

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: January 3, 2005

JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ

Chairman

JOHN F. NELSON

Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN

Member

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

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Member

Gila Co. Fairgrounds
Exhibit Building
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman and District II Supervisor; Tommie C. Martin, District I Supervisor; Shirley L. Dawson, District III Supervisor; John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; Daisy Flores, County Attorney; and, Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Special Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. County Manager John Nelson opened the meeting by thanking the Fairground crew, along with Ms. Dixie Mundy, and Ms. Janice Cook for all their efforts in preparation for today's meeting and ceremony. He then called on Steve Besich, Deputy County Manager and Master of Ceremonies, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Besich welcomed everyone to the meeting including the newly elected and returning officials of Gila County. He stated that the Gila County Industrial Development Authority would be hosting a reception in honor of the Gila County officials after the meeting which would be open to the public.

Mr. Besich called on Paula Morgan to sing the National Anthem in Apache; however, Ms. Morgan was not present.

Mr. Besich then called on Reverend Byron Mills of St. John's Episcopal Church to deliver the invocation.

Mr. Besich introduced the Honorable Edward L. Dawson, Judge Pro Tempore of the Superior Court, who proceeded to administer the oath of office to José M. Sanchez, District II Supervisor. He then administered oaths of office at the same time to Shirley L. Dawson, District III Supervisor, and Tommie M. Cline, District I Supervisor. Mrs. Dawson announced that her Bible would be held by Louise Dude and Ms. Martin announced that her Bible would be held by Vivian Burdette during the ceremony.

Mr. Besich introduced the Honorable Robert Duber II, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, who in turn administered the oaths of office individually to Peter J. Cahill, Division I Judge of the Superior Court; Anita M. Escobedo, Clerk of the Superior Court, whose Bible was held by retiring Clerk of the Superior Court, Margaret Toot; John R. Armer, Sheriff; and, Linda O'Dell, Superintendent of Schools, whose Bible was held by her husband, Ken O'Dell. Mr. Besich advised that the County had received good news with the appointment of Anita Escobedo as the new Clerk of the Superior Court by the Governor of Arizona, Janet Napolitano. Ms. Toot also stated that Ms. Escobedo is the fifth Clerk since Arizona statehood, and she also introduced the third Clerk, Arnold Ambos, who was present at the meeting.

Mr. Besich introduced the Honorable Peter J. Cahill, Division I Judge of the Superior Court, who in turn administered the oaths of office as a group to Dale Hom, Assessor; Daisy Flores, County Attorney, whose Bible was held by her mother; Linda Haught Ortega, Recorder, whose Bible was held by her Deputy Recorder, Nancy Ellsworth; and, Priscilla Knuckey-Ralls, Treasurer, whose Bible was held by her sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and Keith Dillon.

Steve Besich called on Staff Sergeant Rodney Cronk for a special presentation. Staff Sergeant Cronk, who is employed as a Deputy Sheriff and who has been deployed for the past seventeen months in Iraq with the National Guard, made a special employer presentation to Sheriff John Armer.

Mr. Besich concluded the ceremony and invited everyone to the reception after the meeting and asked that all officials sign their loyalty oaths before leaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk