

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: June 13, 2006

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (participated via telephone conference call); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk (participated via telephone conference call); Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Bryan Chambers led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Reverend Lyle Johnston of St. Paul's United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Sanchez noted that Vice-Chairman Martin and Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, are in Payson today; however, they would be participating in the meeting via a telephone conference call.

Craig Sullivan, County Supervisors Association (CSA) Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recent State of Arizona legislative session activities. He stated that he had sent an electronic a copy of this presentation to the Board. CSA basically has 2 goals, as follows: 1) to protect and enhance county authorities in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services; and, 2) to develop and disseminate information to assist State and local decision-making. Mr. Sullivan stated that these goals are taken very seriously and supervisors from around the State are engaged to assist in the pursuit of those goals. There are 55 county supervisors in Arizona's 15

counties, all of which participate in CSA's process, some more than others. Each county designates one specific person to help provide guidelines and policy information as CSA does its work on behalf of the counties. He stated that Supervisor Dawson, the representative for Gila County, stepped up and was a very integral part of CSA's policy development effort. Mr. Sullivan stated that coming into this legislative session, CSA had a series of specific objectives, as follows:

- Objective 1: Secure passage of county-initiated statutory improvements.
- Objective 2: Secure targeted fiscal relief and investments.
- Objective 3: Prevent or mitigate proposals that negatively impact county operations.

In reference to Objective 1, CSA along with a coalition of supervisors from across the State were successful in getting 5 bills signed into law, as follows: HB (House Bill) 2061 veterans—proper burial; HB 2428 water service providers—dissolution; HB 2496 community parks maintenance districts; HB 2316 flood control districts—civil penalties; and, SB (Senate Bill) 1409 domestic water improvement districts—wastewater. He stated that in reference to Objective 2, the top priorities included the following 7 items: 1) Establish New “Circuit Breaker” for County Contributions to the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS). Mr. Sullivan stated that the State system for ALTCS is very unfair as Gila County pays, on a per capita average, more than any other county into this System. Gila County does not get any better service and doesn't have any impact over the policies. He stated that with the leadership of this Board of Supervisors, CSA was able to go to the State Legislature and work diligently to get a relief package passed, which will provide a significant amount of resources to Gila County at over \$1 million and hopefully at the end of today's legislative session it will remain in the State's budget. 2) Restore HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds). Mr. Sullivan advised that the State has made it a top priority of putting additional dollars into the State's transportation plan. He also advised that just as important for the counties is that the State has stopped some of the large scale sweeps of county HURF money into State

operations, specifically the Arizona Department of Public Safety, which will mean an additional \$178,000 for road building and maintenance in Gila County in addition to the growth of revenues. 3) Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) II. LAFT II is a grant fund that counties and local communities were able to utilize for transportation projects. The State had reduced the amount of monies that were available and now those dollars will be restored to their historic amounts. 4) Eliminate Mandated County Payments to Restoration to Competency Funding. Mr. Sullivan stated that during the economic downturn, the State was looking for a way to balance the budget and decided to push several costs down to the counties, most of which were addressed last year with this one exception. Currently in the State budget is county relief for that program where the cost will be shifted back to the State. 5) Methamphetamine Prevention. This has been a key issue for county supervisors across the State and \$8 million has been placed in the State budget to address this issue on the drug enforcement side and for public service announcements in an effort to educate both parents and children to stay off this very harmful drug. 6) Reinstate Summer Youth Employment Funding in the Amount of \$1 Million. This program was eliminated by the State last year and efforts to get the program restored were not possible this year. 7) Eliminate County Payments to Disproportionate Uncompensated Care (DUC). Mr. Sullivan stated that there is no DUC pool; it doesn't exist. It is just a way for the State to pull dollars out of the counties and place them into the general fund of the State. This item will be addressed again next year. Mr. Sullivan stated that Objective 3 had many bills in this category but he would only address the 5 major ones, as follows: 1) TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights), which is basically a marketing phrase for arbitrary restriction on State spending. The State will be allowed to grow at population plus 2 percent in its spending. Mr. Sullivan advised that this is a very popular and appealing way of looking at resources and taxation; however, when looking at what State programs are funding those items are growing well above 2 percent so it ends up as a restricted resource base. He stated that the counties are concerned

because historically when the State has not been able to pay its bills, some of those bills are pushed down to the county taxpayer. Due to the large coalition of support from the counties, this bill failed. 2) State Trust Land Reform. Mr. Sullivan stated that HCR 2045 grants access to existing rights-of-way without compensation, which is a very important issue. This item will be a ballot initiative in November to be put before the voters called “Conserving Arizona’s Future.” 3) Eminent Domain. Mr. Sullivan stated that it has been made very clear to CSA from all county supervisors that private property rights are very important in this State and this County as well as being important to the economy. The issue is finding a way to balance protection of private property rights with the interests of the public on items like transportation and flood control. This became a big issue at the State Legislature as a result of a Supreme Court case in New Jersey that dealt with redevelopment areas, slum and blighted types of issues that basically dealt with a municipality taking private property and giving it to a private investor to redevelop the area. Mr. Sullivan stated that this is a big issue that needs to be debated and it is CSA’s role to ensure that the county’s ability to do flood control, etc. was protected. The underlying bill was vetoed by the Governor because it impacts municipalities in a fairly significant way. 4) Comprehensive Illegal Immigration Plan. Mr. Sullivan stated that he is not an expert in this field; however, it has been one of the “thorny” issues that has made this legislative session run into June. The bill proposed by the State Legislature, which was very significant in terms of resources, was vetoed by the Governor. He stated that there is significant disagreement between the Legislature and the Governor and the Legislature has raised the possibility of going directly to the voters. This issue will have to be resolved before the legislative session can be concluded. 5) State Mandated Property Tax Rate Reductions. Mr. Sullivan stated that from the beginning of this legislative session there have been ongoing conversations about increased home valuations, which has translated into property tax relief proposals being put before the Legislature. He stated that a companion piece of this property tax legislation is to restrict county levies to 2 percent. The

concern is with the 15 percent increase in the costs of ALTCS for next year and the proposal to restrict the resources to pay for those increases to 2 percent. Mr. Sullivan stated that with the increases in the cost of the big items such as criminal justice and ALTCS, of which funding is mandated, those costs will crowd out funding for other important items and constituent services. At the present time this item is still pending, but because the supervisors along with CSA have spent a lot of time educating people about the impacts of the proposal, Mr. Sullivan feels that is one of the reasons the long-term care package is being addressed. He concluded his report by stating that he's very concerned about what this is going to mean for the future of local government in meeting the mandates while continuing to be responsive and provide efficiencies in local government with the resource base that is available. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board of CSA's upcoming legislative summit in September to set future objectives and asked that the Board, working with County management, set Gila County's key priorities. Each Board member expressed their appreciation to Mr. Sullivan and his staff for their leadership in working for the counties and especially the smaller rural counties.

At 10:42 a.m. a public hearing was held for the following 4 items:

A) to adopt Resolution No. 06-06-03, which authorizes the submission of a FY 2006-2007 State Community Development Block Grant Application for housing rehabilitation; B) to adopt Resolution No. 06-06-04, which adopts Housing Services Guidelines for Gila County, and to comply with the Grant Application requirements; C) to adopt Resolution No. 06-06-05, which adopts a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan for FY 2006, as required under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and to comply with the Grant Application requirements; and, D) to authorize the Chairman's signature on the FY 2006 State Community Development Block Grant Application. All the above will be submitted by the Gila County Health and Community Services Division, Housing Department, to the Arizona Department of Housing. Judy Smith, Community Services Divisional Program Manager, stated that the amount of funds being applied for total \$142,479.

The Housing Department of the Community Services Division intends to provide housing rehabilitation for approximately 6 owner-occupied homes in Gila County. She stated that the need for housing rehabilitation in the County is evidenced by the 4-year waiting list. Ms. Smith stated that all of the rehabilitation services will be completed in-house and the construction will be done by licensed general contractors. At this time Chairman Sanchez opened the public hearing and called for public comment; none was offered. Chairman Sanchez closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution numbers 06-06-03, 06-06-04 and 06-06-05 and authorized the Chairman's signature on the FY 2006 State Community Development Block Grant Application. **(Copies of the Resolutions are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Kelli Robbins, Community Action Program Manager, requested the approval of a Funding Agreement between the Gila County Community Action Program (CAP) and the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) (Contract No. 551-06) for Eviction/Prevention Emergency Housing (EPEH) in the amount of \$90,095.00 for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and to ratify the Board's authorization to submit the Grant Application. It was noted for the record that this agenda item shows the amount to be \$90,045.00, but the corrected amount is \$90,095.00. Ms. Robbins stated that the last time CAP had to complete an application for the ADOH trust fund monies was 5 years ago and the ADOH has renewed the contract each year since. This year CAP required the completion of a new application, which was accomplished, and the County was awarded a new contract. She stated that the EPEH funds are utilized to assist families in crisis situations. Services provided include the following: rent eviction prevention, mortgage foreclosure prevention, motel vouchers for temporary shelter, move-in utility deposits, rental assistance and utility assistance to prevent disconnects. EPEH funds are restricted to households that are either at or below 80 percent of the area median. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Robbins for the presentation and stated that

this appears to be a very critical and important program for the residents of Gila County. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Funding Agreement in the amount of \$90,095.00 for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, and ratified the Board's authorization to submit the Grant Application.

Richard Gaona, Finance Director, requested that the Board set the salary for the Globe Regional Constable and the Payson Regional Constable, which will take effect on January 1, 2007. He stated that last week's informational Board packet contained a copy of the statute showing the salary ranges based on the number of registered voters. [Note for the record: The statute reads, as follows: "3) That in precincts with 12,000 or more registered voters but fewer than 16,000 registered voters, the constables shall receive annual salaries of not less than \$36,100 nor more than \$45,825; and, 4) That in precincts with 16,000 or more registered voters, the constables shall receive annual salaries of not less than \$48,294 nor more than \$55,654."] Supervisor Dawson stated that the increase in population in southern Gila County (Globe Region) has only increased by 20 voters and she believes it will be a long time before it reaches the top of the range at 16,000. She did, however, believe that there is a continual, significant increase in the population in northern Gila County (Payson Region) as evidenced by the figures. Supervisor Dawson stated that if she understood it correctly Mr. Brewer was requesting a \$3,680 raise per year for the next 2 years; however, Mr. Bolinger was requesting an \$11,225 raise to be given to him immediately, which would not be graduated over a two-year period. She further did not believe Mr. Bolinger would reach the top of his range during his term of office. Supervisor Dawson also noted that both Constables have deputies that are also paid significant amounts of money. Supervisor Dawson concluded by stating that she had a problem with the maximum salary requested by Mr. Bolinger. Chairman Sanchez pointed out to the Board that in 2004 Mr. Bolinger's salary was reduced from \$40,000 to \$34,000 per year, which he is still currently being paid and is now asking to be moved to the top of the range for his precinct. He inquired of Mr. Gaona if Mr.

Bolinger's salary would be effective January 1, 2007, for a period of 2 years. Mr. Gaona replied that whatever salary the Board approves today, that salary is set for the next two years. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that Mr. Gaona repeat his recommendations. Mr. Gaona stated that he was not making any salary recommendations; he was only informing the Board of the statutory requirements. He stated that requests for salary increases were presented at last week's Board meeting by both Constables and to comply with Arizona Revised Statute §11-424.01, the Board must set the salaries in a regular meeting in June in order for them to become effective January 1, 2007. This is a 2-year requirement and the statute dictates that the salary range is determined by the number of registered voters. He stated that the Globe Regional Constable's salary ranges from \$36,100 to \$45,284 and the Payson Regional Constable's salary ranges from \$48,294 to \$55,654. Supervisor Dawson stated that Mr. Bolinger's range is based on a population of 12,000 to 16,000 registered voters and when Mr. Bolinger's salary was decreased it was based on a decrease in registered voters. She stated that Mr. Brewer is dealing with a growth of 600 registered voters for the year in the Payson Region while the Globe Region has only seen a 20-person growth for the year. She stated that because southern Gila County is not growing like northern Gila County, she could not see why the Board should pay Mr. Bolinger the maximum amount. She stated, "I can see giving him [Mr. Bolinger] an increase as all County employees receive a 5 percent increase annually...I propose that the Board give a 10 percent increase on the southern Gila County [Constable's] salary and that the north be increased to the maximum salary because he [Mr. Brewer] is well above the maximum, where southern Gila County is below the maximum and not showing significant growth or caseload increase."

Supervisor Dawson clarified that by "maximum" she was referring to the range of the number of registered voters in each precinct. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she believes the Globe Regional Constable is close enough for her to look at the maximum. She believes that the Payson Regional Constable has 21 percent more voters, so Mr. Brewer should make 21 percent more in salary

than Mr. Bolinger. Chairman Sanchez stated, "I don't believe the statute allows the Board to do that; it gives us a range, a lower range and an upper range for each one of these...In 2004 we took Mr. Bolinger, based on statute, from \$40,000 to \$34,000...I'm in favor of putting him [Mr. Bolinger] at the maximum. That would be going from \$34,000 to \$45,000 which is \$11,000 increase. In my opinion it's spread over a 2-year period. I think we can try to analyze this, but in my opinion the fair thing to do and allowable by statute is to bring both Constables close to the maximum in their respective regions." Vice-Chairman Martin made the motion that the Globe Regional Constable [Jess Bolinger] be paid the maximum salary of \$45,825 and that the Payson Regional Constable (Sam Brewer) be paid the maximum salary of \$55,654 or 21 percent higher than Mr. Bolinger's new salary, whichever falls within the range. Chairman Sanchez seconded the motion. Mr. Besich suggested that the Board might want to clarify the record by entertaining a motion to set the Globe Regional Constable's salary at \$45,825, the maximum, and then not get into interpretations of percentages of voters, etc. and set the Payson Regional Constable's salary at the maximum allowable salary of \$55,564, which would keep the records a lot clearer. Vice-Chairman Martin amended her motion that the Globe Regional Constable be paid the maximum salary of \$45,825 and that the Payson Regional Constable be paid the maximum salary of \$55,564. Chairman Sanchez seconded the motion. Supervisor Dawson inquired if the Payson Regional Constable would be paid that raise over a 2-year period as she understood it would be divided and the first year the raise would be \$3,680 and then the second year it would be taken to the maximum amount. Chairman Sanchez clarified that the increase would be effective January 1, 2007, and the annual salary for the Globe Regional Constable will be \$45,825 and the Payson Regional Constable will be \$55,654. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that is also her understanding. The motion passed by a 2-1 vote. Supervisor Dawson voted "nay."

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested authorization to publish Statement of Qualifications No. SOQ 060106-01 for the Courthouse

Windows Replacement Project. He stated that the County has had severe problems with the windows on the south and east side of the courthouse. Several attempts have been made to engage architects to prepare a design/build for this project; however, they have encountered various problems with Arizona Missions Insurance. Mr. Stratton stated that because the County has been successful with the design/build on two previous projects, he was requesting Board authorization to advertise for a statement of qualifications so a panel could interview contractors. When selected and approved by the Board, the contractor will have to engage an architect with the proper licensing in order to do the design. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized the publication of Statement of Qualifications No. SOQ 060106-01.

Mr. Stratton requested the award of Contract No. SOQ 033106-1 for the Globe-Miami Area Flight Mapping Project, which encompasses an area of 60.7 square miles. He stated that various entities have been invited to join with the County to help defer the costs. Mr. Stratton advised that the Town of Miami submitted an intergovernmental agreement with the County this morning. The City of Globe, although tabling the item at last night's City Council meeting, has assured him that an agreement would be forthcoming. The total contract for Phase I is \$89,291 and Phase II is \$69,985 for all 3 entities combined. Gila County's portion for Phase I is \$63,915.88 and Phase II is \$50,096.35. Upon Board approval the paneling would be started and the flight scheduled. Mr. Stratton stated that in the event the City of Globe's intergovernmental agreement is not approved, those miles will be removed prior to the flight. The attorney for the City of Globe contacted Mr. Stratton yesterday and stated that the concerns pertained to the specific amounts the City of Globe would be paying and the services that would be received. Chairman Sanchez inquired about the purpose of this mapping project. Mr. Stratton stated that the mapping will be used for engineering design, a parcel database to assist the County Assessor, and eventually when the parcel land database is complete it can be used by the Elections Department by having maps with good lines. Tom

Homan, Senior Systems Analyst, stated that it would also include the ability to generate more accurate flood mapping of the area and includes FEMA (Federal Emergency Mapping Agency) mapping to improve the floodplain zones for flood insurance purposes. Robert Mawson, Town of Miami Manager, advised the ways in which this mapping will assist the Town of Miami. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously awarded Contract No. SOQ 033106-1 for the Globe-Miami Area Flight Mapping Project to Kenney Aerial Mapping, Inc. in the amount of \$89,291 for Phase I and \$69,985 for Phase II including all applicable taxes for all 3 entities combined.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that 3 sealed bids had been submitted for the purchase of State-owned land as follows: A) parcel number 208-02-055; B) parcel number 207-15-033; and, C) parcel number 207-15-034. She requested that item A be addressed and voted on by the Board, followed by items B and C being addressed together. She stated that the total lien amount for parcel number 208-02-055 is \$912.85, and a bid was submitted by Eric Scheindlinger. Ms. Sheppard presented the Board with a map and pictures of the subject parcel. She stated that Mr. Scheindlinger initially was interested in purchasing the subject parcel of land because he believed it would provide access to another parcel he currently owns. Ms. Sheppard advised that she explained to Mr. Scheindlinger that the land which adjoins his existing property belongs to the City of Globe. In lieu of that fact, Mr. Scheindlinger submitted his bid for the subject parcel of land. Ms. Sheppard opened the sealed bid envelope and read aloud the bid slip, which stated that a bid in the amount of \$913.00 was submitted by Eric Scheindlinger for the subject parcel of land. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the bid received from Eric Scheindlinger in the amount of \$913.00 for tax parcel number 208-02-055. **(For the record, Mr. Scheindlinger did not submit payment for the subject parcel of land within the required 48-hour time frame; therefore, this parcel is still available for purchase.)** Ms.

Sheppard then addressed parcel items B (number 207-15-033) and C (number 207-15-034), which adjoin one another. She stated that on parcel number 207-15-033 the total lien amount is \$1,052.06 and on parcel number 207-15-034 the total lien is \$323.23. George Rodriguez submitted bids on both parcels. Ms. Sheppard presented the Board with a map and pictures of the parcels and stated that this property is located along the main highway where a nativity scene is erected each year for the public's viewing. She stated that Mr. Rodriguez intends to erect a sign on the property. She stated that the Assessor and Treasurer reviewed information pertaining to these two parcels of land and have no objections to selling them. Ms. Sheppard opened the sealed bid envelope and read aloud the bid slip which stated that a bid in the amount of \$1,052.06, which is the minimum allowable bid, was submitted by George Rodriguez for parcel number 207-15-033. She then opened the next sealed bid envelope and read aloud the bid slip which stated that a bid in the amount of \$323.23, which is the minimum allowable bid, was also submitted by George Rodriguez for parcel number 207-15-034. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the bids submitted by George Rodriguez in the amount of \$1,052.06 for tax parcel number 207-15-033 and \$323.23 for tax parcel number 207-15-034.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda item numbers 9A through 9F. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item number 9G by a 2-0 vote; Supervisor Dawson abstained from voting because of a conflict of interest. The Consent Agenda items are as follows:

- A. Approval to appoint Ophelia James to the Gila County Personnel Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mildred Wills through 12/31/09.
- B. Approval of Public Works Division Policy No. DPW 06-01 for Emergency Response Team Guidelines.
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 8 to Contract No. E5706004 between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Gila County Health and

Community Services Division to increase the Contract amount from \$2,438,323 to \$2,448,659, an increase in set aside funds.

- D. Approval of Amendment No. 9 to Contract No. E5706004 between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Gila County Health and Community Services Division to extend the Contract end date to June 30, 2009, and to increase the Contract amount from \$2,448,659 to \$3,136,156, an increase in adult and youth funds.
- E. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of June 12, 2006, as follows:

Hire to County Service:

1. Code Compliance Officer – Community Development – 06-19-06 – General Fund - Randy Sabin – approved position to begin implementing the Civil Hearing Process
2. Building Safety Assistant I – Community Development – 06-19-06 – General Fund – Linda McGill – replaces Betty Gallo
3. Training Specialist II – REPAC – 06-12-06 – Community Services Fund  
Joanna Ramos – replaces Sonya Whitfield

Temporary Hire to County Service:

4. Clerk – Rural Addressing – 06-02-06 – General Fund - Summer Rocha-Gutierrez
5. Clerk – Finance – 06-12-06 – General Fund- Anthony Martinez

End Probationary Period:

6. Courtroom Clerk – Clerk of Superior Court – 06-12-06 – General Fund -  
Adrienne Rhodes

**Sheriff's Personnel Action Items:**

Departure from County Service:

7. Inventory Specialist – Globe S.O. – 06-09-06 – General Fund -  
Shawna Peterson – Hire 07-07-03 – Resigned for other employment

Hire to County Service:

8. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 06-26-06 – General Fund - Bonnie  
Burke – Reinstatement

9. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 06-12-06 – General Fund - Sharon Brewer – new position issued 01-01-06

Temporary Hire to County Service:

10. Clerk – Globe S.O. – 06-13-06 – General Fund - Lisa Bahlen

F. Approved the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of May 15, 2006, (separate handout) as follows: \$1,672,526.07 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X151364 through X151465, X151467, and X388734 through X388986. The hand-issued warrant listing is as follows: voucher number X388725 in the amount of \$50,000.00, voucher number X388730 in the amount of \$8,402.21, voucher number X388732 and X288733 in the amount of \$480.00 and voucher number X151466 in the amount of \$184,887.11. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.)**

G. Approval of a payment for services in the amounts of \$314.60 and \$314.60 to Fly-A-Way Travel.

Chairman Sanchez stated that before moving to agenda item number 10, he wanted to return to Consent Agenda item number 9B, which is the approval of Public Works Division Policy No. DPW 06-01 for Emergency Response Team Guidelines. He called on Mr. Stratton to talk about this policy. Mr. Stratton advised that the County has created an Emergency Response Team in order to respond to certain types of emergencies that occur within the County. All team members have received specialized training and will be issued gear bags that contain shirts, boots, hat, etc. that will be worn during an emergency. Mr. Stratton explained that this division-wide policy was prepared for Board approval in order to establish guidelines on the equipment to be distributed to each team member. He stated that now that the Board has approved this item, an order will be placed to purchase additional shirts and items to be sold to team members to wear at times other than during emergencies. Mr. Stratton emphasized that the equipment is to be kept in the gear bag at all times and ready to go in order to mobilize quicker for emergencies. Mr. Stratton outlined the items that will be contained in the

bags. He also explained that a polo shirt and hat with the insignia will be provided to the Board, the County Manager and the 2 Assistant County Managers in the event they end up in a fire camp, they will be recognized as part of the County's team. Each Board member thanked Mr. Stratton for his continued work.

Supervisor Dawson inquired if the Board could move to agenda item number 11 before the scheduled executive session in agenda item number 10. The Board agreed. 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.

In addressing agenda item number 10, and upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice from the Board's attorney and to instruct its attorney regarding settlement discussions to resolve Citizens Telecommunications Co., et al. versus Arizona Department of Revenue, etc. al, Arizona Tax Court No. TX 98-00716 (consolidated) per ARS §38-431.03 (A) (3)-(4).

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board reconvened back into Regular Session. Chairman Sanchez stated that the County Attorney has been instructed in executive session to proceed regarding the settlement of discussions to resolve the Citizens Telecommunications Co., et al., versus the Arizona Department of Revenue, et al., Tax Court case, and that is all that needs to be said regarding item 10.

There being no further business, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 12:09 a.m.

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk