

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: May 9, 2006

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Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman, (participated via telephone conference call); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Gila County Librarian/Assistant County Manager; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, June Ava Florescue, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Chairman Sanchez noted that Vice-Chairman Martin would be participating in the meeting via a telephone conference call. He also noted that Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, and some Finance Department personnel were at the Arizona State Legislature today.

Trudy Cory, Sheriff's Office Administrative Manager, requested the approval of four separate Dispatching Services Agreements whereby the Sheriff's Office will provide dispatching, telephone answering and paging services for the period January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, to the following entities: Pine/Strawberry Fire District at \$880.00 per month, and Christopher Kohl's Fire District, Tonto Basin Fire District and Gisela Valley Fire District—each at \$300.00 per month. Each Agreement has a renewal option. She stated

that all are contract renewals, which have been ongoing for the past 3 to 4 years. She stated that the Sheriff's Office answers 9-1-1 calls for those areas and dispatches fire services, medical services and other services that are needed. Ms. Cory stated that the Sheriff's Office provides dispatch services for 6 of the 11 fire departments in the northern part of Gila County. They include the 4 listed on this agenda item along with Tonto Village, which is an initial radio relay and Pleasant Valley for the Young area, which is a pager system. She stated that the Sheriff's Office inherited these emergency calls when Pine Country Communications went out of business. Supervisor Dawson inquired about the differences in fees charged to the various fire districts. Ms. Cory stated that when the Sheriff's Office first took over from Pine Country Communications, the Sheriff's Office continued charging the same fees. She stated the fees will be re-evaluated once the coordination channel is up and running. She stated that most of the calls received are from the Pine/Strawberry Fire District hence the higher fees; however, Tonto Basin's calls are rapidly increasing. The other two fire districts listed are being charged the minimum fee as their call level is much lower. Supervisor Dawson inquired about the specific charges. Ms. Cory replied that the charges are for dispatching services and explained the types of services handled for each fire district. She stated that all services are tracked in the Sheriff's Office CAD (computerized dispatching system) and a copy is faxed to each fire district for their records. Chairman Sanchez inquired whether dispatching services are provided on a 24-hour/7-day basis. Ms. Cory replied in the affirmative and explained why compensation is requested as this is an extra workload for the Sheriff's Office. She stated that the process is very complicated because there are approximately 50 communities in the north and the dispatcher has to know which fire departments respond to which communities. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Cory for the information. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the four Dispatching Services Agreements with the Pine-Strawberry Fire District at

\$880.00 per month, and Christopher Kohl's Fire District, Tonto Basin Fire District and Gisela Valley Fire District – each at \$300.00 per month for the period January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, with a renewal option.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested the award of Call for Bids No. 031706-1 for chip placement for Gila County projects in the spring and summer of 2006 and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Contract. He stated that several months ago the Board awarded a contract for the purchase of a new chip spreader, which is on order; however, it will not be here in time for this season's projects. He stated that bids were requested for chip placement services for the months of May and June 2006 and only one bid was received from K & J Services LLC in the amount of \$56,385 for May and \$48,867 for June. Mr. Stratton stated that he feels the bid is reasonable; the funding is available; and, he recommended the contract be awarded to K & J Services LLC. Chairman Sanchez inquired if the County has previously used this company and where the company is located. Mr. Stratton replied the County has not used this company before and the company is located in Bagdad. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously awarded Call for Bids No. 031706-1 for chip placement to K & J Services LLC in the amount of \$56,385 for May and \$48,867 for June, and authorized the Chairman's signature on the Contract Award.

At 10:13 a.m., June Ava Florescue, Deputy County Attorney, speaking on behalf of Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney, who was in court, requested that the Board move on to the next agenda item as the Assistant Attorney General would be calling in at 10:30 a.m. for a conference call with the Board. Chairman Sanchez stated that if this was agreeable with the Board he would move on to agenda item number 5.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, requested that the Board move Consent Agenda item numbers 5G and 5H to the regular agenda for discussion. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman

Martin, the Board unanimously approved moving Consent Agenda item numbers 5G and 5H to the regular agenda.

