BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: April 24, 2007

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via teleconferencing); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian; 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. Sabrina Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the Invocation.

Reverend Jerry Green, who was unable to attend the meeting, requested the adoption of Proclamation No. 07-02 declaring May 3, 2007, as the National Day of Prayer in Gila County. Chairman Sanchez called on Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian, to read the Proclamation aloud. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Proclamation No. 07-02.

Agenda item number 3 was a Board presentation of the poster/essay contest student awards in recognition of National County Government Week. Supervisor Dawson stated that the students in Gila County were assigned to make posters or write essays about protecting the environment, over 250 entries were received for the contest and all the winners were present at the meeting. Two winners were chosen to be highlighted at the meeting today, namely, Sabrina Gutierrez from the Charles Bejarano School, who read her essay and Megan Cook from Desert High Middle School who read her poem.

Chairman Sanchez stated that on behalf of the Gila County Board of Supervisors he wanted to congratulate the students for participating in the 2007 poster/essay contest. Chairman Sanchez and Supervisor Dawson then presented awards and backpacks from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to the students from all the schools in Gila County. Supervisor Dawson thanked Chairman Sanchez for allowing the presentation to be held and stated, "I believe that if we can get these young people environmentally conscious, it will be a better world."

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board convened as the Board of Deposit of Gila County. Debi Savage, Chief Deputy Treasurer, requested ratification of the Chairman's signature on a Call for Bids for qualified banks to perform the duties of the Gila County Servicing Bank for the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010, with an option to extend until June 30, 2012. The County currently contracts with JPMorgan Chase Bank; however, that Contract will expire on June 30, 2007. Sealed bid packets were mailed to 6 banks. The bids are required to be returned to Gila County by Friday, April 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously ratified the Chairman's signature on the Call for Bids.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

Sheriff John Armer requested ratification of the Sheriff's Office to submit an Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application (ID # NS1IFP0418) in the amount of $604,142 to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission with a cash match requirement in the amount of $151,036. He stated that this was a request to submit an ongoing grant, which was first awarded to the County in 1988. The grant monies are used to fund the 6 positions which are assigned from the Sheriff's Office to the Gila County Narcotics Task Force. The cash match requirement is approximately 25% of the total grant and the grant amount in the current cycle is $322,820 with a cash match of $64,787. Sheriff Armer stated that the Sheriff's Office has

requested increased funds over the years; however, those increases have not been received and the amount varies each year according to how the Arizona Criminal Justice actually awards the funds because of the large number of requests received. Chairman Sanchez inquired if the funds received and the cash match would be for the fiscal year from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. Sheriff Armer stated that the funds would be for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously ratified approval for the Sheriff's Office to submit an Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application (ID# NS1IFP0418 in the amount of $604,142 to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission with a cash match requirement in the amount of $151,036. Sheriff Armer introduced the new Acting Task Force Commander, Dennis Buller, to the Board.

Jim Eskew, Detention Commander, requested the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (ADPS Contract No. 2007-019) regarding a State Gang Task Force for a period of one year with the option for automatic renewal upon the availability of Arizona Department of Public Safety (ADPS) funding each year and to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (DPS Contract No. 2006-375) for access to the Arizona GangNet database, which will remain in effect until terminated. Both contracts are between the Gila County Sheriff's Office and APDS. Mr. Eskew stated that the IGA is an ADPS funded program where the Sheriff's Office will assign one detention officer to the ADPS on a full-time basis to perform the duties of Detention Liaison Officer for assignments by the ADPS. This position will be submitted in the Sheriff's Office fiscal year 2007-2008 budget and 85% of the cost will be funded by ADPS. Supervisor Dawson inquired as to the duty station and duties of this officer. Mr. Askew stated that the officer will be located at the Gila County jail to address criminal gang elements and enter criminal data into the GangNet database. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the IGA and MOU as stated above.

Supervisor Dawson requested that the Board address agenda item number 13 before moving onto agenda item number 7 for the convenience of some of the parties present. In reference to agenda item number 7, Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Pinal Creek Tire Removal Plan, April 24, 2007." Mr. Stratton introduced Jay Spehar of Phelps Dodge Miami Mining, Inc. and William A. Byrne, a resident of Wheatfields, who were both instrumental in putting this Plan together. Mr. Stratton explained that in the 1960s, crews were hired by the County to put tires in different areas of Wheatfields and Pinal Creek to prevent erosion of the banks. Since that time the tires have become dislodged during the many rains and floods and have floated down Pinal Creek and deposited in several areas and are now causing bank erosion. Mr. Stratton showed slides of some of the areas with these tires in Pinal Creek near the Byrne property. Mr. Stratton stated that part of the problem is that it is unknown what is below the tires and if there are more tires beneath those that are visible, so the number of tires would be a guesstimate. He showed aerial photos of more tires located on Phelps Dodge Mining property as confirmed by Mr. Spehar. The next several aerial slides were taken by GPS (global positioning system) showing a large portion of Pinal Creek and the various locations of the tires. He estimates that approximately 250 tires will be removed with the assistance of Phelps Dodge Mining Company and Earth Mover Tire Sales, Inc. He stated that Mr. Byrne and his father obtained temporary construction easements from Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ruiz in order for the County to access Pinal Creek in different areas and to allow the storage of the tires on their property until the County can remove them. Mr. Stratton stated that one of the original problems was disposing the tires; however, in discussions with B.B. Rivera, owner of Earth Mover Tire Sales, Inc., he is willing to rent a tire handling machine along with an operator at the rate of $100 per hour to the County and with the use of County employees and prison laborers the tires will be removed and stacked in various locations. Mr. Stratton stated that if the side walls of the tires are good, Mr. Rivera has

offered to have them recapped and sell them elsewhere as recycled. If only one side of the tire is good, Mr. Rivera has a person in Colorado, who will purchase them for making water troughs. For those unusable tires, Phelps Dodge has a cell they will allow the County to use to dispose of them so the County won't have to pay disposal fees. In response to Chairman Sanchez's question about receiving grant money or assistance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Mr. Stratton stated that the County missed that funding cycle by approximately a month so the County will not be receiving any assistance. Mr. Stratton stated that John Nelson, Deputy County Manager, has verified that funds are available for the project. In response to Chairman Sanchez's inquiry as to the project's start date, Mr. Stratton stated that he would like to have the project completed before the beginning of the summer rains. He stated that the County has consulted with Kathy Whitman of WestLand Resources, Inc. before taking on this effort. Each Board member expressed their appreciation to all of the parties involved in this project. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if the County has plans to stabilize the banks along Pinal Creek. Mr. Stratton clarified that the County would not be removing any of the tires that are still in the bank, but only removing the tires in the creek bed that are diverting the flow and eroding the banks. He stated that it would require special permitting to put tires back into the dikes and the County is currently in the process of getting a permit for all of the dikes from Kilmer's Store all the way through to Gisela. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously directed Mr. Stratton to proceed with the plans as presented for the removal of tires from Pinal Creek. Mr. Stratton clarified for the record that the funds utilized will be taken from the general fund and not HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) or restricted funds.

The Board moved back to agenda item number 7, which was a request by Claudia DalMolin, Chief Administrative Officer, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit a Methamphetamine Initiative (Phase II) Grant Application to the State of Arizona Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for

Substance Abuse Policy, in the amount of $41,564.74 for the budget period of April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008, to provide methamphetamine awareness and education. She stated that this is Phase II of the Governor's Initiative and that no matching funds are required. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the Sheriff's Office to submit a Methamphetamine Initiative (Phase II) Grant Application as stated above.

Mr. Stratton requested the award of Request for Sealed Bids No. 031307-1 for the purchase of one (1) or more new 2007-2008 full size, 4-door, SUV 4X4 special service vehicles for the Gila County Fleet Department and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Contract. He stated some very good bids were received and he recommended that 5 special service vehicles be purchased from the low bidder, McSpadden Ford, at a cost of $23,849.99 per vehicle for a total of $119,249.95. He stated that the vehicles will be for the Fleet Department and will be rented to the Sheriff's Office and the fleet total will not be increased as there will be 5 trade-in vehicles. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously awarded Call for Sealed Bids No. 0313070-1 for the purchase of 5 special service vehicles to McSpadden Ford in the amount of $23,849.99 each for a grand total of $119,249.95.

Mr. Stratton requested authorization to advertise Request for Sealed Bids No. 032107-1 for the purchase of one (1) or more new 2007-2008 seven-passenger mini vans for the Gila County Fleet Department and the Sheriff's Office. He stated that Mr. Melcher of the Sheriff's Office made a prior request to increase the Sheriff's Office fleet by 2 vehicles utilizing the jail enhancement funds and this would be part of that package. He stated that the Fleet Department also needs to purchase 2 vans for the replacement of vans that are currently being used for prisoner transport. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of Request for Sealed Bids No. 032107-1.

Mr. Stratton requested the approval of Professional Services Contract No. 108-430/3-2007 between Gila County and Hydro Geo Chem, Inc. for landfill consulting services. He stated that this is a renewal of the Contract as the County has been utilizing the services of Hydro Geo Chem, Inc. for many years. A rate of $725 per quarter will be charged for quarterly methane monitoring and a rate of $7,625 per event will be charged for semi-annual groundwater monitoring and statistical analysis. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Professional Services Contract No. 108-430/3-2007 with Hydro Geo Chem, Inc. for landfill consulting services.

Mr. Stratton requested the approval of Professional Services Contract No. 341-526/4-2007 between Gila County and C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. whereby engineering services will be provided for the Intersection Reconstruction Project at West First Avenue and North Arbor Avenue, Globe, Arizona, in an amount of $8,925 for a period of 12 months from Contract approval date. He stated that there is a drainage problem in this area of Country Club Manor, which is located adjacent to the Globe city limits. When this cost quote was received from C. L. Williams Consulting, Mr. Stratton stated that it was felt that the quote was high so other engineering firms were consulted. Tetra Tech submitted a bid that was near this amount; however, that bid did not include a drainage study. Because the drainage is the problem, Mr. Stratton stated that this bid is a good price and he recommended approval so the County can begin the design. Mr. Stratton stated that there are several utilities that will have to be lowered and bids for all construction will be put out to bid at a later date. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 341-526/4-2007 with C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of $8,925 for a period of 12 months from today.

Mr. Stratton requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-04-04 authorizing the Chairman's signature on an Intergovernmental Agreement

(Contract No. KR07-0384TRN) between Gila County and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in the amount of $369,002 for the Fairgrounds Gateway Enhancement Grant. He stated that this Agreement is a formality so the County can be reimbursed grant funds by ADOT for expenditures on the Fairgrounds Entrance Project. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 07-04-04. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of the Supervisors' Office.)**

In addressing agenda item number 14, Chairman Sanchez stated that Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, was not present at the meeting as his mother passed away. He thanked those who have extended their sympathies to Mr. Besich and he asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers and continue to provide emotional support as needed throughout the year. He then called on Jacque Griffin to address the item for Mr. Besich. Ms. Griffin requested authorization of the Chairman's signature on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County and the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) regarding Environmental Program Assistance in the amount of $50,000 that was appropriated by the Arizona State Legislature for FY 2006-2007 for the purpose of planning and implementing county environmental programs impacting economic development. She stated that in 1999, 5 counties, namely: Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo, agreed by a vote of their respective Boards of Supervisors to expend State appropriated monies in the amount of $250,000, through the Environmental Economic Communities Organization (EECO). Gila County's portion is $50,000. Subsequently, the 5 counties submitted a joint Plan for approval by the State Land Commissioner that directed the implementation of the projects in the 5 counties. Upon the approval of this IGA, it will allow the State to distribute the $250,000 divided equally among the 5 counties for the projects identified in the Plan, as follows: Inventory of Forest Thinning/Restoration Businesses; Mechanized Thinning of Mixed Ponderosa and Chaparral Forests; GIS Support for EECO Region/GIS Partnership With Arizona State Land Department; Forest

Industries Workforce Development; Administer Grants and Provide Matching Resources; Development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan For the Globe Area; Thinning of Forests; Participation in Professional Organizations; Attempts to Expand And/Or Develop Additional Stewardship Contracts; Toward a Comprehensive Plan For the Removal and Management of Salt Cedars. Supervisor Dawson inquired when the work will begin on the Globe Wildfire Protection Plan and who would be leading the program. Ms. Griffin stated that she would have to check with Dr. Larry Stephenson, Executive Director of ECO/EECO, and get back to Supervisor Dawson. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that in answer to Supervisor Dawson's question, Gila County is addressing its Wildlife Protection Plan area by area; however, the other counties approached their plan for the county as a whole and cannot get funding. Gila County has completed the Rim Country Community Wildfire Protection Plan and just received the first funding for the Plan, so now the County is putting together the plans for the second phase, which is the Pinal Mountains, as it is the second highest for fire and erosion risk. That phase should begin this summer or fall as a coordinated effort between the County and EECO. Chairman Sanchez stated that he is encouraged by the fact that EECO is moving forward with some success. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman's signature on the IGA with the ASLD regarding Environmental Program Assistance in the amount of $50,000.

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda item numbers 15A-15E, as follows:

A. Acknowledgement of a Notice of Proposed Annexation by the Town of Star Valley as filed with the Gila County Recorder on April 6, 2007.
B. Approval to reappoint Peter J. DeNinno and Arthur E. Lloyd as Superior Court Judges Pro Tempore for the period of July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

C. Approval to amend Resolution No. 05-11-01 to correct a typographical error in the legal description. **(A copy of the revised Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

D. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of April 23, 2007, as follows:

Departure from County Service:

1. Deputy Probation Officer 1 – Probation – 04-20-07 – Adult Probation Service Fees Fund - Armand Casanova – Hire 06-19-06 – Resigned for other employment
2. Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 04-13-07 – General Fund - Johnny Martinez – Hire 02-16-05 – No longer available to work on-call
3. Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 04-13-07 – General Fund - Eloy Garcia – Hire 11-30-05 – No longer available to work on-call
4. Attorney – County Attorney – 04-20-07 – Drug Prosecution Fund - Beverly Rudnick – Hire 08-14-06 – Resigned for other employment
5. CAP Program Manager – Community Services – 04-16-07 – Grant Fund Kelli Kuehl-Robbins – Hire 08-01-05 – Separated without prejudice

Departmental Transfer:

6. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. to Deputy Probation Officer 1 – Probation – 04-30-07 – General to Adult Intensive Probation Fund – Edward Reyes – replaces Susan Aneas
7. Treasurer Services Supervisor to Chief Deputy Treasurer – Treasurer – 04-30-07 – General Fund - Martha Gonzales – replaces Debra Savage
8. Treasurer Services Specialist to Treasurer Services Supervisor – Treasurer – 04-30-07 – General Fund – Terri Powell – replaces Martha Gonzales

Position Review:

9. Reclassification – Juvenile Detention Officer Trainee to Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 04-16-07 – General Fund – Marilyn Hinrichs
10. Salary adjustment – Juvenile Detention Officer (temporary position) –

Probation – 04-16-07 - General Fund – Robert Dobbs – Salary adjustment to maintain competitiveness for temporary employees

Request Permission to Post:

11. CAP Program Manager – Community Action Program – position vacated by Kelli Kuehl-Robbins

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Position Review:

12. Promotion from Acting to Detention Officer Sgt. – Globe S.O. – 04-11-07 – General Fund - Justin Solberg, Lee Alexander, Jennifer Stout
13. Promotion from Acting to Detention Officer Cpl. – Globe S.O. – 04-11-07 – General Fund - Jared Osborn, Julia Grinder
14. Market adjustment to new grade – Chief Deputy Sheriff – Payson S.O. – 04-16-07 – General Fund - Thomas Melcher
15. Market adjustment – 04-16-07 – General Fund, as follows:

    Undersheriff – John Adam Shepherd;

    Bureau Commander – Claudia DalMolin;

    Emergency Communications Service Manager – Trudy Cory

    Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant – Timothy Scott, Michael Johnson

    Deputy Sheriff Sergeant – Art Salcido, Brian Havey, Keith Thompson, George Scott, Craig Smith, Doreen Spychala, Richard Taylor, Michael Fane, Terry Hudgens.

    Deputy Sheriff Detective – Terry Blevins, Johnny Holmes, George Ratliff, Jamie Garrett.

    Deputy Sheriff – Darrell Stubbs, Gilbert Olivarez, David Hornung, Amy-Noel Bagwell, Jay Valenzuela, Virgilio Dodd, Terry Neff, Colten White, Daniel Adams, Leonard Kerszykowski, Pete Licavoli, Rodney Cronk, Jerry Valenzuela, Trent Boling, Robert Bigando, Christopher Bender, Robert Bonney, Thomas Buckner.

    Deputy Sheriff Cadet – Ronald Escebedo, Ray Van Buskirk, Robert Corn, Rory Vaughn.
16. Market adjustment – 04-16-07 – Detention Health Services Fund -

Detention Commander – James Eskew

17. Market adjustment – 04-16-07 – Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund - Deputy Sheriff – Karen Baltz, Johnna Kemper, John France
18. Market adjustment – 04-16-07 – Task Force Fund –
    Interim-Acting Task Force Commander – Dennis Buller
    Task Force Agent – Bianca DalMolin, Travis Baxley, William Dennis Newman, Charlie Links

E. Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of April 23, 2007, (separate handout) as follows:
$529,698.25 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers X156095 through X155224, X156226 through X156254, X401157 through X401374, and X401376 through X401445. The hand-issued warrants listing by voucher number and amount is as follows: X400943 - $500.00; X400945 - $15,000.00; X400946 - $400.00; X401138 - $1,000.00; X401139 - $1,716.20; X401153 - $39,408.82; X401154 & X401155 - $524,726.20; X401156 - $500.00; and, X156225 - $18.00. **(An itemized list of vouchers is permanently on file with the Board of Supervisors.)**

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 11:48 a.m.

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk