119.68 is invested; \$1,129,018.68 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$269,773.32 is invested; \$4,175,350.84 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$1,023,028.29 is invested; \$49,591,020.93 total for all funds, of which \$17,663,888.56 is invested; \$14,227,156.22 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$13,155,636.81 cash at March 2022, a difference of \$1,071,519.41.

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

FLOOD CONTROL

1. DIRECTOR'S/PROJECT REPORT

Presented by Angie Pimienta, Public Works

2. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY OF NOGALES

No report.

3. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA

No report.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Chairman Bracker spoke of an upcoming meeting with leaders to address flooding issues in Sonora, Mexico, and the U.S.

The Board adjourned as the Flood Control District Board and convened into the Jail District Board. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

JAIL DISTRICT

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

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve 1a-c, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A TWO (2) DETENTION CORPORAL POSITIONS

B SIX (6) DETENTION OFFICER POSITIONS

C BOOKING CLERK POSITION

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT NO. 23-133-28 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REHABILITATION AND REENTRY FOR THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY (COTA) EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2023 AND CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS (REQ: SHERIFF)

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

The Board adjourned the Jail District Board and reconvened into the Regular Meeting. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

ACTION ITEMS

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

A DEPUTY SHERIFF I POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

B COMMANDER POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

C PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATION POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

D ADULT PROBATION OFFICER POSITION (REQ: PROBATION)

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

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT NO. EMF-2022-EP00009-S01 (REQ: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

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

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION TO THE CITY OF TUCSON HIGH-INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT COT GRANT NUMBER: HT-22-2951 FROM JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, IN THE MODIFIED AMOUNT OF \$464,245 (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

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

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RENAMING OF CALLE/CIRCULO PRIMERIA ALTA TO CIRCULO PIMERIA ALTA IN TUBAC (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

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

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF JOB ORDER MASTER AGREEMENT NO. PW-FY2021 FOR ROADWAY, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, DRAINAGE & DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, SOLID WASTE, & RELATED FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM MARCH 16, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS: (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

A THE ASHTON COMPANY, INC.

B INNOVA ENGINEERING, LLC

C KE&G

D RUMMEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.

E SIERRITA MINING & RANCHING COMPANY

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

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING MARCH 2023 AS:

A SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION MONTH (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)

B AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH (REQ: CHAIRMAN BRACKER)

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

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND FOR DUPLICATE WARRANT #2-109625 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,473.00 DATED 12/20/2022 PAYABLE TO PINAL COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT (REQ: CLERK)

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

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE TUBAC GOLF RESORT ON MARCH 18, 2023 (REQ: CLERK)

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

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RIO RICO GAS 4 LESS IN RIO RICO, AZ (REQ: CLERK)

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

11. TAX VALUATIONS ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR) were approved as submitted by the County Assessor's Office. (Motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A 103-10-008-A - BONNIE B & ALEXANDER A OCHELTREE, RESOLUTION NO. 56599

B 103-10-008-A - BONNIE B & ALEXANDER A OCHELTREE, RESOLUTION NO. 56600

C 103-10-008-A - BONNIE B & ALEXANDER A OCHELTREE, RESOLUTION NO. 56601

D 103-10-008-A - BONNIE B & ALEXANDER A OCHELTREE, RESOLUTION NO. 56604

E 112-14-027 - JOHN SOLARES, RESOLUTION NO. 56605

F 101-38-063 - OHAD BUKAI, RESOLUTION NO. 56606

G 109-27-015 - RANDALL L RIVERA, RESOLUTION NO. 56607

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 02/21/2023

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

13. DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$941,267.40, of which \$356,677.67 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. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO CREATE THREE COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/WORKFORCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND RECREATION (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN RUIZ)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz asked for a discussion of the item and no action. Vice-Chairman Ruiz continued to present the reason for the item and asked for the mine's citizens committee to provide quarterly updates in an effort to prepare the community for better job opportunities. Supervisor Molera thanked Vice-Chairman Ruiz for bringing this item to the Board and continued to present the reason why it is critical to move forward with these three committees.

Chairman Bracker also thanked Vice-Chairman Ruiz for placing this item on the agenda and reaffirmed the critical need for strategic planning for the community as a whole in moving forward.

Kim Hunley, Chief Deputy County Attorney, asked the Board for direction on the item before convening the Executive Session.

Vice-Chairman Ruiz stated there would not be a direction for the creation of the committees, but asked only for the mine's citizens committee to provide quarterly reports as indicated in the memorandum of agreement. Chairman Bracker asked for strategic plans put together and brought to the Board. Supervisor Molera agreed to a study session on strategic plans.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(1), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN INCOMING COUNTY MANAGER, TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2023 (REQ: CHAIRMAN BRACKER)

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

ACTION ITEMS CONT.

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF REGARDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR AN INCOMING COUNTY MANAGER, TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2023 (REQ: CHAIRMAN BRACKER)

Chairman Bracker moved for a direct appointment for the position of County Manager to begin July 15, 2023, and to open negotiations with Jesus Valdez for a contract to be provided for the next Board meeting scheduled for March 21, 2023, seconded: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)