

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

Date: September 18, 2007

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard
Chief Deputy Clerk

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Member

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Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin (participated via video conference), Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney.

Item 1 – Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Steve Besich led the Pledge of Allegiance and Greg LeCheminant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Sanchez advised the Vice-Chairman Martin would be participating in today’s meeting by video conference from her office in Payson.

Item 2 - Presentation of a plaque to Victoria Anderson in memory of her husband, West Anderson, Sr., in appreciation for his many years of service to the Gila County Elections Department.

Dixie Mundy, Elections Department Director, introduced members of the Anderson Family that were present for today’s presentation in memory of West Anderson, Sr. She advised that Mr. Anderson served as an Elections Inspector at the Canyon Day polling location for more than 20 years. She stated, “Mr. Anderson was very concerned, interested and motivated and he encouraged people to vote. He was also very honest and straight forward about his concerns, which was desirable of a person that works at the polls. I learned to trust and follow his guidance many, many times. Mr. Anderson will be missed.” Supervisor Dawson stated, “Mr. Anderson is the kind of person you dream of having as a good friend. His goal was to make the people at Canyon Day know that they had a voice in government.” The Board and Ms. Mundy presented a plaque to Victoria Anderson and Chairman Sanchez thanked the Anderson Family for attending this presentation.

Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to review and provide comment on the Impact Statement for the annexation of Canyon River Ranch property into the East Verde Park Fire District.

Ms. Mundy presented this agenda item. Vice-Chairman Martin advised that James Cambier, a member of the East Verde Park Fire District Board of Directors, was present in her office. She provided some information on this ranch, which was formerly known as the Doll Baby Ranch. Vice-Chairman Martin advised that the East Verde Park Fire District contracts with the Town of Payson at a cost of \$42,000 per year for the Payson Fire Department to provide emergency response to anyone living within the East Verde Park Fire District. She also mentioned that she is in favor of this annexation; however, the Town of Payson may object to the proposed annexation as the Town has indicated in the past that it does not wish to provide emergency response services to the Canyon River Ranch. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board directed staff to write a letter to the East Verde Park Fire District in support of the annexation of Canyon River Ranch property into the East Verde Park Fire District with no further comments.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action regarding a request submitted by Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona to acquire County-owned land in order to bring a Level IV Stabilization Facility for Alcohol and Substance Abuse treatment to the Globe area.

Dr. Jay Gray, Chief Operating Officer for Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona, presented this request. Accompanying Dr. Gray at the meeting was Laurel Rettle, Cenpatico's Manager of Community and Emergency Services. Dr. Gray presented some background information regarding this request, as follows: In December 2007, Cenpatico was awarded grant funding by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services, in order to purchase a facility to bring a Level IV Stabilization Facility for Alcohol and Substance Abuse treatment to the Globe area. Around that time Cenpatico negotiated with the Cobre Valley Community Hospital in Globe whereby the Hospital agreed to donate use of its land for 25 years and Cenpatico's grant funds would be given to the Hospital to build the facility, which would be owned by the Hospital. Cenpatico contracted with Community Bridges for the purchase and placement of a modular building to be placed upon the Hospital land. Eight months into the planning process, the Hospital withdrew the offer to house the facility on its land. Cenpatico has been informed by the State that the funding will be withdrawn unless another option can be immediately presented to assure the State that the facility will be up and running by May 1, 2008. Mr. Gray entered into a discussion with the Board; Mr. Besich; Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney; and, Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, regarding the options that are available and the amount of assistance that could be provided by the County toward this effort. Mr. Stratton advised that he met with officials of Community Bridges. The County has a one-acre parcel of land near the Russell Gulch Landfill that could accommodate this facility and he offered that the County would grade that property at no cost to Cenpatico. He also stated that if Cenpatico requires a larger parcel of land, he and the Board need to be notified right away. Regardless of the land size, Mr. Stratton reiterated that the County would still only be willing to grade one acre. He further stated that the cost to get a septic tank, electricity and water to the property should be borne by Cenpatico. In concluding the discussion, all Board members agreed that this treatment facility was needed in Globe. It was agreed that Mr. Chambers should meet with Cenpatico and/or its legal counsel to review all of the available options. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously directed County staff to work with Cenpatico and the County Attorney's Office to pursue options to facilitate the development of this facility.

At this time Mr. Besich suggested that Chairman Sanchez call for a brief recess so that the Board, Mr. Chambers and he could meet with Dr. Gray and Ms. Rettle. At 10:53 a.m. Chairman Sanchez recessed the meeting and he reconvened the meeting at 11: 14 a.m. Mr. Chambers stated, "We just met with Cenpatico officials during the break and received direction from the Board of Supervisors to see if we can make this happen. We are doing that and we will have something to present to the Board fairly soon."

Item 5 - Motion to convene as the Library District Board of Directors. Information/Discussion/Action to approve the Library Services Agreements between the Gila County Library District and the following libraries to cooperate in the provision of library services to the citizens of the District for the period, July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008: Globe Public Library, Hayden Public Library, Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library, Miami Memorial Library, Payson Public Library, San Carlos Public Library, Tonto Basin Public Library and Young Public Library.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board convened as the Gila County Library District Board of Directors. Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Gila County Librarian, presented this item. Ms. Griffin advised that each fiscal year she presents the Library Services Agreements to the Board for approval of the funds to be distributed to each of the 8 libraries located within the County Library District. She advised that funding is distributed to libraries located in Globe, Hayden, Miami, Payson and San Carlos on a 50-50 cash match basis, with a maximum amount allowed to be allocated to each library. The Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library, Tonto Basin Library and Young Library are not required to match funds as they are small and do not receive financial support from other sources. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized the Library Services Agreements, as follows: Globe Public Library – match up to \$107,100; Hayden Public Library – match up to \$47,800; Miami Memorial Library – match up to \$40,000; Payson Public Library – match up to \$210,300; San Carlos Public Library – match up to \$30,200, Isabelle Hunt Memorial Library - \$96,100; Tonto Basin Public Library - \$55,900; and, Young Public Library - \$52,900. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.514/8-2007 between Gila County and Tetra Tech, Inc. whereby engineering services will be provided for the Roosevelt Lake Resort Unit One Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$11,700.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, addressed this agenda item. He advised that currently water runoff collects in ponds on the northwest corner of the Roosevelt Lake Resort. Tetra Tech, Inc. was contacted by the Engineering Department to design draining facilities to mitigate flooding conditions at the northwest corner of Roosevelt Lake Resort with the least possible impact to the residents of the area and to Pinto Creek. Drainage runoff flowing into the area will be collected and conveyed into Pinto Creek. The subject property is within the Pinto Creek 100-year floodplain. This Contract will be in effect from the date of Board approval until the completion of the project. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.514/8-2007 in the amount of \$11,700.

Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.514/8-2007.2 between Gila County and Tetra Tech, Inc. whereby engineering services will be provided for the Roosevelt Lake Estates No. 2 Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$7,450.

Mr. Sanders advised that this Contract will address drainage issues at the east end of Cottonwood Street, of which water runoff currently flows onto private residences. Tetra Tech, Inc. will design draining facilities to convey runoff on Cottonwood Street to the property line between Tract "A" and Lot 77. Drainage runoff flowing east on Cottonwood Street will be collected and conveyed to the common line between Lot 77 and Tract "A". The drainage will then be conveyed easterly to Pinto Creek through drainage facilities provided by the owners of the private property. The subject property is within the Pinto Creek 100-year floodplain. This Contract will be in effect from the date of Board approval until the completion of the project. Mr. Myles Hodson, a resident of Roosevelt Lake Estates, inquired if the drainage ditches were going to be enlarged as some of the ditches are small and the water does not flow through them. Mr. Sanders advised that this Contract addresses drainage along Cottonwood Street to the Spencer property; this Contract does not provide for a drain storm system. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.514/8-2007.2 in the amount of \$7,450.

Item 8 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Agreement for Medical Consultant Services between the Gila County Health Department and Michael R. Durham, M.D. to provide services to the Health Department for the period January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, for a total possible cost of \$1,300 per month.

David Fletcher, Director of the Health and Community Services Division, addressed this agenda item. Mr. Fletcher advised that for the 22 years he has been employed with Gila County, Dr. Durham has entered into numerous contracts with the County to provide medical consultant services to the Health Department. He advised that Dr. Durham no longer wishes to travel, so this Agreement does not include providing services to the Payson area. Other changes have been made to the pricing schedule and the area of public health preparedness has been included. A total of \$1,300 per month is allowed to be charged under this Agreement, depending on the services provided in any one month and the Agreement shall not exceed \$15,600 per year, from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Agreement for Medical Consultant Services.

Item 9 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Gila County Order No. LL-07-06, an application for a person to person transfer of a Series 6 bar license with an interim permit to operate submitted by Frederick A. Bridges for the Punkin Center Store located in Tonto Basin, Arizona.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, addressed this agenda item. She advised that the Building Permitting Department and Health Department reviewed the application and it has been determined that there are no pending issues with other County-related permits and the applicant has met all application requirements. As there was no opposition submitted by the public for this application, Ms. Sheppard recommended the Board's approval. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Gila County

Order No. LL-07-06. This application will be submitted to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, whereby a final decision will be rendered by said Department.

Item 10 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an application submitted by Manuel Gene Bettencourt to permanently change the area of service relating to a liquor license at the Creekside Steakhouse & Tavern located in Payson, Arizona.

Ms. Sheppard addressed this agenda item and she advised that many similar applications have been presented to the Board by her in recent months as a result of the Smoke-Free Arizona Act being enacted. This application will add an uncovered patio for smoking to the liquor license area. She advised that Bob Gould, Community Development Division Director, reviewed this application and he does not have any objections. Ms. Sheppard recommended the Board's approval of this application. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously recommended approval of this application to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, whereby a final decision will be rendered by said Department.

Item 11 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Authorization for the Chairman to sign an Amendment to a 45-day Tolling and Confidentiality Agreement between Gila County and Chaparral Pines Investors, LLC to extend the Agreement until October 17, 2007.**
- B. Approval to adopt Resolution No. 07-09-01 designating the Rice Gym as the polling place for the San Carlos voting precinct during the November 6, 2007, election. (A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**
- C. Approval to appoint Michael W. Mickley and Diane Baran as precinct committeemen to the Gila County Republican Committee.**
- D. Approval of an application submitted by Manuel Gene Bettencourt to temporarily extend the premises/patio of the Creekside Steakhouse & Tavern located in Payson, Arizona, for the dates of September 29-30, 2007.**
- E. Approval of an application submitted by Tamara Logsdon to temporarily extend the premises/patio of the Rimside Grill located in Pine, Arizona, for the dates of October 6-7, 2007.**
- F. Approval of Amendment No. 5 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. RSA-E5313521) between Gila County Division of Health and Community Services d/b/a Gila Employment and Special Training (GEST) and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to extend the Agreement from October 22, 2007, to January 31, 2008, to provide continued vocational rehabilitation services to eligible clients.**
- G. Approval of the following BOS meeting minutes: June 19, 2007, Consent Agenda Item No. 10F – Finance Only (Revised); July 10, 2007, Consent Agenda Item No. 6K – Finance Only (Revised); July 16, 2007, Consent Agenda Item No. 7C – Finance Only (Revised); July 24, 2007, Meeting Minutes; July 31, 2007, Meeting Minutes; August 7,**

2007, Consent Agenda Item No. 6C – Finance Only (Revised); August 14, 2007, Meeting Minutes; August 20, 2007, Meeting Minutes; and, August 28, 2007, Meeting Minutes

H. Approval of the August 2007 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe Regional Constable, Payson Regional Constable, and the Globe Regional Justice of the Peace.

I. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the weeks of September 11, 2007, and September 18, 2007.

September 11, 2007:

Departure from County Service:

1. Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Diversion Intake – 08-31-07 – Diversion In Take – Michael Hawkins – Hire Date 09-01-92 – Retiring
2. Clerk – Emergency Management – 06-29-07 – General Fund – Jennika Barcon – 08-23-06 – Attend ASU

Hire to County Service:

3. Accounting Clerk Specialist – Clerk of Superior Court – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Karla Cassa – Rehired to original position
4. Court Clerk – Clerk of Superior Court – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Karen George – Replaces Barbara Mathers
5. Justice Court Clerk Associate – Globe Justice Court – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Judith Moss – Replaces Melanie Fikus
6. Animal Regulation Enforcer Officer – Health Department – 08-20-07 – Rabies Control – Devin Chavez – Replaces Dustin Van Zwol

Temporary Hire to County Service:

7. Clerk – Emergency Management – 08-31-07 – General Fund – Brandy Marie Uhl

End of Probationary Period:

8. Courtroom Clerk IV D – Clerk of Superior Court – 09-03-07 – General Fund – Jennifer Alyce Kimes
9. Surveillance Officer – Probation – 09-03-07 – 50% Adult Intensive Probation Surveillance – 50% Adult Intensive Probation Surveillance – Danny McKeen

Position Review:

10. Promotion – From Deputy Probation Officer I – To Deputy Probation Officer II – Juvenile Standard – 09-03-07 – Juvenile Probation Standards – Jolene Stever

Request Permission to Post:

11. Animal Regulation Enforcement Officer – Rabies Control – Position vacated by Forrest Miller

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End of Probationary Period:

12. Detention Officer – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Sharon Brewer

September 18, 2007:

Departure from County Service:

1. Detective – County Attorney – 09-07-07 – General Fund – Ramon Granillo – Hire 04-09-07 – resigned for other employment

2. Community Health Assistant – Health and Community Services – 09-22-07 – WIC and Commodity Supplement Food Program Funds – Judy Leitner – Hire 01-02-07 – resignation – reason not known
3. Plan Coordinator – Health and Community Services – 08-20-07 – Pandemic Influenza Fund – Charles W. Johnson – Hire 07-09-07 – end of temporary position

Hire to County Service:

4. Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker – Fairgrounds – 09-03-07 – General Fund – Ronnie Ruiz Sanchez – temporary to regular status
5. County Engineer – Public Works Engineering – 10-15-07 – Public Works Fund – Mark Guerena – Double fill position assigned to John Beene

End of Probationary Period:

6. Accounting Clerk – Purchasing – 10-01-07 – General Fund – Sylvia Martinez
7. Recorder’s Office Supervisor – Recorder – 10-15-07 – General Fund – Dawn Caldera
8. Building Maintenance Technician Senior – Public Works Facilities Management 09-17-07 – Facilities Management Fund – Steven Anderson
9. Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – Public Works Consolidated Roads – 09-17-07 – Public Works Fund – Thomas Tanner
10. Solid Waste Service Worker – Public Works Solid Waste Management – 09-17-07 – Solid Waste Funds – Mitchell Wilson
11. Deputy Probation Officer 2 – Probation – 09-17-07 – Juvenile Standard Fund – Larry Pontel
12. Environmental Health Specialist Senior – Health and Community Services – 09-03-07 – Health Services Fund – Patrick Zurick

Position Review:

13. Change fund codes – Payroll Specialist – Finance – 09-17-07 – General Fund to General Fund/WIA Fund – Michele Epperson
14. Reclassification – Juvenile Detention Officer Trainee to Juvenile Detention Officer – Probation – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Mellie Marin – Meets time in grade requirement for reclassification
15. Reclassification – Administrative Clerk Senior to Administrative Clerk Specialist Probation – 09-17-07 – General Fund – Teresa Martin del Campo – Meets the equivalent education and training requirements
16. Reclassification – Administrative Clerk Senior to Administrative Clerk Specialist Probation – 09-17-07 – General Fund/Case Processing Fund/Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund – Leigh Ann Kenton – Meets the equivalent education and training requirements

Request Permission to Post:

17. Community Health Assistant – Health and Community Services – position vacated by Judy Leitner

J. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the weeks of September 11, 2007, and September 18, 2007. (separate handout)

September 11, 2007:

\$2,885,412.28 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 1679 through 1900.

September 18, 2007:

\$1,647,392.91 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 1901 through 2087. (An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)

K. Approval of a payment for services in the amount of \$379.00 to Fly-A-Way Travel.

Supervisor Dawson advised that she would not be voting on Consent Agenda item number 11K due to a conflict of interest. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items 11A through 11J. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda item 11K.

Item 12 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrator may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on issues presented.

Each Board member and Mr. Besich presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk