

GRAHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

(SS.SAFFORD, AZ September 8, 2015

STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

The Graham County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session this date with the following present:

James A. Palmer	Chairman
Drew John	Vice-Chairman
Danny Smith	Member
Terry Cooper	Clerk
Judy Dickerson	Deputy Clerk

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, Supervisor Palmer was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Board for the next sixteen months. Term ending December 31, 2016.

Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the minutes of the Board Meeting and Work Session held on August 17, 2015 and Work Session held on August 19, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Sheriff PJ Allred requested approval of the 2015 Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with the US Forest Service for Mountain Patrol. Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.

Health Department Director Brian Douglas requested approval of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness IGA with Arizona Department of Health Services. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, the request was unanimously approved.

Director Douglas requested approval of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.

Election Director Judy Dickerson requested approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Safford Unified School District to assist with their November 3, 2015 Bond Override Election. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, the request was unanimously approved.

Director Dickerson requested approval for out of state travel for McCoy Hawkins and herself to attend KNOWiNK Poll Pad training on September 21 & 22, 2015. Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.

Nippy Feldhake, Race Director, requested Board support for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt Graham Hill Climb to be held on October 4, 2015. He gave a little history of the race stating that it is the longest running cycling event in the state. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, the request was unanimously approved.

County Manager Terry Cooper requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Safford and Graham County for Irrigation Water at the Park. Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the request was unanimously approved.

Manager Cooper requested approval of Resolution 2015-13 PILT Mandatory Funding. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, the request was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GRAHAM COUNTY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FULL MANDATORY FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF TAXES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Graham is comprised of 2,967,974 of which 1,114,137, 37.5 percent, is held by the federal government and unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the federal acres, 1,569,560 acres are state or tribal lands leaving only 9 percent privately held and available for development and part of the property tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona contains 113,417 square miles of land, with federally owned land, excluding tribal lands, comprising 42 percent of the land mass, while private land in Arizona comprises only 17 percent, and

**WHEREAS**, the national average PILT payment in Fiscal Year 2014 was \$0.72 per acre, far below the amount federal lands would return through both value based taxation and economic development, and

**WHEREAS**, \$37 million of the Fiscal Year 2015 payments have yet to be released, placing added financial pressure on Graham County taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, Graham County is required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with tax-exempt federal public lands, and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the back of Graham County tax payers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to provide mandatory PILT funding to Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of Graham County, and substantially compromise the county's ability to provide essential services, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Graham County hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress provide full mandatory funding to the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2016 without delay, and work to find a long-term funding solution for the future.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2015.

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/s/: James A. Palmer, Chairman

/s/: Drew John, Vice-Chairman

/s/: Danny Smith, Member

ATTEST:

/s/: Terry Cooper, Clerk

Manager Cooper requested approval to forward the claim by Anthony Romero to the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool. Upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John, the request was unanimously approved.

Under current events report, Supervisor Smith reported on the following: Senior Citizen Board; Make a Difference Day 10/24/15; Skate Park Committee; SHS Reunion Downtown Event; High Mesa road tour; Gila Watershed Partnership; Salt Cedar removal; 8/13 Mayors & Managers mtg; Klondyke Force Options 360 group; SunZia conference call

Supervisor John reported on the following: 8/17/15 Thatcher Scholarship Foundation; 8/19/15 Judge Holt retirement party; 8/24/15 mtg with Senator Flake; 9/1/15 Round table discussion with U of A; 9/2/15 Force Options 360

Demands and hand written warrants were unanimously approved upon motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor John. Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §11-217, as amended in 1996, those demands/warrants for any supplier which total more than \$1,000.00 are as follows:

<b><u>SUPPLIER/PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT OF WARRANT</u></b>
AZLGEBT	\$179,063.09
Advance Forensic Assessments, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Advanced Air/Altech Refrigeration	\$8,263.80
American Premier Products	\$1,376.89
Arizona Department of Public Safety	\$1,562.41
Barry A. Standifird, P.C.	\$4,166.66
Bob Barker	\$3,001.74
Brewers Truck Repair, Inc.	\$4,999.57
CDW Government, Inc.	\$21,719.81
Century Link – Business Services	\$3,186.39
CKC Construction	\$10,247.44
CMI Quick Copy	\$1,112.77
Conditioned Response Training	\$1,300.00
Dennis McCarthy	\$8,333.33
Election System & Software	\$10,490.81
Flores & Clark, LLC	\$9,833.33
Gila Watershed Partnership	\$1,800.00
Govnet, Inc.	\$2,882.50
Graham County Chamber of Commerce	\$1,800.00
Graham County Treasurer	\$12,165.18
Helm, Livesay & Worthington, LTD	\$1,131.00
Irwin Seating Company	\$2,653.23
Josi Y. Lopez	\$10,125.00
Kenneth B. Larson	\$2,640.00
Law Office of Rebecca Johnson	\$13,740.33
Lexipol, LLC	\$5,450.00
MacDonald Counseling Services, PLLC	\$1,920.00
Mack's Auto Supply	\$5,552.03
Matt N. Clifford	\$1,620.00
Mt Graham Regional Medical Center	\$2,860.00
Payment Remittance Center	\$2,554.69

Quill	\$4022.77
R & S Northeast, LLC	\$1,360.53
Ray E. Thiessen, RLS	\$1,200.00
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.	\$1,372.11
SC Fuels	\$13,830.62
Senegy Petroleum	\$4,153.80
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	\$7,246.13
Sienna Counseling Consulting	\$3,275.00
State of Arizona Risk Management	\$2,906.98
Stephen K. Lundell	\$3,541.66
Target Safety and Training, LLC	\$1,350.00
Tri County Materials, Inc.	\$4,439.89
Trinity Services Group, Inc.	\$1,681.85
Tucson Medical Center	\$13,279.29
Verizon Wireless	\$4,381.75
Vining Funeral Home	\$6,492.72
Voyager Fleet Systems, Inc.	\$1,102.65
Walmart Community BRC	\$3,533.63
Waxie Sanitary Supply	\$2,388.57
William A. Daniel	\$4,145.00
Xerox	\$2,389.18

Chairman Palmer announced that it was the date and time to open the following bids:

South Concession	#15/16-31	Bidder: St Rose Catholic Church	\$2,501.00
North Concession	#15/16-32	Bidder: Insanity Softball	\$750.00

Upon motion of Supervisor John, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the bids were unanimously awarded to the highest conforming bidder.

Chairman Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Chairman Palmer called the first Work Session to order at 9:35 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Joe Goodman	P & Z Director
Steve Puzas	Highway Superintendent
Annette Watson	Park Director
Julie Rodriguez	Finance Officer
Geronimo Ramirez	El Moro Foundation
Gabriel Ramirez	El Moro Foundation
Lendsey Basteen	Greenlee County
Donald Merrell	Greenlee County
Robert Corbell	Supervisor Greenlee County
Akos Kouach	Greenlee County
Sharon Deshan	Cochise County
Jesus Granados	C.C.F.A.
Terry Cooper	Clerk

The El Moro Foundation and the Arizona Counties Racing Association presented a proposal for holding the El Moro De Cumpas Horse Racing Festival 2016 in Graham County. They gave background on the event and highlighted some economic benefits.

The Work Session was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Supervisor Palmer called the second Work Session to order at 11:05 a.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Michael Peterson	Judge
Terry Cooper	Clerk

Various administrative issues were discussed.

The Work Session was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Palmer called the third Work Session to order at 12:35 p.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Steve Puzas	Highway Superintendent
Terry Cooper	Clerk

Various Highway and P & Z issues were discussed and several areas were toured.

The Work Session was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman Palmer called the fourth Work Session to order at 3:00 p.m. Those in attendance in addition to the Board were:

Andy Tobin	State of Arizona
Terry Cooper	Clerk

Various issues were discussed.

The Work Session was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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James A. Palmer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Terry Cooper, Board Clerk