

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: August 14, 2007

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; 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. Jacque Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the Invocation.

Craig Sullivan, County Supervisors Association of Arizona (CSA) Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on the activities of CSA and the recent legislative session. He also presented the Board with a FY 2006-2007 Year End Report and a copy of his PowerPoint presentation. He introduced his coworker, Todd Madeksza, Director of Legislative Affairs for CSA. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that 2007-08 Legislative Summit will be held on October 2-4, 2007, in order to set the agenda of items to pursue for next year's legislative session. In his presentation, Mr. Sullivan stated that CSA is a forum of all 55 elected county supervisors from all 15 Arizona counties in order to pursue 2 core goals as follows: 1) to protect and enhance county authorities in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services, and 2) to develop and disseminate information to assist state and local decision making. He stated that this year a website was put in place which contains a lot of information and it will be a helpful tool to assist the

Boards of Supervisors. He requested any input for the website to better assist the counties. He stated that also developed this year is a weekly CSA update. He then supplied the Board with a Legislative Summary containing all the bills of county impact categorized by policy area, which is also available on the website. He stated that of the 10 bills submitted by CSA to the Legislature this year, all were successfully passed. Mr. Sullivan briefed the Board on several legislative items, as follows: 1) The State Budget--Through the session, legislators generally resisted shifting costs to the counties. In regard to ALTCS (Arizona Long Term Care System), Gila County received \$1.3 million in relief and the County also received \$10,306 for the Summer Youth Employment Program. 2) The Tax Policy--Property tax reform remained a big issue particularly on the accelerated phase-down of Class 1 assessment ratio from 25% to 20% by 2011. Property tax will remain a big issue in the upcoming year in regard to activists promoting California-style property tax restriction and the 45 cent state education rate reduction, which sunsets next year. Discussion ensued by the Board on the proposed property tax restriction and Supervisor Dawson advised that a group was coming through this area and would be targeting senior citizens to sell them on the idea that this would be a protection for them. Mr. Besich requested that if anyone hears of any groups going to the senior citizen centers in regard to this property tax restriction to let him know because there is preclusion from going to federally subsidized agencies. Mr. Sullivan continued his presentation on item 3) The Transportation Policy in which everyone agreed infrastructure needs increased investment, but there were major differences on how to pay for it. 4) The Immigration Policy in which there is a lack of federal action fueled calls for state and local policies. 5) The Forest Health Policy, which established \$1 million for Community Protection Initiative Program under the State Forester. The last item of Mr. Sullivan's presentation was about the major policy areas, which included the following: 1) State Trust Reform, which failed to pass; 2) Water Policy, which was the most significant attention to water regulations in years; and, 3) Mandatory Sentencing. Other policy areas were shown along

with the legislative results. Mr. Sullivan concluded by stating that preparations for the next legislative session began the day after the current session ended and he again reminded the Board of the upcoming CSA Legislative Policy Summit to be held October 2-4, 2007, in Flagstaff. Supervisor Dawson stated that Senate Bill 1313 failed, but she felt it is an important bill to get passed requiring that school boards be established for all accommodation schools and Senator Flake has stated that he would be willing to sponsor the bill again. Another bill Supervisor Dawson would like to see passed is the reestablishment of a state-wide Board to oversee the community colleges. She also stated that the highways leading out of Maricopa County in the event of an emergency evacuation should be a high priority so that these highway projects such as the Highway 60 project will be fully funded. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if there is any conversation going on about recrafting the community colleges and if nothing else they need a state-wide college board. Mr. Sullivan stated that he would follow up on that issue and get back with the Board. Vice-Chairman Martin also stated that in regard to transportation, in the event of a disaster in Maricopa County there are 2 ideas on how to deal with the millions of people there—one is to move them out and the other is to handle them in place. She stated, “It’s not about just moving them out and dumping them in small communities like Globe and Payson, but moving them clear out and away from the small communities; however, where to send them is another issue. Otherwise, there would be anarchy before many were even moved out...It’s a conversation that I think as a state we need to be having, seriously.” Chairman Sanchez called on Dan Adams, a resident of Payson, who requested to address the Board. Mr. Adams spoke about his concern regarding water issues and he believes that this is the time for the rural communities of Arizona to collectively conduct a study to determine the amount of water that is being used up by the “mass of useless trees that are clogging up the forest and the headwaters of the Gila, Salt and Verde Rivers.” He stated, “If that report could be released at the same time as the report by the national committee reexamining the Colorado River water, which is

oversubscribed by 20%-25%, it might get people in the metropolitan areas interested in doing something about cleaning up the forests.” Mr. Sullivan stated that is not something CSA would focus on as it would probably be handled by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Vice-Chairman Martin spoke about a study that was done on water showing that the Phoenix metropolitan area uses 170 gallons a day per person, which is 100 more gallons per day than Payson uses. She stated, “When we get into these big water conversations...it doesn’t do any good to find more water if we’re not going to be using it any better as a source and be more wasteful at the urban end so there needs to be a balance in that conversation.” Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Madeksza not only for the presentation, but also for the assistance and relief they provide to the counties in these legislative sessions. Mr. Besich also thanked Mr. Sullivan and his team for working very closely with the county managers and supervisors to create a more effective approach to what is trying to be accomplished for the taxpayers.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, requested approval of Construction Contract No. 112-280/1-2007 between the Public Works Division and Foundation Ram Jack, LLC in the amount of \$18,191.97 for the stabilization of the foundation slab in the building being used by the Rabies Control Department. He stated that a couple of years ago the County had a problem with the animal shelter and an acre of land was cut for building a new one. It was discovered, however, that the County could not afford the required building codes that now must be met for such a building, so the plan is back to stabilizing the current building. This Contract includes specifications for hydraulic piers being installed 20 feet deep, which Mr. Stratton believes will be adequate, and there will be an additional charge to install them deeper if necessary. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Construction Contract No. 112-280/1-2007 with Foundation Ram Jack, LLC in the amount of \$18,191.97.

Malissa Buzan, Housing Services Program Manager, requested the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and an Intergovernmental

Agreement between Gila County and the Town of Winkelman whereby the Gila County Housing Services Department will oversee a \$330,000 grant awarded to the Town of Winkelman for the rehabilitation of 7 homes within the Town for which the County will be paid \$30,000 in administrative fees for overseeing the projects. She stated that the council for the Town of Winkelman has made housing rehabilitation a priority and has applied for and received funding from the Arizona Department of Housing. They have requested that Gila County administer the \$330,000 in funds and oversee the rehabilitation projects. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Winkelman.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, requested approval of an application submitted by Connie Sue Hendrick to permanently change the area of service relating to a liquor license for the Antler's Restaurant and Bar located in Young, Arizona. She stated that in recent months the Board has received similar applications in order for establishments that hold a liquor license to comply with the Smoke Free Arizona Act. She stated that an outdoor smoking patio would be added to the current premises. Ms. Sheppard stated that the County has an internal process and the Planning and Zoning Department has approved the application. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the application submitted by Connie Sue Hendrick for the Antler's Restaurant and Bar.

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

- A. Approval of 2 renewal Grant Agreements that are between the County Attorney's Office and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for the period 7/1/07 through 6/30/08, as follows: Crime Victim Assistance Grant (ACJC Grant #VA-08-020) in the amount of \$22,000; and, Drug Control and System Improvement Grant (ACJC #PC-08-080) in the amount of \$76,000.

- B. Approval to renew a Support and Maintenance Agreement whereby LASON Support Services will provide maintenance on the Gila County Recorder's Minolta RP503 microfilm reader printer in the annual amount of \$910 for the period 9/2/07 to 8/31/08.
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG461025) replacing the contract price sheet due to an increase in the rate for interventions for fiscal year 7/1/07 to 6/30/08, and elimination of training, which applies to the Community Nutrition Program.
- D. Approval to renew a Service Agreement between the Health Department and the Payson Humane Society for the period 7/1/07 to 6/30/08, in the amount of \$2,600 per month to be paid to the Payson Humane Society for County-impounded animals.
- E. Approval of a fee waiver request submitted by the Gila County Sheriff's Reserve Posse to utilize the Exhibit Hall for a dance at the Fairgrounds on 2/9/08.
- F. Approval of 3 separate Special Event Liquor License Applications, as follows:
Globe Lions Club – September 13 and 15 for the Gila County Fair; Globe Lions Club – September 29-30 and October 6-7 for the Gila County Horse Races; and, Gila County Historical Society – September 14 for the Gila County Fair.
- G. Authorization for the Chairman to sign 2 36-month Municipal Lease Agreements with Bank of America for the lease-purchase of 2 Konica Minolta digital copiers, as follows: Contract No. 2285806 in the amount of \$335.48 per month, and Contract No. 2285808 in the amount of \$211.52 per month of which both copiers will be used by the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office.
- H. Approval of the June 19, 2007, July 10, 2007, and July 16, 2007, BOS meeting minutes.
- I. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of August 13, 2007, as follows:
Departure from County Service:

1. Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator - Public Works – 08-02-07 – Public Works Fund – Mark Hicks – Hire 11-06-06 – Resigned for other employment
2. Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator Senior– Public Works – 08-02-07 – Public Works Fund – Brett Bingham– Hire 03-06-01 - Resigned for other employment
3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Manager – Health and Community Service – 07-30-07 – Bioterrorism Fund – William Hyer – Hire 12-08-03 – Deceased
4. Animal Regulation Enforcement Officer – Rabies Control – 08-17-07 – Rabies Control – Forrest Miller – Hire 06-12-06 – Resigned reason unknown
5. Clerk – Recorder – 08-07-07 – General Fund – Lindsay Dalton – Hire 06-27-07 – Failure to complete probationary period
6. Administrative Assistant - Facilities Management – 08-3-07 - Facilities Management – Debbie Cameron – Hire 02-28-94 – Separated without prejudice

Hire to County Service:

7. Environmental Health Specialist – Health and Community Service – 09-04-07 – Proposition 201 Smoke Free Arizona Act – Shannon Mostashari – New Position
8. Administrative Assistant – EECO – 08-13-07 – EECO Fund – Kristin Reed – Replaces Nancy Moulder
9. Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – Public Works – 08-13-07 – Public Works – Geoff Little – Replaces Wesley Wilson

Temporary Hire to County Service:

10. Rural Addressing Analyst – Rural Addressing – 08-13-07 – General Fund – Jeremiah Johnson

Departmental Transfer:

11. Public Fiduciary Services Specialist 1 to Administrative Clerk – Public Fiduciary – 8-20-07 – General Fund – Lara McGee – Replaces Sandra

Phillips

End of Probationary Period:

12. Road Maintenance Worker – Public Works – 08-06-07 – Public Works –
Vernon Davis

13. Recorder Clerk – Recorder – 08-06-07 – General Fund – Juliane DeSpain

Request Permission to Post:

14. Rural Addressing Analyst – Rural Addressing – Posted to fill vacant
position

15. Public Fiduciary Services Specialist – Public Fiduciary – Position vacated
by Lara McGee

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Hire to County Service:

16. Deputy Sheriff Recruit – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 08-17-07- General
Fund – Todd Manges – Replaces Robert Corn

End of Probationary Period:

17. Deputy Sheriff – Sheriff's Office/Payson – 04-16-07 – General Fund –
Colton White

Departmental Transfer:

18. Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff/Detention Officer Sgt. – Sheriff's
Office/Globe – 07-31-07 – General Fund – Charlie Links - Replaces
Sandra Estrada

G. Approval to disburse checks for payment of County expenses for the week
of August 14, 2007, as follows:

\$1,652,497.65 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 980
through 1141. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on
file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

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 11:23 a.m.

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk