

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: April 3, 2007

JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ
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Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

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Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing from Payson); 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 Barbie Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

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

Natille Zimmerman, Executive Director of the United Fund of Globe-Miami, presented information on the United Fund (UF) of Globe-Miami 2007 campaign, which is the 44th annual campaign. She distributed a brochure to the Board about the UF, as well as an insert providing a listing of the current Board of Directors. Ms. Zimmerman stated that she replaced Diane Stewart, who did a great job serving as Executive Director for 10 years. She introduced members of the UF Board of Directors that were present as follows: Anna Petty, President; Greg LeCheminant, Vice-President; and, Members Russ Fetterman, Mary Anne Moreno and Claudia Dalmolin. She stated that UF, founded in 1963, is similar to United Way, but is not part of that organization.

UF is a separate, independent 501-C3 organization with donations to the UF remaining in the local community and currently assisting Gila Aging Services, Gila Literacy, Boy Scouts of America, and St. Vincent's of Holy Angels. Ms. Zimmerman explained the services provided by each of the 4 agencies. This year's goal is to raise \$65,000 and Ms. Zimmerman requested assistance from Gila County as it is one of the largest employers and she felt participation by the employees was crucial to the UF. There has been minimal participation from County employees in the past, so Ms. Zimmerman suggested that a letter of support from the Board might encourage more participation by County employees. She also encouraged the Board to make a personal donation, which would be very helpful and she requested the designation of a County employee to work with her toward shared goals. After continued discussion by the Board, Mr. Besich stated that a previous Board of Supervisors had created a Payroll Deduction Review Committee consisting of employees from the various departments and recommended that Ms. Zimmerman contact Susan Mitchell of the Personnel Department to set up a meeting with that Committee. Ms. Zimmerman stated that she would be happy to work with the Committee. Chairman Sanchez stated that he wanted to guard against the Board seeming to be responsible or being regarded as either directing or mandating County employees to participate in the UF fundraising drive. He emphasized that any information disseminated to County employees regarding the UF fundraising campaign would advise that contributions could be made strictly on a volunteer basis. He thanked Ms. Zimmerman and the UF Board members present for the information. No action was taken by the Board.

A public hearing was held to adopt Resolution No. 07-03-04 authorizing the Gila County Housing Authority to submit its Annual Agency Plan for Fiscal Year 2007 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to authorize the Chairman's signature on certifications of compliance related to the Plan. Malissa Buzan, Community Services Division Housing Services Program Manager, stated that this is the third updated Plan that

encompasses the 5-year Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. At this time Chairman Sanchez opened the public hearing portion of the meeting and called for public comment; none was offered. Chairman Sanchez closed the public hearing. Supervisor Dawson inquired if there was any housing assistance funding available in this program for the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation residents. Ms. Buzan stated that Gila County is a Housing Authority and it encompasses all of Gila County except for San Carlos. She stated that the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, being a sovereign nation, has chosen to have its own Housing Authority and deals directly with HUD. Ms. Buzan stated that she believes San Carlos has project based units and Gila County has chosen to have vouchers. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-03-04 and authorized the Chairman's signature on certificates of compliance related to the Plan. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

A public hearing was held to adopt Resolution No. 07-03-05 designating a portion of E. Starview Drive as a Country Dirt Road and accepting said road into the Gila County Dirt Road Maintenance System, and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Country Dirt Road Easement. Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that E. Starview Drive, approximately 2,000 feet in length, is located in Supervisorial District No. 3 behind Las Lomas School. He stated that in previous years this road at times was bladed by the County as a courtesy prior to the formation of the Gila County Public Works Division. Mr. Stratton recommended that this portion of E. Starview Drive be designated as a Country Dirt Road and accepted into the Gila County Country Dirt Road Maintenance System as prescribed by Gila County Public Works Policy ENG #03-04 and pursuant to A.R.S. §28-6703. At this time Chairman Sanchez opened the public hearing portion of the meeting and called for public comment; none was offered. Chairman Sanchez closed the public hearing and entertained a motion. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by

Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-03-05 and authorized the Chairman's signature on the Country Dirt Road Easement for a portion of E. Starview Drive. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Barbara Valencia, WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Program Coordinator, requested authorization for the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board of Directors to join with Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix as one region for the purpose of submitting a WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development) Grant Application to the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration to obtain funds for the region of which \$500,000 will be used to provide services to adults, youth and dislocated workers, as well as incumbent workers within the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Area. She stated that the Governor chose 2 regions to submit this grant. One region includes the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Gila County and Pinal County. The other region includes Pima, Yuma, Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. The goal of WIRED is to expand on employment and advancement opportunities with the focus being on health care issues due to the shortage of nurses. If the Grant Application is approved, Gila and Pinal Counties will receive \$500,000 of the \$5 million grant for a 3-year period. The areas to be served include Gila and Pinal Counties as well as all the tribal entities within those 2 Counties. Eastern Arizona Health Education Center (EAHEC) will be one of the partners and EAHEC is already working with the schools in the 2 Counties to promote youth programs. The other partner will be the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Area and it will provide incumbent worker training to assist those currently working to move into higher wage positions such as Certified Nursing Assistants who might want to become Registered Nurses. Ms. Valencia stated that the fiscal agent has been changed from Maricopa County to the City of Phoenix and Gila/Pinal Counties will bill the City of Phoenix for funds needed or be reimbursed for funds used. The leveraging of funds will be by the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Area and

EAHEC. Ms. Valencia requested that the Board approve the submission of this WIRED Grant Application and then she will provide the Board with a copy of the signed and sealed Application. Ms. Valencia also wanted to state for the record that this program will be available to anyone wishing to return to school to upgrade their skills, not just for WIA recipients and there will be no income criteria. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired how the County could get this information out to the public on the broadened criteria. Ms. Valencia stated that she was only advised of this Grant Application 3 weeks ago, so she's been placing many phone calls to contact potential partners to come into the program. If the Grant is awarded to this region, Ms. Valencia stated that she will broaden the scope in order to attract more partners. In reply to Chairman Sanchez's question of when the Grant approval notification would be received, Ms. Valencia stated that the Grant Application is due next Wednesday and the regions will be notified of the award by July 1st. She stated that the U. S. Department of Commerce hired a grant writer so the regions need only to submit the information requested and the Grant Application will be processed at no cost to any of the regions, which is why the process is moving so quickly. Supervisor Dawson inquired as to Ms. Valencia's vision for the youth in this program. Ms Valencia replied that her vision is to promote health care and training. She stated that EAHEC, located out of Globe at the hospital, is working with all of the schools and HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) Chapters are being formed to promote health education and provide guidance to the youth in the local area. EAHEC is currently working with the Miami, San Carlos and Payson High Schools and a representative actually goes into the schools to provide training such as CPR and similar types of training. In answer to an inquiry by Supervisor Dawson, Ms. Valencia stated that the distribution of the \$500,000 will be decided by the local WIA Board of Directors. Supervisor Dawson stated, "San Carlos is building a new hospital, which will have a 200 unidentified workforce and they have no way of providing that workforce...All of us are not doing a good job in trying to prepare for those

200 jobs that are going to be needed.” Ms. Valencia stated that in discussions with Steve Cullen, Dean at the Gila Community College, Globe and San Carlos Campuses, he mentioned the new hospital and the need for hospital employees so there will be a focus on meeting the needs of those health care professionals, as well as continuing to work on the Gila Community College nursing program. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board to join with Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix as one region for the purpose of submitting a WIRED Grant Application to the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board approved Consent Agenda item numbers 6A-6G. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item number 6H 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 of a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Lions Club of Globe, Arizona, to provide liquor at the NRA Annual Dinner on April 28, 2007.
- B. Approval of a request submitted by the Gila Monster Go-Cart Racing Club to waive fees for the use of the Fairgrounds Go-Cart Race Track for the period April 15, 2007, through September 15, 2007.
- C. Approval of revised Public Works Division On Call Policy No. DPW05.
- D. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Weatherization Low-Income Assistance Agreement (Commerce Contract No. C077-06) between the State of Arizona, Department of Commerce Energy Office and Gila County increasing the Contract amount by \$10,000 for a total of \$32,800.
- E. Approval of the February 13, 2007, and February 20, 2007, BOS meeting minutes.

F. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of April 2, 2007, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

1. Transcriptionist – County Attorney – 03-16-07 – General Fund -
Amy Standage – Temporary position

Departmental Transfer:

2. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation to Legal Secretary – County Attorney - 04-02-07 – General/State Aid Enhancement Funds to General Fund – Lana Dever – Replaces Jennifer Eselgroth Harman
3. Deputy Attorney – County Attorney – 03-19-07 – General Fund
Ramai Jarles – Transfer from Child Support Fund to County Attorney General Fund

End Probationary Period:

4. Recorder’s Clerk Senior – Recorder – 03-05-07 – General Fund
Carla Smith

Position Review:

5. Correct errors made during implementation of PSPC Salary Study – 04-02-07:
 - Administrative Clerk Specialist – Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Auto/Equipment Maintenance Fund – Kathleen Brunson
 - Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – Consolidated Roads – Consolidated Roads Fund – Micah Arney
 - Administrative Clerk – Health Services – Health Services Fund – Karin Gilbert
 - Administrative Clerk Specialist – Administrative Services – General Fund - Jo Nelle Greenwalt
6. Salary Increase to Minimum of Grade – Deputy Attorney – County Attorney – 03-15-07 – General Fund – Raymond Geiser – Admitted to the Bar

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service:

7. Deputy Sheriff Cadet – Globe S.O. – 03-26-07 – General Fund -
Ronald Escobedo – Hire 02-26-07 – Resigned – reason unknown
7. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 03-26-07 – General Fund - Alice Kinney
– Hire 02-19-07 – Failure to complete probationary period

End Probationary Period:

9. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 03-05-07 – General Fund - Anna Cruz,
Bonnie Burke
 10. Detention Officer – Payson S.O. – 03-05-07 – General Fund - James
Carroll
 11. Detention Officer – Payson S.O. – 04-02-07 – General Fund - Patricia
Pacheco
- G. Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of
April 2, 2007, (separate handout) as follows:
\$328,021.53 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers
X155788 through X155838, X155840 through X155850, X155887 through
X155892, X400365 through X400380, and X400382 through X400669.
The hand-issued warrants listing by voucher number and amount is as
follows: X400364 - \$32,679.00; X400363 - \$2,947.38; and X400362 -
\$117,767.00. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with
the Board of Supervisors.)**
- H. Approval of a payment for services in the amount of \$462 and \$446 to Fly-
A-Way Travel.

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 11:30 a.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk