

Board of Supervisors
April 19, 2022
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: Manuel Ruiz, Chairman; Bruce Bracker, Vice-Chairman; Rudy Molera, Member; Jennifer St. John, County Manager; Kim Hunley, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Jim Palmer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Jim Palmer represents broadband advocates, summarizing the status of the broadband project and thanking the board for the opportunity to move forward with the project.

Alfredo Velasquez, School Superintendent, provided exciting news of a 5.8 million dollar grant awarded to their office from the Department of Education for various new opportunities in the community and thanked all of those involved in obtaining the grant and thanked all the community for all the support.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

VICE-CHAIRMAN BRACKER had the pleasure of attending a play at the new Rio Rico Performing Arts Center; thanked staff for organizing various federal delegate meetings and setting up the meeting room for an ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) meeting; and took part in a meeting with DPS (Department of Public Safety) regarding the compliance and not enforcement of truck inspections.

SUPERVISOR MOLERA spoke of the accomplishment of approving the South32 agreement with a lot of public input and thanked staff for their due diligence; congratulated the School Superintendents' office for their grant accomplishment; and will continue to attend meetings with ADOT involving projects around the community, such as Ruby Road and Exit 17 construction.

CHAIRMAN RUIZ expressed gratitude to the staff for orchestrating the federal delegate meetings and spoke of many concerns such as the DeConcini Port of Entry, IOA in hopes of the federal government to provide aid in those areas of concern, and the concern with ADOT turning the truck inspections to DPS.

2. MANAGER

JENNIFER ST. JOHN, COUNTY MANAGER, attended various meetings involving CSA legislative policy, virtual meetings with the Congressional Delegates, Mariposa Community Health Center, and County Managers meetings and reminded department heads and elected officials of the 2023 Budget rollout to prepare for the budget meetings in the next two upcoming weeks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Department Director, reported \$17,418,254.08 in the General Fund, of which \$10,292,312.65 is invested; \$2,663,329.34 in the Road Fund, of which \$815,730.33 is invested; \$680,925.27 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$513,023.81 is invested; \$3,265,703.38 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$1,002,432.66 is invested; \$42,064,967.56 total for all funds, of which \$14,439,005.28 is invested; \$15,934,839.86 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$12,009,658.45 cash at April 2021, a difference of \$3,925,181.41.

The Quarterly General Fund Revenue Performance Report and Expenditure Report showed \$22,063,076 total collected to date; Real Estate Taxes: \$9,756,881 collected to date; Auto Lieu Tax: \$1,456,188 collected to date; County 1/2 Cent Tax Revenue: \$2,172,287 collected to date; State Shared Sales Tax: \$3,861,038 collected to date; Expenditures General Fund Total: \$21,268,778 expenses to date.

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CONCEPCION BRACAMONTE AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRO TEMPORE JUDGE FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

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

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL:

Vice-Chairman Bracker made a motion to approve 2a-2f, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

Under Discussion: The Board requested the County Manager to speak to the departments regarding the turnover rate costing the taxpayers.

A DEPUTY CORPORAL POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

B THREE (3) DEPUTY SHERIFF I POSITIONS (REQ: SHERIFF)

C TWO (2) PUBLIC SAFETY TELE-COMMUNICATOR POSITIONS (REQ: SHERIFF)

D PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR POSITION (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

E ADULT PROBATION SUPERVISOR POSITION (REQ: PROBATION)

F VACANT RECORDER CLERK POSITION (REQ: RECORDER)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY23 LOCAL JUDICIAL COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT FUND (JCEF) GRANT TO FUND THE E-CITATION RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THIN BLUE LINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,968.14 FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (REQ: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)

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

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KNOWLEDGE CAPITAL ALLIANCE FOR COVID-19 TESTING, TRACING, AND VACCINATION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,312.50 FROM APRIL 5, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)

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

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NOGALES FOR THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE RECORDER'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT AND FACILITATE THE CANDIDATE CONTEST AND BALLOT MEASURES THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 2ND AND NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS (REQ: ELECTIONS)

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

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROCLAIM DESIGNATION OF: (REQ: SHERIFF)

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve 6a-6b, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bracker; the motion was carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A APRIL 17, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2022 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

B APRIL 24, 2022 THROUGH 30, 2022 AS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL WEEK

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

A 102-03-007 - BOND GEORGE THOMAS REV LIV TRUST & BLOODWORTH, JOE D, RESOLUTION NO. 56355

B 101-33-120-A - NOGALES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP, RESOLUTION NO. 56356

C 101-33-120-A - NOGALES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP, RESOLUTION NO. 56357

D 101-33-120-A - NOGALES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP, RESOLUTION NO. 56358

E 101-33-120-A - NOGALES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP, RESOLUTION NO. 56359

F 102-04-010-E - DELTA PROPERTIES LLP / ARIZONA LIMITED LIABILITY

PARTNERSHIP, RESOLUTION NO. 56360

G 125-01-130 - CORDERO WALDEMAR, RESOLUTION NO. 56361

H 125-01-130 - CORDERO WALDEMAR, RESOLUTION NO. 56362

I 125-01-130 - CORDERO WALDEMAR, RESOLUTION NO. 56363

J 103-03-003-B BURRUEL LUIS A & MARIA E, RESOLUTION NO. 56365

K 103-03-003-B - BURRUEL LUIS A & MARIA E, RESOLUTION NO. 56366

8. MONTHLY REPORTS were approved as submitted. (Motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Bracker; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 04/05/2022 were approved as submitted. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Bracker; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

10. DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$1,069,175.93, of which \$355,314.52 is from the General Fund. Details of these expenditures are available for inspection during working hours and are to be part of these minutes. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Bracker; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SUSIE CHARBEL TO SERVE AS A SPECIAL DEPUTY SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION AND PRESENTING THE JURY TRIAL OF CF2022-042, STATE V. FREDI CALDERON AND CF2022-043, STATE V. FANTASIA D. CHAMBERS AND CR-20-128, STATE OF ARIZONA V. LOWELL ROBINSON (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) AND (4), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED RESPONSE BY OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO PENDING LITIGATION IN CV-22-069, SHOW BASEBALL, INC. V. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

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

STUDY SESSION - 10:30 A.M.

1. PRESENTATION ON THE NATURE-BASED-RESTORATIVE ECONOMY IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZONA BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (REQ: VICE-CHAIRMAN BRACKER)

Introduced by Linda Shore, President of Sky Islands Tourism Association (SITA)
Presented by: George Frisvold from the University of Arizona

Comments: Chairman Ruiz, Vice-Chairman Bracker, Supervisor Molera, and Jennifer St. John, County Manager.

For more information:

<https://economics.arizona.edu/nature-based-restorative-economy-santa-cruz-county-arizona>

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Bracker; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)