Chairman Sanchez addressed Consent Agenda number 5G, which is as follows: Approval of a request submitted by Image Promotions Group to rent the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall and commercial side of the building for the King of the Cage Meet and Greet Night event on Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 14, 2006, at 2:00 a.m. It was noted for the record that May 4, as listed on the agenda, should be changed to read May 14. Ms. Sheppard stated the reason she requested that Consent Agenda items 5G and 5H be moved from the Consent Agenda for discussion was to allow Jason Jameson and Ivan Rothchild, representatives for Image Promotions Group, to address the Board. She informed the Board that the request states that the certificate of insurance is pending and then called on Mr. Rothchild to address the issue. Mr. Rothchild, a resident of Scottsdale, stated that all of the necessary requirements have been completed and that he had the insurance money order to pay for the required insurance with him and after the meeting a copy of the certificate of insurance would be faxed to the County. Chairman Sanchez inquired about the Meet and Greet Night event. Mr. Rothchild explained that it would be a type of social event where the fighters from King of the Cage would be available to meet adults and children. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the request submitted by Image Promotions Group.

Chairman Sanchez addressed Consent Agenda item number 5H. Ms. Florescue corrected for the record that the item now being addressed was 5H, and not 5G as Chairman Sanchez had stated, which is as follows: Approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Group UNLimited Charities, Inc., to serve liquor at King of the Cage Meet and Greet Night event. Ms. Sheppard referred to page 91 of the Board's packet and she pointed out that Emily Maxwell's signature was not notarized on item 19 of the application. She stated that this application was personally reviewed by Connie Wagner,

Manager for the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, as Ms. Wagner notarized Mr. Jameson's signature on item 18 of the application. She stated that when Ms. Maxwell presented the application to Ms. Wagner, she did not have her driver's license with her to prove she was the applicant; therefore, Ms. Wagner would not notarize her signature at that time. All other requirements were met. Ms. Sheppard requested that the motion be contingent upon having Ms. Maxwell's signature notarized by the State. She then called on Jason Jameson, a resident of Mesa, who wished to speak to the Board about the non-profit groups within their organization. Mr. Jameson stated that one of their groups is UNLimited Charities and the charity funds from this event would be donated in the Phoenix area for a memorial giving tribute to the men and women who have died in service from Arizona since the September 11th terrorist attacks. He also noted the other charities for which funds are donated and the percentages of the funds donated. Chairman Sanchez inquired about security at the event. Mr. Jameson explained that 8 security guards would be available at the event through a contracted security company, as well as 8 deputies from the Gila County Sheriff's Office in order to satisfy the needs for certified personnel. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Group UNLimited Charities, Inc., contingent upon Emily Maxwell's signature being notarized by the State. Chairman Sanchez thanked the presenters.

Chairman Sanchez addressed the remaining Consent Agenda item numbers 5A-5F. Supervisor Dawson stated that she would be abstaining from voting on item 5F, and would not be voting in favor of item 5E. Chairman Sanchez stated that those two items would be considered separately from the remaining Consent Agenda item numbers 5A-5D. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda item numbers 5A-5D. Consent Agenda item numbers 5A-5D are as follows:

- A. Approval to authorize the Chairman's signature on two separate Maintenance Agreements between the County Attorney's Office and Digital Imaging Systems to provide maintenance on two Panasonic DP-4530 copiers at a rate of \$0.011 per copy.
- B. Approval of the April 11, 2006, April 18, 2006, and April 25, 2006, BOS minutes.
- C. Approval of the April 2006 departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.
- D. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of May 8, 2006, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

- 1. Leadman/Road Maintenance Worker II – Consolidated Roads – 04-28-06 – Road Fund – Lenny Aceves – Hire 06-16-81 – Deceased
- 2. Legal Secretary I – County Attorney – 05-09-06 – General Fund
Patricia Johnson – Hire 04-18-05 – Resigned for other employment
- 3. Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 04-20-06 – General Fund
Michael Spanier – Hire 07-25-05 – Resigned – reason unknown

Hire to County Service:

- 4. Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 05-15-06 – General Fund
Adam Mancha – replaces Michael Spanier
- 5. Maintenance Technician I – Facilities Management – 05-15-06 – Internal Services Fund – Billy Stevens – replaces Gabriel Eylicio

Departmental Transfer:

- 6. Clerk to Special Projects Assistant – Emergency Management – 05-01-06 – General Fund – Katrina Cervantes

End Probationary Period:

- 7. Community Health Worker – Health – 05-01-06 – Grant Fund -
Denise Lopez
- 8. Animal Control Officer III – Rabies Control – 04-12-06 – Health Services Fund - Jason Philpot

9. Building Maintenance Supervisor – Facilities Management – 05-15-06 – Internal Services Fund – Clifford Horn

Position Review:

10. Anniversary Date Increase – 05-01-06 – Carolyn Brown, Cecilia Bernal, Carol Fagan, Amy Wacker

11. Anniversary Date Increase – 05-15-06 – Judy Smrdel, Carlos Mejia, Barbara Valencia, Gary Frantom, Anesita Gugino

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

Departure from County Service:

12. Detention Officer (Cpl.) – Payson S.O. – 05-07-06 – General Fund - Robert River – Hire 08-16-04 – Resigned for personal reasons

Hire to County Service:

13. Detention Officer – Payson S.O. – 05-08-06 – General Fund - Travis Ziegler – replaces Kevin Cassadore

14. Deputy Sheriff – Globe S.O. – 05-08-06 – General Fund - Terry Blevins – Reinstatement

Departmental Transfer:

15. Relief Dispatcher to Records Clerk – Payson S.O. – 05-01-06 – General Fund – Kristine Feezor

Chairman Sanchez stated that Consent Agenda item number 5E would be considered separately, which is as follows: Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of May 8, 2006, (separate handout) as follows: \$1,290,406.81 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X150856 through X150988, X386221 through X386386, X386388 through X387577, X387027, X387579 through X387626, X387628 through X387699, X387703 through X387704, and X387706 through X387724. The hand-issued warrant listing is as follows: voucher number X386218 in the amount of \$2,201.64. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.)** Supervisor Dawson stated that there were some expenses submitted for payment that she personally would not approve.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item number 5E by a 2-1 vote. Supervisor Dawson voted “nay.”

Chairman Sanchez stated that Consent Agenda item number 5F would also be considered separately, which is as follows: Approval of payments for services to Fly-A-Way Travel in the amounts of \$494.10, \$432.10, \$432.10, \$432.10, \$327.60 and \$432.10. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that while she would make the motion to approve payment to Fly-A-Way Travel, she also wanted to remind management that she has requested a policy on travel. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda number 5F by a 2-0 vote. Supervisor Dawson abstained from voting because of a conflict of interest.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Sanchez returned back to agenda item number 4, whereby Ms. Florescue requested an executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4), to seek legal advice to authorize the Arizona Attorney General to negotiate a possible settlement of Southwest Gas Corporation v. Arizona Department of Revenue, et al., Arizona Tax Court No. TX2005-050417. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board convened into executive session at 10:32 a.m.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board reconvened into regular session at 10:54 a.m.

Supervisor Dawson made the motion that the Board authorize the Attorney General to negotiate a settlement of the Southwest Gas Corporation v. Arizona Department of Revenue, et al., Arizona Tax Court No. TX2005-050417. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin and unanimously authorized by the Board. Supervisor Dawson inquired of Ms. Florescue if there was a need to mention that the Board wants the Attorney General to withdraw the appeal. Ms. Florescue stated that would be part of the negotiated settlement.

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 11:06 a.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk