

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; Jesus Valdez, Deputy County Manager; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; and Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chairman Ruiz called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Melinda Bachlier, former Clerk of the Board/Elections Director.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Molera made a motion to adopt the Agenda removing Action Item H1, and allowing deviation from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz, the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Molera, Ruiz)

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

#### **1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SUPERVISOR MOLERA:** thanked Mayor Maldonado for inviting him to the 4th of July celebration, compliments to the City; participated in a Zoom meeting with Tim Brown from the National Association of Counties (NACo), for a public promise supplemental insurance program to reduce jail pharmacy services and other related services for employees.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN RUIZ:** congratulated the City of Nogales for their 4th of July celebration and parade; participated in a gathering with diplomatic leadership out of Tucson organized by Patricia Watson, Southern Arizona Council for International Visitors to welcome many people from around the world.

**CHAIRMAN BRACKER:** attended an event in honor of U.S. Consul General to Nogales, Sonora, Laura Biedebach; thanked the County School Superintendent for the Gear Up Internship recognition event at the 1904 Court House; spoke to many constituents about the comprehensive plan proposed by Andy Jackson, there has been a lot of concern; advised that the County is following statue on process and notice posting; spoke of the planning and Zoning Board who asked Mr. Jackson to come back in 60 days as a result of the public concern; and asked for all to stay civil and listen to all opinions for a better outcome.

#### **2. MANAGER**

**JENNIFER ST. JOHN, COUNTY MANAGER,** spoke of the presentation of the tentative budget by Administrative Services Mauricio Chavez; continued to work on the personnel policy; resumed with the transition of Jesus Valdez as the incoming County Manager; and met with Ronald Robinson, Town Manager/Clerk of Town of Patagonia.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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

Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director, reported \$19,654,760.17 in the General Fund, of which \$14,742,111.12 is invested; \$1,206,484.03 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,237.58 is invested; \$1,172,607.94 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$274,074.60 is invested;

\$2,824,218.47 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$1,039,333.04 is invested; \$49,245,263.81 total for all funds, of which \$17,945,401.14 is invested; \$14,910,155.71 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$13,918,892.16 cash at July 2022, a difference of \$991,263.55.

**ACTION ITEM**

**19. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNTY MANAGER, JENNIFER ST. JOHN, FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY (REQ: SUPERVISOR MOLERA)**

Presented by Supervisor Molera and presented a plaque to Ms. St. John as part of the recognition. Elected Officials, Department Heads, and former Clerk of the Board, Melinda Meek Bachlier, and former Community Development Director, Mary Dahl spoke in recognition of Jennifer St. John's service to the County. Ms. St. John gave a speech on receiving her recognition and thanked the County for the opportunity. The Board thanked Ms. St. John for her service.

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

**FLOOD CONTROL**

**1. DIRECTOR'S/PROJECT REPORT**

Angie Pimienta, Public Works, and Allan Sanchez, Floodplain Coordinator, presented the report.

**2. MONTHLY REPORT FROM CITY OF NOGALES**

Presented by Juan Guerra, City of Nogales.

**3. MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA**

Presented by Bill O'Brien, Town of Patagonia.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

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

**JAIL DISTRICT**

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

**A DETENTION OFFICER POSITION**

**B BOOKING CLERK POSITION**

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

The Board adjourned as 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 CONT.**

**1. COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
(BY CRAIG SULLIVAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA)**

Removed and postponed during the Adoption of the Agenda.

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

**A LEAD PUBLIC SAFETY TELE-COMMUNICATOR POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)**

**B DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)**

**C TAX CLERK POSITION (REQ: TREASURER)**

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

**3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RUBEN G GONZALEZ TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT #2 (REQ: SUPERVISOR MOLERA)**

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

**4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 11-353(A) FOR: (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

**A DANIEL ARANA**

**B DINA SANCHEZ**

**C BRIAN VANDERVOET**

**D GEORGE WISE**

**E MAYRA ZUNIGA**

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve 4a-e, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

**5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY SIGNATURE TO EXTEND SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT NO. 210440-02 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDHS) UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2023, TO ALLOW FULL EXPENDITURE OF GRANTED FUNDS TO OBTAIN AND EQUIP LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES (REQ: SHERIFF)**

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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

**AGREEMENT CONTRACT NO. CTR066520 WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CONTROL FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$12,000 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)**

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

**7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TB PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MARIPOSA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. PER THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT NO. CTR066520 FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$50,260 (REQ: HEALTH SERVICES)**

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

Ruth Celinas, a resident of Rio Rico, provided a comment on the item via Zoom.

