

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: July 10, 2007

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Clerk of the Board

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via telephone conference call); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steve 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. Supervisor Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Dan Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, requested a moment of silence for the passing away of the mother of John Nelson, Deputy County Manager.

Chairman Sanchez stated that Vice-Chairman Martin would be joining the meeting via a telephone conference call from Washington D.C.

Frank Owens, Probation Department Director, requested the adoption of Proclamation No. 07-03 authorizing and recognizing July 15-21, 2007, as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week in Gila County. He gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the history of how probation began and its definition, including the definition for parole. He then cited some statistics from the year ending 2003, which showed that 2,212,475 people were incarcerated in the U.S. with an approximate daily cost of \$62.00 and 4,848,575 adults were being supervised in the community at an average daily

cost of \$4.93. The Arizona statistics showed 27,699 inmates in the Department of Corrections at an average daily cost of \$53.63 with 63,763 adults and 8,876 juveniles on probation. For Gila County for the fiscal year ending 2007, there are 1,130 adults being supervised at an average daily cost of \$4.03; 204 juveniles supervised at a daily cost of \$7.11; and, the average daily cost to Gila County is \$1.88. Mr. Owens then explained the typical process for probation and the elements of probation supervision, which include monitoring, intervention, treatment and advocacy. In conclusion, Mr. Owens reviewed the current trends in Gila County showing a 15% growth increase of the probation population over the last 5 years and an increase in task-specific duty requirements over the past 10 years. Supervisor Dawson inquired about the type of treatment a probationer receives in southern Gila County and specifically for methamphetamine (meth) abuse, which is a major problem in this area. Mr. Owens explained that each case is evaluated individually, but most meth cases end up in drug court with appearances before the judge every other week. The probationer is also monitored on a daily basis, performs drug tests 2-3 times weekly, meets with a drug treatment provider for therapy on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, and/or receives inpatient treatment at an out-of-county facility. Supervisor Dawson stated that Governor Napolitano is aware of the lack of treatment facilities in Gila County and the County has not documented its need for such a facility. She requested that Mr. Owens try to obtain that information. Discussion also ensued on the prevention of prescription drug abuse. Chairman Sanchez inquired as to the agency that pays for the treatment costs. Mr. Owens stated that for juveniles, Title 19 funds and public health care funds are appropriated by the Legislature. Minimal funding has been appropriated by the Legislature for adults, so the majority of the cost is paid for by the adult offender. Chairman Sanchez also inquired if the County Probation Department works with the Southern Gila County Meth Network and whether someone is assigned to attend those meetings. Mr. Owens stated that the past representative has recently resigned,

but he will have someone attend the next meeting. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Owens and staff for their efforts on behalf of Gila County. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 07-03 authorizing and recognizing July 15-21, 2007, as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Therese Hicks, Secretary for the Gila County Cattle Growers Association, gave a presentation on the Gila County Cattle Growers Association 2006-2007 County Revitalization Annual Report and the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget request to be considered for approval during Gila County's regular budget process. Ms. Hicks passed out a packet of information to the Board, which she explained was an update of activities attended throughout the year, along with a report showing the revitalization funding and constituency funding. Ms. Hicks then read into the record a prepared statement, which began by stating that the Gila County Cattle Growers Association is committed to having a constant and influential presence and interface with the organizations and entities that affect our economic and natural resources covering the vast majority of the landscape in Gila County. She stated that significant strides have been made since the cattle from ranches located within the County were forced off of the Tonto National Forest in 2002 and she thanked Vice-Chairman Martin for her specific leadership during that difficult period. She stated that Vice-Chairman Martin advised members of the Association to remain calm, stay persistent and ask for reproducible scientific information and the basis of resource altering decisions. The premise was that the constitutional amendment for multiple use of national forests and the common sense mandate that the range must be stable would some day make sense to those in authority at the U.S. Forest Service. Ms. Hicks stated that at that time their appeals were denied as predicted, but now with time and persistent interface with the USDA Forest Service leadership in Washington DC, in 2004 a working

draft of Chapter 90 was released as the new administration handbook for the entire U.S. Forest Service, which focuses specifically on adaptive management and accompanying monitoring for specific outcomes. She stated, “We are grateful for the wise counsel, thoughtful leadership and the financial backing from our County Board of Supervisors to send those in leadership positions to stay the course and keep our voices heard.” She thanked the Board for the \$10,000 allocation last year and asked that the Board, while considering the budget, also consider that \$17,000 was contributed out-of-pocket from several Association members in order for them to attend various meetings to show support for Gila County. Ms. Hicks concluded with a personal note stating that as a result of interfacing in meetings with government leaders, not only has the Tonto National Forest been brought back, but with the powerful leadership in Washington DC, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Phoenix and Globe, what has happened is that with Chapter 90 has also affected a lot of farmers throughout the U.S. and a lot of that has to do with the support the Board of Supervisors has provided, along with Vice-Chairman Martin’s specific guidance, and she thanked the Board. The Board thanked Ms. Hicks and the Gila County Cattle Growers Association for their efforts. Chairman Sanchez stated that the Board would take the budget request into consideration during the budget process meetings. No action was taken by the Board.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, speaking on behalf of Sheriff John Armer, who was unable to attend the meeting, requested that a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban and 1994 Ford half-ton pickup truck be declared as surplus and transfer said titles of ownership be authorized to the Tonto Basin Fire District for the public safety benefit of the community and in support of the Gila County Sheriff’s Office. He stated that both vehicles were confiscated for transporting illegal aliens and were in need of a lot of repairs. Sheriff Armer would like ownership of the vehicles transferred to the Tonto Basin Fire Department as it would be beneficial to them. Chairman Sanchez called on Fire Chief Steven Holt, who thanked the Board for these vehicles and stated

that they have the ability to repair them and that they are better than the vehicles they are currently using. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously declared as surplus a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban and 1994 Ford half-ton pickup truck and authorized the transfer of said titles of ownership to the Tonto Basin Fire District.

At this time Vice-Chairman Martin advised that she would have to leave the Board meeting to attend other scheduled meetings in Washington DC.

Mr. Besich requested the adoption of Resolution No. 07-07-03, whereby the Board of Supervisors of Gila County resolves to join as a party to the amicus curiae brief filed in the matter of Hounshell v. White, et. al, Arizona Court of Appeals case number 1 CA-CV 06-0730. He presented the Board with a draft brief prepared by Maricopa County, at its expense, which yesterday was transmitted to Mr. Chambers from ACIP (Arizona Counties Insurance Pool). He stated, "This is an unfortunate situation in Apache County, but we are basically talking about chaos versus order, favoritism and collusion versus standards of behavior and codes of conduct and last, but not least, injury to taxpayers in the form of judgments or multiple judgments for negligently ignoring improper acts. And then the current ruling reduces the effect of your policies and procedures and conformity to standards as basically a moot issue." He stated that this issue has been discussed a number of times at the County Supervisors Association meetings. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board adopted Resolution No. 07-07-03. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item numbers 6A-6K as follows:

- A. Approval to adopt Resolution No. 07-07-02 whereby the Board of Supervisors elects to have the County participate in the Family Counseling Program through the Arizona Supreme Court, Juvenile Justice Division,

and certifies that a matching fund requirement of \$2,348 for the Program will be provided by the County. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

- B. Approval to ratify the Chairman's signature accepting Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant 2007 from the Arizona State Library to the Gila County Library District for CliP (in Gila County) "Connecting Library Professionals in Gila County" in the amount of \$4,362.
- C. Approval to renew 4 separate Dispatching Services Agreements for the period of January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, (with a renewal option) whereby the Gila County Sheriff's Office will provide dispatching, telephone answering and paging services and other related services to the following: Pine/Strawberry Fire District at \$880 per month; Tonto Basin Fire District at \$300 per month; Christopher-Kohl's Fire District at \$300 per month; and, Gisela Valley Fire District at \$300 per month.
- D. Approval of an Amendment to a Law Enforcement and Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) Participant Agreement (Project No. 20603) between the Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona State Parks Board to extend the Agreement to December 31, 2007, in order to expend additional allocated monies for water patrol.
- E. Approval of Amendment No. 6 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. E5205008) between the Gila County REPAC Department and the Arizona Department of Economic Security whereby the REPAC Department will rent office space in Safford and Lake Havasu City, Arizona, to provide dislocated worker services. (This Amendment removes Show Low as one of the rented locations.)
- F. Approval of Amendment No. 7 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. E5205008) between the Gila County REPAC Department and the Arizona Department of Economic Security whereby the REPAC Department will rent office space in Safford, Lake Havasu City and Casa Grande,

Arizona, to provide dislocated worker services. (This Amendment adds Casa Grande as one of the rented locations.)

- G. Approval of 2 annual Weatherization Low-Income Assistance Contractual Agreements between the State of Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office and Gila County, as follows: Contract No. C062-07 in an amount not to exceed \$76,824, and Contract No. C063-07 (funded by Southwest Gas) in an amount not to exceed \$28,434.
- H. Approval to adopt Resolution No. 07-07-01 designating the polling places for the November 6, 2007, General Election. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**
- I. Approval of the April and May 2007 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Clerk of the Superior Court, and the June 2007 monthly departmental activity report and 2006-2007 fiscal year report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.
- J. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of July 2, 2007, as follows: (Note: There was no report for the week of July 9, 2007.)

Departure from County Service:

- 1. Building Maintenance Technician Senior – Public Works – 06-29-07 – Facilities Management Fund – Ty Harmon – Hire 11-20-01 – Resigned for other employment
- 2. Solid Waste Operations Worker – Solid Waste – 06-22-07 – Solid Waste Fund – Brent Landers – Hire 01-22-07 – Failure to complete probationary period
- 3. Courtroom Clerk – Clerk of the Superior Court – 06-08-07 – General Fund – Adrienne Rhodes – Hire 12-05-05 – Resigned for other employment

Hire to County Service:

- 4. Recorder Clerk – Recorder – 06-27-06 – Recorder General Fund – Lindsay Nicole Dalton – replacing Nicole Chase
- 5. Assessor's Aide – Assessor – 07-09-07 – Assessor General Fund –

Wanda J. Rakoczy – replaces Shawn Wilson

6. Accounting Clerk – Division of Health and Community Services – 07-02-07 – Health Play Fund – Chris L. Phillips – new position

Temporary Hire to County Service:

7. Public Health Nurse – Division of Health and Community Services – 07-03-07 – Health Services Fund – Megan Wallace

Departmental Transfer:

8. Accounting Clerk Specialist – Treasurer to Payroll Specialist – Finance – 07-02-07 – Finance General Fund – Michelle Epperson – position under filled pending retirement of Karen Reves

Position Review:

9. Change fund codes – Probation Aide – Probation – 06-25-07 – JPSF Treatment fund to Juvenile Probation Service Fees – Monique Hernandez
10. Change fund codes – Probation Aide – Probation – 06-25-07 – JPSF Treatment fund to Juvenile Probation Services Fees – Linda Isban
11. Change fund codes – Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Probation – 06-25-07 – Payson Safe Schools to Diversion Intake, Juvenile Probation Service Fees, Juvenile Diversion Fees – Michael Snively
12. Change Department account number – Accounting Clerk – Finance – 07-02-07 Finance General Fund to Purchasing General Fund – Sylvia Martinez
13. Change fund codes – Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Probation – 06-25-07 – Globe Safe Schools to Adult Probation Service Fees – David Franquero
14. Change fund codes – Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Probation – 06-25-07 – Globe Safe Schools to Probation General – Robert Vindiola
15. Salary Adjustment – Deputy Personnel Director – Personnel – 06-25-07 – Personnel General Fund – Juley D. Bocardo-Homan – Increase due to additional duties

Request Permission to Post:

16. Solid Waste Operations Worker – Solid Waste – position vacated by

Brent Landers

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service:

- 17. Detention Officer – Globe S.O. – 07-08-07 – Sheriff General Fund
Patricia Salcido – Hire 03-06-06 – Resigned leaving area

Departmental Transfer:

- 18. Task Force Agent to Deputy Sheriff – Globe S.O. – 06-25-07 – Narcotics
Task Force to Sheriff General Fund – Charlie G. Links – replaces Todd
Manges

Position Review:

- 19. Authorize on-call overtime to be paid from Marijuana Eradication at the
discretion of Commander – Rodney Cronk
- K. Approval of the finance reports/demands/transfers for the weeks of
July 2, 2007, and July 9, 2007 (separate handout) as follows:

July 2, 2007 as of June 27, 2007 (For end of fiscal year)

\$1,415,796.89 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers
X157243 through X157264, X404175 through X404260. There were no
hand-issued warrants.

July 1, 2007 through July 10, 2007

(Note: For fiscal year 2007-2008, the accounting format has changed due to
the County converting to the New World Software Accounting System.

Voucher numbers have been replaced by check numbers.) \$417,012.88
was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 10 through 130. **(An
itemized list of disbursements 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 11:14 a.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk