

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: April 4, 2006

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Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, County Librarian/Assistant County Manager; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Jacque Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Reverend Barbie Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

Supervisor Dawson requested the adoption of Proclamation No. 06-02 declaring April 23-29, 2006, as National County Government Week, and recognition of Gila County's 125th year anniversary. She requested that the Proclamation be read aloud for the record. Jacque Griffin, County Librarian/Assistant County Manager, read the Proclamation. Supervisor Dawson also passed out a draft of a daily agenda for activities planned that week and reviewed it for the public record. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that activities also be held on Thursday in the outlying areas of Tonto Basin, Young and Payson. Supervisor Dawson agreed. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 06-02. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Supervisor Dawson requested the authorization to commit \$125,000 per year for three years, contingent on the continued availability of funding, for the Southern Gila County Economic Development Partnership. Details, contracts and/or intergovernmental agreements will be returned to the Board of Supervisors prior to the release of funds. She stated that for the past 6 months in following up on economic development issues, the Board has said it is willing to move forward and help create a firm foundation for economic development in southern Gila County. She stated, "The Board has never formalized this and put our words into action, so this is an opportunity to say to southern Gila County, here's the Board of Supervisors emphasizing economic development." In reference to an article in the *Arizona Republic* newspaper about a 275- square-mile community of 900,000 people being proposed between Apache Junction and Florence, Supervisor Dawson stated, "We're in a position here to protect and have growth that we want in a controlled manner, but we need to have a professional working on it and we need to have cooperation and coordination between all the agencies, and we've continued to work on that with subcommittees." Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she would like the Board to discuss going even further. She stated that the subcommittee people are saying things she would like to see happen. She stated, "I would like to see us talk about looking at those folks that have been so active and see each one of us pick three of them and put together a 9-person committee and charge that committee with several things...Jay Sphehar is very adamant that the group come up with a budget and business plan and I say we charge them to do that, not for us to approve, but for us to acknowledge that they have done that. I say we have them float the job description that they put together and that they advertise it and interview [for an Economic Development Committee Director]. Once they have done those things, this money is theirs. I'm also thinking that if Globe would like to add money to the pot, they could add a person and it would be a 10-person committee or Miami could add

money to the pot for an 11-person committee or San Carlos could add money to the pot for a 12-person committee. We have been talking this whole time that we have this money and it needs to be match money and that's all you've heard out of me since day one. Where we are right now some of our partners aren't ready for that. But I'm not wanting to wait...I would really like to see this happen." Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she also read the article about the proposed community and her concern, from a County perspective, is that if this County is not careful, it could wind up being the bedroom community and affordable housing community of Pinal and Maricopa Counties, while allowing the companies, businesses and industries to locate in Pinal and Maricopa Counties. She stated that one of the most logical things that could happen is that Gila County would then end up with a very limited assessed valuation as has happened in Payson to a certain degree. She reiterated that she would like the new committee restructured so it can operate with a budget and business plan in place and have a person employed. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that a great job is being done with tourism, but the County needs structure and staff for economic development to partner with tourism and this hasn't been done because of a lack of funding for economic development. She then inquired about the thoughts of the other Board members. Supervisor Dawson spoke about an editorial in the Payson Roundup newspaper which states that housing in Payson is becoming unaffordable for the average working person. She stated, "The other side is if we as government don't take care carefully with legislation and with our own appetites, the taxes on homes will outstrip many people's ability to remain in their home." Supervisor Dawson stated, "I think it's a good idea to go ahead with the Board [committee] and tell them to get going...This money doesn't adequately fund that position, but it does give it some foundation and maybe once they understand the Board of Supervisors is committed, the others will come." Chairman Sanchez stated, "I agree that it's time for this Board to step up and demonstrate to the folks that have been asking for the last couple of years for assistance." Vice-Chairman Martin

inquired if the items she mentioned earlier (new committee, budget, business plan, director) could be added to this agenda item and have each Board member pick three people for the committee and have them get started. Chairman Sanchez stated those items could be added where the last part of the motion states “details, contracts and/or IGA’s will be returned to the Board prior to the release of funds.” Vice-Chairman Martin also questioned, “Could we instruct staff to flush out this conversation, as we’ve had it, knowing that we expect to put together a committee of 9 people.” Chairman Sanchez replied in the affirmative, also adding “with an invitation to the other communities like the City of Globe, Town of Miami, Hayden/Winkelman, and San Carlos.” Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney, advised that the Board should not appoint a committee today as that is not on the agenda. He stated that if the motion is such that staff is going to come back later, that would be fine, but there should be no final action today. Vice-Chairman Martin made the motion that the Board authorize the commitment of \$125,000 per year for three years, contingent on the continued availability of funding, for the Southern Gila County Economic Development Partnership. Details, contracts and/or intergovernmental agreements will be returned to the Board of Supervisors prior to the release of funds. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dawson. Supervisor Dawson then stated, “I think when we appoint members of the Board to any board, it comes back here either under a regular or consent item and we [the Board of Supervisors] would be forming a Board of Economic Development and I think they [the Board of Economic Development] could work the details out with staff and bring the information back to the Board [of Supervisors].” Vice-Chairman Martin stated, “I had in mind an acting or temporary setup for this purpose and once this is done, then they are no longer obligated to report to us. They are part of a group we have been meeting with and we’ve just elevated them up to the point of actually following through on some of the decisions they’ve already made as that group and letting us know that has occurred, and the funds are then available for

release.” Jacque Griffin stated, “At a later date it could come back as an agenda item that talks about an ad hoc committee that has been created for a specific purpose for a temporary length of time and have some discussions at that time.” The Board then voted unanimously to approve the motion as stated above.

Linda O’Dell, County School Superintendent, requested the Board’s canvass of the March 14, 2006, Miami Unified School District No. 40 override election results, and the March 14, 2006, San Carlos Unified School District No. 20 override election results and to declare both election results official. Ms. O’Dell had previously distributed official results of these two elections in reports to the Board showing a summary of the total cumulative votes in Gila County and a summary of precinct by precinct voting, and then provided a brief overview. She stated that both of these override elections were conducted by mail, which was the first time budget override elections had been conducted by mail in Gila County. She stated that the results were very interesting and different in both locations. In reference to the San Carlos election, Ms. O’Dell stated that 8 percent of the registered voters voted in the override election, which was for maintenance and operations and a K-3 budget limit increase, and both overrides did pass. She stated that because the funds for this override were not coming from property taxes, there is often not as much interest generated, hence the lower numbers in voter turnout. Supervisor Dawson stated her concerns about the provisional ballots cast and those that were not valid stating this will have a major impact on the November elections because of Proposition 200’s identification requirements. Ms. O’Dell explained some other possibilities for provisional ballots being cast. Supervisor Dawson stated, “I believe we really need to have some emphasis that we are not trying to keep anyone from voting. We are making every effort to educate people.” Supervisor Dawson stated that she believes this will be a serious issue for the fall elections and the Board needs to address this. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that perhaps the Board could hold a work session to discuss the issue,

and Chairman Sanchez agreed. In reference to the Miami election which was a request to exceed the budget limit, Ms. O'Dell stated that interestingly the Miami District had twice the number of voters compared to the previous in-person override election. She stated that the overall count was 54.66 percent in favor and 45.34 percent against the override. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the results of the canvass and declared the March 14, 2006, Miami Unified School District No. 40 and San Carlos Unified School District No. 20 override election returns official. **(Copies of the election results are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' office.)**

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested the approval of Change Order No. 1207-02 to WestLand Resources, Inc., Contract No. P3572.05 in the amount of \$15,000 for additional tasks in the scope of work related to cultural resources clearances associated with the Flood Control Levee Construction and Repair Project. Mr. Stratton stated that he previously presented a contract to the Board from Westland Resources concerning the Clean Water Action Section 404 Highway User Revenue Funds for the repair of storm dikes along the Pinal and Tonto Creeks in the amount of \$67,000. He stated that since then, Westland Resources has identified 125 archeological sites and is requesting a Change Order in the amount of \$15,000 to accommodate these sites. Mr. Stratton believes the price is in order with the market and recommended that this Change Order be approved. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if this request is for an archeological survey. Mr. Stratton replied in the affirmative and stated that the survey has to go in a one-mile radius and unfortunately many of these dikes/levees are adjacent to U.S. Forest Service property and there's a lot of research to be done. Chairman Sanchez inquired if once these additional funds are approved, if there is there a completion date as to when the Board can expect a report. Mr. Stratton replied that it would be difficult to give a set date because it is unknown when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will process this as they are also involved.

He stated that in a preliminary meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, they were cooperating with the County, and he feels the meeting went very well. He also stated that WestLand Resources is helping the County save quite a bit of money by associating Kathy Whitman's trips here with other jobs she has with Phelps Dodge Miami Mining Company, a local company; however, it does delay the County's project somewhat. Chairman Sanchez requested that Mr. Stratton keep the Board apprised of any pertinent information that may be forthcoming prior to the Board receiving the final report. Mr. Stratton stated that any pertinent information would be placed on the agenda for discussion. He also stated for clarification that these sites run from the Wheatfields area adjacent to Killmer's Store all the way to Gisela. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1207-02 to WestLand Resources, Inc., Contract No. P3572.05 in the amount of \$15,000.

Mr. Stratton requested the approval of a Lease Agreement between Gila County and the Gila County Provisional Community College District (GCPCCD) whereby Gila County will lease properties in Globe and Payson for use as the Gila Pueblo Campus and the Payson Campus for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, with automatic renewals for two consecutive years. He stated that this has been a lengthy process because when the properties were conveyed to Gila County from the State, the titles weren't correct and a process had to be gone through to get them corrected. He stated that the Lease Agreement was presented to the GCPCCD Governing Board last week and was unanimously approved with the exception of two changes, one naming the Payson Campus on a certain line and the other was changing the signature block on the last page. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Lease Agreement with GCPCCD for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006 with automatic renewals for two consecutive years.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board convened as the Gila County Library District Board of Directors in order to address agenda item number 7, the approval of a Library Service Agreement between the Gila County Library District and the San Carlos Apache Tribe for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, to cooperate in the provision of library services to the citizens of the District. Ms. Griffin stated that she was been working on this Agreement for a length of time and it is more than half way through the year that this Agreement covers. She stated that the Library District was not able to release funds to the San Carlos Library until the Agreement was signed. She stated that for many years the County has been contracting with the San Carlos Library Board, who are a collection of community representatives that managed the Library at San Carlos, but the Library has now become a function of the tribal government. Ms. Griffin stated that in dealing with the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the holdup has been some sovereignty language added by the Tribe's attorney, which are items 12 and 13 in the Agreement, and approved by the County Attorney. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Library Service Agreement with the San Carlos Apache Tribe for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

In addressing Agenda item number 8, Chairman Sanchez stated that two sealed bids were submitted for the purchase of tax parcel numbers 302-61-069 and tax parcel number 304-33-444-4. Chairman Sanchez called on Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, to speak to the issue. Ms. Sheppard advised that the County's sealed bid process is used to place bids on parcels of State-owned land located in Gila County that did not sell at previous auctions. She stated that two sealed bids have been received for two separate parcels of land that were listed on the Back Tax Land List, which is available on the County website. She presented the Board with a map and photographs of tax parcel

number 302-61-069, which is a piece of land located between two houses in Star Valley. Ms. Sheppard stated that the back taxes owed are \$1,547.84, but as of 2003 the Board approved adding a \$50.00 administrative fee, which has been added, so the actual total lien amount is \$1,597.84. She stated that the County Assessor and County Treasurer reviewed the subject properties and they are in favor of selling the properties. She then opened the sealed bid envelope and read aloud the bid slip which stated that a bid in the amount of \$1,597.84 was submitted by Robert Mangrum for the subject parcel of land. Ms. Sheppard advised that the amount is the minimum bid that can be accepted by the Board. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously accepted the bid in the amount of \$1,597.84 from Robert Mangrum for the sale of tax parcel no. 302-61-069. Ms. Sheppard presented the Board with a map and photographs of tax parcel number 304-33-444-4, which is a cow trail in Gisela. Ms. Sheppard stated that the back taxes owed are \$405.57 and because the property was deeded to the State in 2002, a \$50.00 administrative fee was not added. She stated that the County Assessor and County Treasurer reviewed the subject properties and they are in favor of selling the properties. She then opened the sealed bid envelope and read aloud the bid slip which stated that a bid in the amount of \$405.47 was submitted by April and Connie Griffin for the subject parcel of land. Ms. Sheppard advised that the amount is the minimum bid that can be accepted by the Board. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously accepted the bid in the amount of \$405.47 from April and Connie Griffin for the sale of tax parcel number 304-33-444-4.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items 9A-H, as follows:

- A. Approved Professional Service Contract No. 022206-01 between Gila County and Cost Evaluation Services, enabling Gila County to procure professional consultant services for the 2006 Gila County Full Cost

Allocation Plan and OMB Circular A-87 Cost Allocation Plan for the fiscal year ended as of June 30, 2006.

- B. Approved the Chairman's signature on an Environmental Review Determination Form, which is part of the Community Development Block Grant application for the Payson Elevator Project.
- C. Acknowledged Barbara Brewer's resignation from the Gila County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board and approved the appointment of Dave Cook to complete Ms. Brewer's unexpired term of office.
- D. Acknowledged Jerry Fisher's and Michalene Marazza's resignations from the Christopher-Kohl's Fire District and approved the appointments of James Oliver to complete Mr. Fisher's unexpired term of office and T. Cline Preble to complete Ms. Marazza's unexpired term of office.
- E. Approved a request by the Gila Monster Go-Cart Racing Club to use the Fairground's Go-Cart Race Track with a waiver of fees for 2006 as outlined in the 2006 Racing Schedule.
- F. Approved the February 2006 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Clerk of the Superior Court.
- G. Approved the personnel reports/actions for the week of April 3, 2006, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

- 1. Justice Court Clerk II – Globe Justice Court – 04-28-06 – General Fund
Regina Casillas – Hire 10-06-03 – Resigned for personal reasons
- 2. Welder – Globe Shop – 04-01-06 – Shop Fund
Frank Baca – Hire 03-03-86 – Retirement

Hire to County Service:

- 3. J.P. Court Clerk I – Globe Justice Court – 04-24-06 – General Fund
Gaylyn Quintana – replaces Regina Casillas

End Probationary Period:

- 4. Scalehouse Attendant/Laborer – Solid Waste Management – 04-17-06 –
Enterprise Fund – Kimberly Sermeno

5. Road Maintenance Worker II – Consolidated Roads – 04-03-06 – Road Fund - Adrian Mata

Position Review:

6. Anniversary Date Increase – 03-20-06 – Mary Navarro, Delia Benevidez, Jacquelyn Serrano, Jay Heisler, Rex Williams
7. Anniversary Date Increase – 04-03-06 – John Beene, Justin Marks, Laura Short, Claudia Brooks
8. Anniversary Date Increase – 04-17-06 – Bertina Pratt, Anna Schutter, Melvin Warbington, Charles Mitchell, Terry Wollgast, Michael Ybarra, Cecily Budosh, Michael Ochoa, Kay St. Laurent, Linda Shirley
9. Anniversary Date Increase plus 5% for established reclassification schedule – Legal Secretary I to II – County Attorney – 04-03-06 – General Fund - Patricia Johnson

Request Permission to Post:

10. Administrative Assistant II – Globe Shop – position vacated by Delores Stearns
11. Clerk III (Part time) – Administrative Services – replaces Leitha Griffin, who will remain on call as needed

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

Departure from County Service:

12. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 03-21-06 – General Fund - Kevin Cassadore – Hire 03-06-06 – Resigned for personal reasons

Hire to County Service:

13. Dispatcher II – Payson S.O. – 04-03-06 – General Fund - Debra Phipps – replaces Kathy Martin
14. Dispatcher II – Payson S.O. – 04-10-06 – General Fund - Candice Jorgenson – replaces Susan Hornung

- H. Approved the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of April 3, 2006, (separate handout) as follows: \$425,906.76 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X150445 through X150546, X382045

through X382265 and X382267 through X382312, and X382314 through X382376. There were no hand-issued warrants. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.)**

At this time each Board member and the Chief Administrator were presented the opportunity to give a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:32 p.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk