

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: January 16, 2007

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Member

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, 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 Greg Lecheminant, Counselor in Stake Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints, delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Sanchez stated that Vice-Chairman Martin would be participating in the meeting from Payson via the new video conferencing system.

Tiffany Poarch, Public Fiduciary, and the Board presented the Employee Service Awards for 2006. Five-year service awards were presented to the following employees: John Armer, Thomas Melcher, Robert Vindiola, Byron Cotney, Candelaria Rocha, Diana Jones, Ernest Marcanti, Brett Bingham, David Franquero, William Rodgers, Sherri Martindale, Hazel Young, Robert Bonney, Dan Evans, Karen Pollack, Herman Mitchell, Joe Leon, Teresa MartinDelCampo, Jose Sanchez, Dorothy Langford, George Fishel, Rita Dibble, Lisa Garcia, Michelle Epperson, Brenda Newton, David Jones, Lorenzie Corvin, Theresa Mikeworth, Leigh Kenton, Susan Williams, Doreen Spsychala, Lorraine

Dalrymple, Celina Corona, Barbara Waddell, Leonard Kerszykowski, June Florescue, Raymond Johnson, Keith Dixon, Daisy Flores, Steven Craig, Keith Thompson, Betty Casillas, Ty Harmon, Mary Mendez, Bradley Bennett and Samson Arney. Ten-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Patsy Clayton, Linda Hedges, Dana True, Patricia Campos, David Buffington, Sharon Radanovich, Cassie Durnan, Beverly Puhara, Christine Rocha, Gary Frantom, Rebecca Baeza, Diana Russell, Sandra Estrada, Jeffrey Slider, Steven Sanders, Carolyn Haro, Debra Williams, Edward Wisdom, Garland Moran, Heather Ramsey and Tina Chaffin. Fifteen-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Patricia Nolan, Misti Williams, Jo Johnson, Barney Branstetter, Pete Ortega, Mariano Gonzalez, Carlos Ozuna, Rebecca Barajas, Joanne Zache, and Ann Garlinghouse. Twenty-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Susan Mitchell, John Alexander, Hazel Dillon, Judy Smith, Frank Zupancic and Tiffany Poarch. Twenty-five year service awards were presented to Robert Duber II, Gilbert Casillas and Dixie Mundy. Thirty-year service awards were presented to Mike Golden, Anita Escobedo, Cecilia Bejarano and Mary Hawkins. Each Board member expressed their appreciation for the work and dedication of all the employees. Chairman Sanchez publicly thanked Mrs. Poarch for the many years she has volunteered to administer the Employee Service Awards Program.

A presentation was given by Bill Bolin, Director of the Rural Development Office of the Community Development Division at the Arizona Department of Commerce (ADOC), on programs and services related to economic development that are offered by the ADOC to rural communities within Arizona. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, introduced Mr. Bolin and stated that he is the son of a very famous Arizonan, Wesley Bolin, who was the former Secretary of State and Governor of Arizona. He stated there is a beautiful plaza near the State Capitol that is named in honor of Wesley Bolin. Mr. Bolin thanked Mr. Besich for the kind words about his father. Mr. Bolin then introduced two of his staff, Carrie Whited, who is the program manager for the Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA), and Tom Doyle of the Rural Development

Office who is the program manager of the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI). Mr. Bolin began his PowerPoint presentation by stating the purpose of the ADOC, and in particular, the Community Development Division, which includes the Rural Development Office. The Community Development Division focuses on local capacity-building by providing technical and financial assistance to cities, towns, counties, and tribal communities on land use planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, public involvement, smart growth best practices, military land use compatibility, and the complexities of zoning. The Rural Development Office strives to promote local self-sufficiency, encourages communities to take full advantage of all available resources, and provides customized support utilizing a broad scope of resources to assist local leaders and organizations in sustainable economic development. Within the Rural Development Office there are 3 programs, as follows: A) the Main Street Program, which assists Arizona communities to revitalize their downtown business districts; B) the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), which assists Arizona communities in strengthening their economic development practices and techniques by helping communities become more attractive for capital investment, analyzing and determining organizational strategies and providing matching grants for studies and economic development implementation tools; and, C) the Governor's Rural Development Conference, which is a 2-1/2 day conference that introduces and explains the various programs that are available to businesses, colleges and communities. Mr. Bolin also briefly explained the various other programs that are available through the ADOC which include the following: Business Retention and Expansion, Growing Smarter, GADA (Greater Arizona Development Authority), EDA Planning Grant, Asset Inventory, Outreach Program and Economic Development Organization, and Marketing and Leadership. He spoke on the idea of Arizona businesses and government being connected and collaborating in order to be competitive. He stated, "Although there are many rural communities throughout Arizona, we are in a global competitive environment." Mr. Bolin explained about the

Arizona Community and Business Financing Guide, which is a resource guide to enhance economic development. He encouraged everyone to download and read it as it contains programs, services, organizations, phone numbers and numerous websites of available information. The Financial Guide also contains over 150 tax incentives, grants and low interest loans available to the various entities, along with the name and contact information for the organization in charge of each program. He stated that this Financial Guide can be downloaded from ADOC's website at <http://www.azcommerce.com/> under the Community Assistance link (left), then the CEDC link. Mr. Bolin thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the ADOC's information. Chairman Sanchez called on Jerry Ellison, a resident of Globe, who asked Mr. Bolin to recommend one area that would improve economic development in the Globe-Miami area. Mr. Bolin stated that business retention and expansion, and utilizing the job training program would be his recommendation. Chairman Sanchez stated that the job training model was of personal interest to him because of the efforts being made by the local college governing board and the Board of Supervisors with the legislators to ensure Gila County's continued status as a provisional community college district as the current status sunsets in 2008. He stated that the Governor spoke last week about the importance of education because students will have to be able to compete globally and local colleges are needed to offer those opportunities. He also spoke about the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation and the fact that Gila County is in many aspects the gateway county because of its central location. Chairman Sanchez stated that he appreciates all of the information that is readily available from the ADOC. Mr. Bolin stated that the ADOC is planning for the 2007 Governor's Rural Development Conference. During the planning process the entire State has been sectorized into quadrants and people from each quadrant have been asked to identify their major issues. Land, water and transportation are the big issues and there are several others including 2 port authorities. Mr. Bolin named some of the projects that have been accomplished through grant funding. He stated that it's just a matter of

finding out what programs are available and this is an area that the ADOC can provide assistance. Supervisor Dawson stated that she was encouraged by Mr. Bolin's comments on workforce development and she feels information should be presented to the junior high and elementary schools to "paint the picture of the opportunities they can have." She also advised that the State needs to address community college issues. She also spoke on Resolution Copper Mining being involved in the workforce development program. Supervisor Dawson stated she appreciates the work of the ADOC and she hopes the ADOC will work closely with southern Gila County's new economic development director. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she enjoyed the presentation and that she would like the ADOC to meet with the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation. She also suggested that the area from Mackey's Camp to the San Carlos Casino be revitalized "to look like a vibrant welcoming group of communities in order to draw more businesses into the area." Vice-Chairman Martin advised that Roselyn Boxer from the ADOC will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. at the Globe City Hall and she encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Bolin stated that Roselyn Boxer is the project manager for the Town of Superior and that she works directly for the ADOC. Mr. Bolin advised of another service offered by the ADOC, which is to provide an asset inventory for each community. He stated that one of Gila County's liabilities is that it is land locked without much public land available and that is an issue that the ADOC could address in a workshop. Mr. Bolin emphasized that any programs and services provided by the ADOC are free of charge. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Bolin and his staff for the presentation.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested authorization to advertise Call for Bids No. 010507-1 for the sale of a Gila County building and property located in Hayden. He stated that the building in Hayden is in dire need of extensive repair and it would be very costly. Numerous people have contacted the County with an interest in purchasing the property. After many months Mr. Stratton was able to locate an appraiser, who valued the

building and land at \$30,000. Should the Board decided to sell the building, the County would be mandated to advertise the Call for Bids for 4 consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the County. Statutorily, the Board may only consider a bid that is at 90% of the appraised value. Mr. Stratton recommended that the building be advertised for sale. Supervisor Dawson inquired as to the reason the County has allowed the building to deteriorate. Mr. Besich stated, "The building was offered to both the Town of Hayden and the Town of Winkelman at one time for a price of \$100 per month and they never took us up on it. It was a maintenance nightmare. We were continually working on the mechanical equipment and, yes, it has deteriorated. That is because we couldn't find a use for it and couldn't find anybody interested in taking it off our hands." Chairman Sanchez inquired as to the use of the building. Mr. Stratton replied that it was previously used by the Sheriff's Office as a dispatch center and as an office for the Justice of the Peace. Mr. Besich stated that previously, the building also contained the early warning dam failure system for the Coolidge Dam. Supervisor Dawson inquired as to the current location of the early warning dam system. Mr. Besich replied that it is located at the Winkelman Fire Department. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of Call for Bids No. 010507-1 for the sale of a Gila County building and property located in Hayden.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-01-02, which authorizes the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Southard Drive and Southard Circle at Strawberry Mountain Shadows in Pine. He stated that the County engineers performed a warrant engineering study on this intersection and other intersections in the area. Due to impaired sight distance and the alignment of the road, it was being recommending that a stop sign be placed at this intersection. Mr. Sanders stated that any regulatory signage requires Board approval. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board

unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-01-02. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Mr. Sanders requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-01-03, which authorizes the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Bradshaw Circle and Bradshaw Drive at Strawberry Mountain Shadows in Pine. He stated that this intersection has horizontal vertical problems with roadway alignment and sight distance and it is recommended that a stop sign be placed at this intersection. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-01-03. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Steve Besich requested the approval of an increase in fees charged by Dr. Michael R. Durham, Gila County Deputy Medical Examiner, from \$100 per case to \$200 per case. Mr. Besich stated Dr. Durham submitted a written request to the Board of Supervisors to approve an increase in fees. He stated that Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, checked the County's files and there hasn't been a fee increase since 1999 at which time the fees were increased from \$75 per case to \$100 per case. Mr. Besich stated that he's not aware of the number of cases handled by Dr. Durham each year; however, he believes the requested amount of \$200 per case is a reasonable amount to be charged by a licensed physician and he recommended the Board's approval. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the increase in fees charged by Dr. Michael R. Durham, Gila County Deputy Medical Examiner, for case investigations from \$100 per case to \$200 per case.

Mr. Besich requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-01-01 supporting the Town of Star Valley's request for the United States Postal Service to assign a mail zip code for the incorporated area of the Town of Star Valley. He stated that the County received this request from Mayor Heron of the Town of Star Valley and that the Resolution is self-explanatory. The Town of Star Valley is trying to create an assignment that would help to not only identify people living within its boundaries, but help in the determination of the proper distribution

of State aid and sales taxes to that jurisdiction. Mr. Besich stated that he doesn't know the United States Postal Service's position; however, he recommended that Gila County support the Town of Star Valley in this effort. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-01-01. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Mr. Besich advised that he received a recommendation from the Star Valley Town Manager to appoint Ronnie McDaniel to the Gila County Citizens Facilities Planning Committee as the representative for the Town of Star Valley. Supervisor Dawson acknowledged that Mr. McDaniel is very familiar with the County's facilities in southern and northern Gila County and she supports this appointment to the Committee. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that Mr. McDaniel is probably the most qualified person in all of Gila County to serve on this Committee and that she is delighted that the County received this recommendation. She stated that Mr. McDaniel has served Gila County for many years in the role of Sheriff's Deputy and that of Judge Pro Tempore. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ronnie McDaniel to the Gila County Citizens Facilities Planning Committee.

In reference to agenda item number 10, the Consent Agenda, Supervisor Dawson made the motion to move Consent Agenda item number 10C to the regular agenda for discussion. Chairman Sanchez seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Sanchez stated that Consent Agenda item number 10C is a request for approval of the finance reports, demands and transfers for the week of January 15, 2007. Supervisor Dawson stated that there is an organization known as the Arizona-New Mexico Coalition and Gila County sends a representative to meetings held by the Coalition. She advised that the most recent meeting was held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the County representative's expense statement was in an amount over \$700. Her concern was that the Board is never given a verbal or written report regarding any meeting held by the Coalition. She stated that if

the Coalition meetings are important, perhaps a Board member should attend as opposed to paying the expenses for a County representative to attend. Chairman Sanchez advised that he receives a copy of the Coalition meeting minutes and inquired whether Supervisor Dawson receives them. Supervisor Dawson replied in the affirmative. Chairman Sanchez advised that membership dues are paid by Gila County to the Coalition each year and he affirmed that a representative of the County attends meetings of the Coalition on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the Board assigned her the duty to oversee the activities of the Coalition and she has arranged for Ron Christensen to attend these meetings because as a former supervisor for Gila County, Mr. Christensen is very familiar with the Coalition and its activities. She also stated that Mr. Christensen would, at any time, provide the Board with a full report of any Coalition activities. She believes that Mr. Christensen represents the County well and she advised that the County would be spending that money whether he or one of the Board members attended the meetings. Supervisor Dawson said that a Board member attending would be spending the cost for travel, which would be significantly less if traveling in a County vehicle, but would not be paid to attend the meeting. Supervisor Dawson stated that the Board is elected to represent the people and in her opinion this is just another consultant being paid. Vice-Chairman Martin replied that Mr. Christensen only charges the County for the hours spent attending the meeting. She advised that the County doesn't pay for Mr. Christensen to travel; the County only pays for his expenses. Chairman Sanchez supported Vice-Chairman Martin on this issue. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda item 10C by a 2-1 vote. Supervisor Dawson voted nay.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda item numbers 10A and 10B, as follows:

- A. Approval of the December 2006 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Constable.
- B. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of January 15, 2007.
- C. Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of January 15, 2007 (separate handout) as follows:  
\$776,118.10 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X154674 through X154750 and X397487 through X397707. There were no hand-issued warrants. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.) (This item was moved to the regular agenda for discussion.)**

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 of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk