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COCONINO COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT

Resolution CCJD 2022-01

APPROVING OF A BALLOT MEASURE TO EXTEND THE JAIL DISTRICT EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors placed the formation of the Coconino County Jail District (“Jail District”) pursuant to A.R.S. Title 48, Chapter 25 on the ballot by Resolution 96-49 dated July 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 48-4021 requires the Board of Directors of the Jail District to fund the Jail District with either an excise tax pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-4022 or an ad valorem property tax pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-4023, subject to voter approval at a district-wide election called by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board included in the 1996 ballot initiative a three-tenths of a cent excise tax to fund the Jail District; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, the voters approved the formation of the Jail District and the levy of a three-tenths of a cent excise tax to fund the Jail District; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2006, the voters approved the increase of the Jail District excise tax from three-tenths to one-half of a cent as well as approved the extension of the term of the excise tax, effective January 1, 2007, for the term of twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the current Jail District Sales Tax expires December 31, 2026, and thus necessitating the consideration of an extension; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has thoughtfully and carefully deliberated about the needs of the community and the need for extending the existing excise tax to fund the Jail District; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Jail District Sales Tax ensures the continued important inmate services (e.g. the Exodus Program, the jail’s in-custody drug and alcohol treatment program; mental health and medical services; and job skills training, which has reduced recidivism); and

WHEREAS, staff engaged GlobalLocal Visions, LLC to conduct a likely voter survey across Coconino County, of which the preliminary results of the survey show strong support for extending the Jail District Sales Tax particularly given the programming provided to inmates; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has given weight to the input from the Sheriff and staff over the past four months during several Board work sessions; whereby, the Sheriff and staff recommended that the Board of Directors extend the existing excise tax, which is in the best interest of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Board of Directors of the Coconino County Jail District hereby orders and calls for a ballot initiative to be placed on the district-wide general election to be held on November 8, 2022, on the question of whether the duration of the existing excise tax should be extended beyond the current expiration date of December 31, 2026 by an additional twenty-five (25) years.
- B. The Board of Directors of the Coconino County Jail District further orders that a ballot be prepared for said election and that said ballots specify:
 1. The purpose of the tax;
 2. The number of years for which the tax will be authorized; and
 3. The estimated future revenue needs including the maintenance of effort requirement imposed on the County General Fund by A.R.S. § 48-4024.
- C. The Board of Directors of the Coconino County Jail District further orders that in addition to other requirements prescribed by law there shall be prepared, printed and distributed publicity pamphlets concerning the amendment to the excise tax, and that one copy of the publicity pamphlet shall be distributed to each household containing a registered voter in the Jail District before the earliest date for receipt of early ballots by voters who request them.
- D. Voting precincts, polling places, early voting sites, and voter identification sites shall be the same as those established by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors for the general election to be held on the same date.
- E. The Jail District shall reimburse the County in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-408 for the necessary costs incurred in connection with the ballot measure.
- F. If approved by the voters, then the excise tax will go into effect on January 1, 2023, thereby extending the current expiration date from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2047.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of May 2022.

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0

COCONINO COUNTY JAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Patrice Horstman

Patrice Horstman, Chair, Jail District Board of Directors

Attest:

Kimberly De...
County Clerk

Approved as to form and found to be within the power and authority of the Jail District Board of Directors formed pursuant to A.R.S. Title 48, Chapter 25.

Tommy McCain
Deputy Coconino County Attorney