**8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION (SEAGO) FOR THE FY23 REGIONAL ACCOUNT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT FOR CDBG NO.119-23 FOR THE HISTORIC COURTROOM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (REQ: SPECIAL PROJECTS)**

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

**9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GENERAL CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH GOODMAN SCHWARTZ FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000/MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS AND \$4,500/MONTH THEREAFTER FOR ONE YEAR WITH UP TO FOUR ANNUAL RENEWALS (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)**

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

Maria Gomez Murphy, a resident of Rio Rico, provided a comment on the item via Zoom.

Ruth Celinas, a resident of Rio Rico, asked to speak under Call to the Public.

Supervisor Molera asked if the contract had gone out for bid. Jesus Valdez, Deputy County Manager, and Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief responded that the item did fulfill the procurement policy.

**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SIGN THE VICTIM COMPENSATION GRANT NO. VC-24-013 WITH THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR FY 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,169 (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)**

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

**12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 APPOINTING A TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE TO THE ARIZONA LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

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

Jennifer St. John, County Manager spoke of the item to the Board.

**13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE TO THE ARIZONA COUNTIES INSURANCE POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

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

Jennifer St. John, County Manager spoke of the item to the Board.

**14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AWARD CONTRACT WITH NEXXUS CONSULTING, LLC PURSUANT TO SOQ NO. S-06-23-C0037 FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500 PER MONTH (PLUS 2.5% ANNUAL INFLATOR) FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH UP TO FOUR ANNUAL RENEWALS (REQ: COUNTY MANAGER)**

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

Jesus Valdez, Deputy County Manager, spoke to the Board of the item.

**15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BONDS FOR DUPLICATE WARRANTS: (REQ: CLERK)**

**A #4-677785 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,235.83 DATED 05/17/2023 PAYABLE TO WONDER WORLD JUMPING CASTLES LLC**

**B #4-677992 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108.00 DATED 06/01/2023 PAYABLE TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CHIP**

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve 15a-b, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

**16. TAX VALUATION 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 101-46-058 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & ITS ASSIGNS, RESOLUTION NO. 56648**

**B 101-46-058 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & ITS ASSIGNS, RESOLUTION NO.56649**

**C 101-46-058 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & ITS ASSIGNS, RESOLUTION NO. 56650**

**D 115-16-168 - AMELIA R QUINONES TRUSTEE // THE AMELIA R QUINONES LIVING TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 56651**

**E 115-16-168 - AMELIA R QUINONES TRUSTEE // THE AMELIA R QUINONES LIVING TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 56652**

**F 115-16-168 - AMELIA R QUINONES TRUSTEE // THE AMELIA R QUINONES LIVING TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 56653**

**G 101-39-123 JOSEPH C POSADA, RESOLUTION NO. 56656**

**H 101-39-123 - JOSEPH C POSADA, RESOLUTION NO. 56657**

**I 101-39-123 - MARCO ANTONIO POSADA, RESOLUTION NO. 56658**

**17. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 06/20/2023**

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

**18. DEMANDS** were approved in the total amount of \$1,188,444.42, of which \$723,388.38 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: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Chairman Bracker; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Ruiz)

**10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

Presented by Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

The following speakers, in number order as presented, spoke of concerns about the Interstate 19 corridor development plan and comprehensive plan application for re-zoning:

1. Maria Gomez Murphy, a resident of Rio Rico; 2. Ruth Celinas, a resident of Rio Rico, also spoke of the community outreach contract, agenda item H9; 3. Lisa Redpath, a resident of Rio Rico; 4. Emily Modellmog, a resident of Rio Rico; 6. Susan Faubion, a resident of Rio Rico also spoke of affordable housing zoning; 7. Norma Dompier, a resident of Rio Rico; 8. Catherine Itule, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke of previous ordinance action taken; 9. Ed Pirl, a resident of Rio Rico; 10. Wendy Islas, a resident of Rio Rico; 11. Devin Randolph, a resident of Rio Rico; 12. Catherine Lily, a resident of Rio Rico; 16. Sue Laverty, a resident of Tubac; and 17. Gary Levine, a resident of Rio Rico.

5. Pamela Pesquiera, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke of a residential zoning violation that was reported and has not been addressed.

14. Bob Jacobson, a resident of Patagonia, spoke of grant opportunities for the County and congratulated Supervisor Bracker.

15. Kathi Campana, a resident of Rio Rico, spoke of the tentative budget and of employee compensation for retention.

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)(3), DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING RED MOUNTAIN AND COMMUNICATION TOWERS (REQ: CHAIRMAN BRACKER)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the Executive Session, reconvened into Regular Session, and adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM. (motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)