

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: February 27, 2007

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By: Marilyn Brewer

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**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**

Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; 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. Steve Stratton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Dan Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board excused Vice-Chairman Martin from today's meeting as she is attending to other County business.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-02-11, which authorizes the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Pine Creek Drive and South Road at Pine Creek Subdivision, Unit II, in Pine. He stated that the Gila County Engineering Department recently performed a traffic warrant study on this road and found that a stop sign is needed. He stated that any regulatory signs are required to be approved and adopted by the Board and recommended that a stop sign be placed at this intersection. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-02-11. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested authorization of the Chairman's signature on Gila County Contract No. 341-510/1-2007, a

parcel exchange between Gila County and the City of Globe, whereby Gila County will quit claim a portion of Hagen Road to the City of Globe and the City of Globe will quit claim a portion of Monroe Street to Gila County, and the related quit claim deeds. He stated that this is an exchange of parcels that will benefit both parties. He stated that Monroe Street, which the County uses as an exit for westbound traffic from the Courthouse onto Seventh Street, is half a County-owned parcel and half a City of Globe right-a-way. The County wants to redo Monroe Street as it exists to make it safer for travel. The County has requested that the City of Globe deed its portion of Monroe Street to Gila County and the City of Globe has agreed. Mr. Stratton stated that in exchange the County owns Hagen Drive from Jess Hayes Road to Ice House Canyon, which goes through the Globe Community Center, and the County feels it would be better for the County to deed that subject area to the City of Globe since it is located near land owned by the City. He stated that the County has reserved the right to encroach on the area of the intersection of Ice House Canyon and Hagen Drive when the County improves the Ice House Canyon Road as the County will need some additional easement in that area and the City of Globe has agreed to allow same. Mr. Stratton recommended the approval of this exchange. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on Gila County Contract No. 341-510/1-2007 and the quit claim deeds for said exchange of land.

Mr. Stratton requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-02-09 to approve the submission of a Grant Application to the Arizona State Parks Board applying for LRSP (Local, Regional and State Parks) Heritage Funds in the amount of \$159,527.50 with a 50% (\$159,527.50) County matching fund requirement (total project cost \$319,055.00) for the Fairgrounds Development Phase II to continue the implementation of the 180-acre Master Plan Development for the Fairgrounds and to appoint the Public Works Director to be the agent of Gila County to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents necessary for the completion of said project. Chairman Sanchez

stated that this item was addressed at last week's meeting; however, it was not approved because of a lack of a second to his motion. He became aware of a window of opportunity to still apply for this grant, so he requested that Mr. Stratton reviews the costs for possible reductions and bring the item back to the Board. He then called on Mr. Stratton to speak to this issue. Mr. Stratton stated that options were reviewed for reducing the project cost and it was decided to eliminate one of the restroom facilities near the go-cart track because there is no leach field for that restroom, so one would have to be installed and it is more costly because of the need to locate utilities such as electricity to that area. He stated that the bathroom and concession stand near the rodeo arena would remain in the project. This reduced the total cost of the project by \$94,737. Mr. Stratton also provided more details about the project, which included the length of the proposed hiking trail at 2.86 miles, the County would be utilizing 1,000 tons of deposited granite on the trails and he also provided some detail on the sizes and fixtures for the proposed restroom and concession buildings. He stated that the concession stand would also be utilized by Globe Schools during their cross country events and by the Rodeo Committee and the Gila County Fair and Racing Commission. Mr. Stratton provided the Board with a letter of support from the Globe Unified School District as well as the Arizona State Prison, which wishes to utilize the area for training wildland fire crews. He also stated that in 2005, a petition containing approximately 350 signatures was presented to the County requesting restroom facilities for these areas. Chairman Sanchez inquired about the grant process. Mr. Stratton stated that Board approval is required before applying for a grant. Upon Board approval, the grant application will be submitted at which time the grant goes into a line of scoring and if the County is successful in being awarded the grant, a grant agreement would later be presented to the Board for final approval and signature. Chairman Sanchez inquired if these grants were on an annual cycle. Mr. Stratton stated that the grants are on an annual cycle and that the last grant the County received was for the first phase of the development of the 180-acre Master Plan that includes

the RV Park, which would be dedicated later in today's meeting. Chairman Sanchez inquired if tomorrow was the deadline for submitting the grant application. Mr. Stratton replied in the affirmative and stated that this project entailed 12 acres of development. Chairman Sanchez called on Sharron Lavin to speak to the Board. Ms. Lavin, a resident of Globe and the President of the Gila County Fair and Racing Commission, presented the Board with copies of the 350 signatures on petitions that Mr. Stratton had previously mentioned. She stated that the developed trails would be used by Globe schools and they could also be used for the annual March of Dimes Walkathon, which would provide a safer environment for children as opposed to walking along the main highways. She also stated that the concession stand would be a tremendous help to the Rodeo Committee, which sponsors the majority of the events held at the Fairgrounds and would also be an ideal spot for the various youth events such as the 4-H Club. Chairman Sanchez thanked Ms. Lavin for her comments. He inquired of Mr. Stratton when the County would receive notification of the grant award if the grant application was approved and submitted today. Mr. Stratton stated that the County would be notified of an award in September or October of this year and it would take approximately a year to a year and a half to complete the project. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, stated that he thinks the Fairgrounds projects are important; however, he believes the timing of the projects must also be taken into consideration. He advised that the Board of Supervisors recently formed the Gila County Facility Planning Citizens' Advisory Committee that is charged with the responsibility of reviewing existing County facilities and determining the need for improved and/or new facilities in addition to deciding the source of funding for any improved or added facilities, which could result in expending millions of dollars. Should the Board support this grant application with the 50% match funding requirement at this time, Mr. Besich was concerned that Committee members would question this Board action when the intended purpose of the Committee is to determine the need for future County facilities and present those recommendations to the Board for consideration. He stated

that if this item was not passed today, the Board may want to consider discussing this during next year's budget process. He would like to incorporate some of the Boards' specific interest objectives into next year's budget discussion for possible funding of matching fund requirements. Supervisor Dawson stated that the building facilities at the Fairgrounds are something the Board needs to continue working on; however, she felt eliminating the restroom facilities by the go-cart track to reduce the project costs didn't make sense to her as she feels that program draws a tremendous number of people versus those who attend rodeo events. She suggested that a report be made of the number of people who attend events at the go-cart track versus the number of people who attend events held at the rodeo arena. Mr. Stratton stated that the decision-making process as to which restroom to eliminate was based on the fact that when the RV Park was built, the leach field was made big enough to accommodate future restrooms; therefore, the only cost would be to install a septic tank, but down by the go-cart track an entire leach field would have to be built. It was decided that the most expedient and best use of County dollars was to build the restroom and concession area by the rodeo arena. Chairman Sanchez stated that it appeared there would be no motion on the item; therefore, he was not going to consider it any further. The adoption of Resolution No. 07-02-09 died for lack of a motion.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item numbers 5A-5E. Supervisor Dawson abstained from voting on Consent Agenda item number 5F because of a conflict of interest; therefore, Consent Agenda item number 5F, the approval of payment for services in the amounts of \$438.00 and \$553.00 to Fly-A-Way Travel, was not approved for lack of a motion and will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for approval. The Consent Agenda items are as follows:

- A. Approval to appoint Terry Wheeler to the Gila County Facility Planning Citizens Advisory Committee as a representative of the City of Globe.
- B. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements between 6 Gila County School Districts (Pine-Strawberry School District in the amount of \$700; Hayden-

Winkelman School District in the amount of \$1,100; Payson Unified School District in the amount of \$4,000; Globe Unified School District in the amount of \$1,900; Miami Unified School District in the amount of \$900; and, Tonto Basin School District in the amount of \$300) and the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services, Tobacco Free Environments Program.

C. Approval of the January 23, 2007, and February 6, 2007, BOS meeting minutes.

D. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of February 26, 2007, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

1. Elections Assistant – Elections – 12-01-06 – General Fund - Beverly Hawkins – Temporary position

Hire to County Service:

2. Road Maintenance Worker – Public Works – 02-26-07 – Consolidated Roads Fund - John Garcia – Replaces Jo Ann Minchew
3. Career & Employment Specialist – Community Services – 03-05-07 – Grant Fund - Jack Grogg – Replaces Joanna Ramos
4. Administrative Clerk – Community Services – 03-05-07 – Grant Fund Roxanne Dennhardt – Replaces Kathryn Miller

Departmental Transfer:

5. Interim I.T. Director to I.T. Director – Information Technology – I.T. Fund Darryl Griffin – Replaces Jeremy Goodman

Request Permission to Post:

6. Solid Waste Service Worker – Buckhead Mesa Landfill – Replaces Patricia Morris
7. Materials Tester/Safety Representative – New Position

E. Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of February 26, 2007, (separate handout) as follows:

\$274,065.02 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X155210 through X155274, X399023 through X399116, and X399118

through X399229. The hand-issued warrants listing is as follows: voucher number X398687 in the amount of \$1,500.00 and voucher number X399022 in the amount of \$10,641.94. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.)**

F. Approval of payment for services in the amounts of \$438.00 and \$553.00 to Fly-A-Way Travel. (This item was not approved for lack of a motion and will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting for approval).

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.

At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Sanchez recessed the meeting at the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room and stated that the meeting would be reconvened at 11:30 a.m. at the Gila County Fairgrounds for the dedication of the Gila County Fairgrounds RV Park.

At 11: 30 a.m., Chairman Sanchez reconvened the meeting and a dedication ceremony was held for the Gila County Fairgrounds RV Park.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk