

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: April 17, 2007

**JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ**  
Chairman

**STEVEN L. BESICH**  
Clerk of the Board

**TOMMIE C. MARTIN**  
Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard  
Chief Deputy Clerk

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**  
Member

Gila County  
Maintenance Yard  
Star Valley, Arizona

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-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/Work Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Steve Besich led the Pledge of Allegiance and Terry Dalton delivered the Invocation.

Supervisor Shirley Dawson presented the first agenda item, which was to acknowledge the Governor's Proclamation declaring April 22-28, 2007, as National County Government Week. This year's theme is "Protecting the Environment." Supervisor Dawson provided an overview of the activities planned throughout the week. One of the scheduled activities is to remove tires from Pinal Creek. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, provided a history on this topic. Approximately 20-30 years ago local mining companies with the help of the County stabilized the banks of Pinal Creek with an estimated 600 used tires; however, the project was never completed and throughout the years many of the tires have become dislodged from the creek banks. Gila County, Phelps Dodge Miami Mining, Inc.; concerned County residents; and Earth Mover Tire Sales, Inc., a local tire company, are working

together on this effort. At present there is a shortage of tires in the United States, which has impacted many mining companies that utilize a large quantity of tires for heavy equipment. The intent is for Earth Mover Tire Sales, Inc. to recycle and sell some of the tires for use at the local mines and other locations or to shred unusable tires. Chairman Sanchez and Vice-Chairman Martin commented on a tour of the State Capitol being provided to local high school student leaders followed by a luncheon to meet State Senators and Representatives. Supervisor Dawson thanked her assistant, Terry Dalton, for her efforts to coordinate all of these activities. At this time Chairman Sanchez requested that Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, read aloud the Proclamation. **(Copies of the Governor's Proclamation and the itinerary of activities are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Lizabeth Fetterman, Gila County Victim Witness Advocate, presented agenda item number 3 on behalf of County Attorney Daisy Flores, which was a request to adopt Proclamation No. 07-01 declaring April 22-28, 2007, as Gila County Crime Victims' Rights Week. She advised that the County's participation and recognition of the importance of this week is an integral part of this effort. Ms. Fetterman read aloud the Proclamation and requested the Board's support thereof. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 07-01. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, items 4A through 4E, as follows:

A. Approval of Amendment No. 9 to a Management Operating Agreement for inmate food services between the Gila County Sheriff's Office and ARAMARK Correctional Services, Inc. to increase meal pricing for the period August 16, 2006, through August 16, 2007.

B. Approval of a fee waiver request submitted by the Maranatha Baptist Church to utilize the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on May 19, 2007, for a musical gospel fest.

C. Approval of the March 2007 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe Regional Justice Court and the Payson Regional Constable.

D. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of April 16, 2007, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

1. Recorder's Clerk – Recorder – 04-20-07 – General Fund - Valerie Castaneda – Hire 01-21-06 – Resigned – leaving area
2. Road Maintenance Worker – Consolidated Roads – 04-05-07 – Road Fund - Jo Ann Minchew – Hire 12-27-99 – Separated without prejudice
3. Juvenile Detention Officer I – Probation – 04-06-07 – General Fund - Robert Campbell – Hire 11-25-98 – Terminated for cause

Hire to County Service:

4. Surveillance Officer – Probation – 04-16-07 – Adult/Juvenile Intensive Probation Funds – Wendra Griffin – Double fill position assigned to Judith Hood
5. Legal Secretary – County Attorney – 04-16-07 – General Fund - Jonette Curl – Replaces Ellen Farnham
6. Detective – County Attorney – 04-09-07 – General Fund - Ramon Granillo – Replaces Carlos Mejia

End Probationary Period:

7. Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Probation – 04-02-07 – State Aid Enhancement Fund - Jeremy Soden
8. Environmental Health Manager – Health Services – 03-17-07 – Direct Grant Fund - Bhishm Naraine

Position Review:

9. Change position control number – Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 04-02-07 - General Fund – Candelaria Rocha

10. Request personal leave of absence without pay from April 12, 2007 until May 31, 2007 – Anthony Lopez

#### SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

##### Departure from County Service:

11. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 04-05-07 – General Fund - Shanon Lopez – Hire 11-27-06 – Failure to complete probationary period

##### Hire to County Service:

12. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 04-16-07 – General Fund - Cathy Wickwire – Replaces Alice Kinney

13. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 04-16-07 – General Fund - Misty Williams – Replaces Jonica Flores

##### Departmental Transfer:

14. Deputy Sheriff – Payson to Roosevelt S.O. – 04-02-07 – General to LEBSF Fund – Karen Baltz – Replaces Craig Jones

E. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of April 16, 2007, as follows:

\$652,234.60 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X156023 through X156091 and X400947 through X401137. The hand-issued warrants listing is as follows: voucher number X400670 in the amount of \$750.00.

At 10:29 a.m. Chairman Sanchez advised that the regular session of this meeting was concluded and that the Board would address work session items whereby no Board action would be taken on these items.

Mr. Besich addressed the first work session item which was the topic of special event appropriations. He advised the reason that this item was placed on the work session is because Board members are continually receiving funding requests for various special events throughout the year, which makes it difficult for budgeting purposes. Mr. Besich recommended that all requests

be reviewed annually during the regular budget process. He requested that each Board member submit a list of the special events that they would like funded during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. As there are only limited budgetary funds available, he requested that the Board members keep that in mind when submitting their requests. Mr. Besich stated that no matter how many special interest groups or organizations receive money for special events, the Board continually has to deal with negatives comments, such as “you gave to this group/organization and not ours.” He feels that this process would be fair to all groups/organizations; all requests would be submitted to the Supervisors and there would be an annual review process. Chairman Sanchez agreed with Mr. Besich’s recommendation as it would assure a good screening process. Mr. Besich stated, “I want a place where you can open your budget book and identify where the money is being spent, based on priorities. Fire or avoidance of fire, I would say is our greatest priority.” Vice-Chairman Martin stated that her practice has been to not give to the same special event year after year, but to spread the money equally throughout her Supervisorial District. She talked about funding being given toward economic development. She advised that money may not have been given directly to the economic development group; however, a great deal of money has been given for economic development protection – protection of the forests. She also agreed with Mr. Besich’s recommendation and she said that during this process the intent should not solely be to divide the available funds for special events, but to also educate and inform everyone as to the special events being given the funds and the reasons to reduce the negative comments. Supervisor Dawson provided some examples of the types of requests she receives for special events and advised that the Board should be expecting numerous requests. Mr. Besich anticipates funding no more than 9 to 15 special events per year. The Board entered into a discussion regarding the rodeos held in northern and southern Gila County each year and those groups’ fundraising efforts. Everyone agreed that the organizers of special events such as the rodeos should continue making their

own fundraising efforts a priority and not rely each year on the County. Supervisor Dawson talked of another annual budgetary item, which is funding for the Gila County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) and the fact that she objected to last year's budget amount for the IDA. She and Chairman Sanchez then had a brief discussion regarding a past conversation of the Board regarding the IDA. Chairman Sanchez agreed with Supervisor Dawson that any organization which directly reports to the Board should be accountable to the Board; however, he emphasized that no one organization should be treated differently with regard to its reporting requirements as he felt was the case during a previous discussion concerning the IDA. Chairman Sanchez requested that Mr. Besich and staff continue to work on this effort and provide a further recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Besich then addressed the next agenda item which was a presentation of information and discussion regarding appointments to boards and commissions. He felt this was a good time to discuss this topic because questions have been posed in the past few months and in recent weeks regarding the process for appointing individuals to boards and commissions and the authority for said appointments. Mr. Besich would like a directory to be compiled which lists all of the boards and commissions appointed by the Board of Supervisors and to also have the information provided on the County's website. The directory would include the committee's/commission's purpose, name of each member, term of office, contact information, etc. He advised that he has been working with Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, gathering information from other counties and he provided an overview of some information that Ms. Sheppard obtained from Pima County. Mr. Besich provided a handout to the Board, which contained some recent legislative changes affecting county planning and zoning commissions, State statutes and Gila County zoning ordinance information. Attached to the handout was an email from Robert Gould, Community Development Division Director, advising that the amendments to Section 11-803 of the Arizona Revised Statutes now

makes it easier to appoint persons within unincorporated areas to planning and zoning commissions. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that the Board receive a listing of all active boards and commissions and the guidelines which are used presently to appoint members. Her objective would be to have procedures implemented whereby all boards and commissions appointed by the Board of Supervisors are treated in a consistent manner. Supervisor Dawson advised that she was upset with the appointment process taken at last week's meeting to appoint a member to the IDA and she explained her reason. She advised that there are people serving on boards/commissions with good experience and knowledge; however, she also believes that it is beneficial for new members to serve on these boards/commissions so it is important to have term limits. She then thanked Mr. Besich for bringing this issue to the Board for discussion. It was agreed by all Board members that implementing a policy for appointments to commissions/committees is needed.

Chairman Sanchez addressed the last work session item, which was information and discussion on County Government Week activities. He inquired if the activities would be posted on the County's website and in the newspaper. Supervisor Dawson affirmed that it would. Chairman Sanchez also recommended using the local radio stations. Tom Melcher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, advised that the County's mobile emergency operating center is being located at the County Courthouse parking lot during County Government Week for viewing. Discussion of this item concluded as it had been addressed at length earlier in the meeting by Supervisor Dawson.

At this time each Board member and County Administrator presented a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken on any items that were presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk