

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

Date: December 11, 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; 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. Vice-Chairman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Captain Gary Smith of the Salvation Army delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Presentation of bicycles to be given as Christmas gifts to eligible children.

Sharon Winters, Solid Waste Department Manager, presented this agenda item. She made a presentation on the Public Works Solid Waste Department and the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC) joint program of recycling and refurbishing discarded bicycles for distribution to disadvantaged youth. They will be distributed through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), the Arizona Department of Economic Security, San Carlos Youth Center and to the areas of Young, Tonto Basin, Hayden and Winkelman. The bicycles will be split equally between northern and southern Gila County. Ms. Winters thanked the following contributors to this effort: Gila County Solid Waste Department, ADOC, Payson Police Department, Tempe Bikes, Merles Auto Supply and Napa Auto Parts of Globe and Safford that donated paint. Special thanks were given to Will Culpepper, who assisted with fundraising and collecting supplies. She also introduced key personnel from the ADOC as follows: Deputy Warden Lee; Deborah Webster, who handles the funds, and Curt Eaton, Supervisor. She stated that Town of Payson Police Chief Don Engler and Officer Shawn DeWitt, Town of Payson Property Clerk, were planning to be present but were prevented in doing so because of the weather. She also introduced some of the staff from the Public Works Department that assisted in the program, which included

Candy Brooks, Jerry Farr, Shannon Boyer, Lex Sheppard and Roland Boyer. Ms. Winters stated, "It is my privilege and honor to be the spokesperson for a lot of hard work and caring people as we present these bikes today. These better-than-new bikes were pulled from the landfills, donated or received from the property room of the Payson Police Department and have been refurbished by the inmates of the Globe Unit of ADOC with new and used parts and they have some fabulous paint jobs." There were 57 bikes on display. The Board thanked Ms. Winters for her efforts in coordinating this program.

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Sanchez called for a brief recess so the Board could see the display of bikes outside on the front entrance of the Courthouse. Chairman Sanchez reconvened the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG861265) between the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to provide teen pregnancy prevention for high risk youth in the amount of \$135,003.

Nancy Mach, Community Health Assistant Senior, presented this agenda item. She stated that this is a new contract that will provide teen pregnancy prevention services to high risk youth in Globe and Payson. The State approached the County and inquired if the County wanted this grant money for a new program. The funds will be distributed once the Board approves this Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) enabling the increase and expansion of the positive and effective services offered to the youth and families in our communities. The County currently receives \$125,000 in grant funding for its Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program; however, the funds provided through this IGA come from a different funding source and different criteria is used in order to qualify teens under this different program. This IGA will not require any County matching funds and it will provide for the salaries of two Community Health Assistant Seniors, one to be housed in the Payson Health Department and one in the Globe Health Department. Supervisor Dawson stated that she received a phone call from Kathryn Corso of Arizona Youth Partnership and she inquired of Ms. Mach as to what groups of teens she would be working with and noted that on page 14 of the new IGA the Latino population is specifically addressed. Ms. Mach stated that these new funds will only be used for youth on probation and she was not notified by the State that there was a specific focus group. Supervisor Dawson stated that Ms. Corso's concern is that there is a lot of duplication and fragmentation of programs and that she currently has 3 unfilled openings for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. After continued discussion, Supervisor Dawson recommended that Ms. Mach work with Ms. Corso in making wise use of the funds for the coordination of the programs. She stated that in identifying that the funds will be used for youth in the juvenile probation system, in regard to the Native American youth, those teens in probation are turned back to the San Carlos Apache Tribe so they are

being eliminated. Supervisor Dawson stated that she hoped Ms. Mach would combine these services with the Arizona Youth Partnership in order for all of the population to be covered. Ms. Mach agreed with Supervisor Dawson and she stated that no one needing these services should be turned away. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Contract No. HG861265 with the Arizona Department of Health Services in the amount of \$135,003.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.526/1018-2007 between Gila County and C.L. Williams Consulting, Inc. whereby engineering services will be provided for the Robert's Drive Realignment and Improvement Project in the amount of \$29,951.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, presented this agenda item. He stated that the specific areas involved include Roberts Drive, Black Warrior and Globe Canyon, which consist of a triangular piece of land that until a couple of months ago was private property with a chain link fence around it and full of trash and weeds. The County was able to purchase this property, which will be used to realign Roberts Drive and improve drainage through that area. Mr. Sanders advised that the reason that the Contract seems expensive is because a Design Concept Report (DCR) has been incorporated into the Contract, whereby the County will be provided with several engineering options such as different types of intersections, shifting the water drainage in different directions, etc. and at 30 percent completion of the plans, the County will have those options in order to select the best way to realign the road and improve the safety. This also fits in with the Russell Road Improvement Project nearby that will connect to the hospital and will improve the mobility of the people in the Central Heights, Little Acres and Midland City areas. Supervisor Dawson inquired how the County purchased the land as she did not recall this coming to the Board. Mr. Sanders stated that the County was approached by the owner who was asking \$1,500 for the land. It was also appraised by a local appraiser, who stated in a letter to the County that it was her professional opinion that the property was worth \$2,000, so the County moved forward and purchased the property. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez, Mr. Sanders advised that the funds used to purchase the property came from the Highway User Revenue Funds or the half cent sales tax for transportation projects. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 6500.341.526/1018-2007 with C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$29,951.

Item 5 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Second Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool which extends the term of the Agreement until July 1, 2018, as outlined in paragraph 6.1 of the Agreement.**
- B. Authorization for the Chairman to sign a FY 2008 Per Capita Grant for Local Health Work Signature Page in order for the Health Department to receive \$10,200 in grant funds from Arizona Department of Health Services.**
- C. Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Gila County and Christopher-Kohl's Fire Bells Auxiliary (CKFBA), whereby Gila County will provide up to \$50,000 in matching funds to CKFBA to assist in funding CKFBA's Fuel Reduction Program within their United States Forest Service (USFS) approved fire-fuel breaks located within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area that surrounds Christopher Kohl's Fire District and with the understanding that reports will be provided to the Board to establish expenditures and/or encumbrances relating to this said maintenance of USFS approved fire-fuel breaks within the WUI occurring on or before June 30, 2008.**
- D. Approval to adopt Resolution 07-12-01 approving the precinct consolidation and mail ballot precinct plan for the February 5, 2008, Presidential Preference Election.**
- E. Approval to reappoint Renee Zeising to the Gila County Planning and Zoning Commission through December 31, 2011.**
- F. Approval of the November 13, 2007, November 20, 2007, and November 27, 2007, BOS meeting minutes.**
- G. Approval of the October 2007 monthly department activity report Submitted by the Clerk of the Superior Court and the November 2007 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe Regional Constable and Payson Regional Constable.**
- H. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of December 11, 2007.**

Departure from County Service:

- 1. Treasurer Services Specialist – Treasurer – 11-28-07 – General Fund – Denise M. Lopez – 08-06-07 – Resignation

Hire to County Service:

2. Recorder Clerk – Recorder – 11-28-07 – General Fund – Tambra Armenta – Replacing Yvonne Johnson
3. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation – 12-17-07 – Adult Intensive Probation Supervision Fund – Traci Borquez – Replacing Yvette Olvera
4. Deputy Probation Officer I – Probation – 12-10-07 – Adult Probation Services Fee Fund – Jacob Delecki – Replacing Jessica Padilla
5. Administrative Clerk – Elections – 12-17-07 – General Fund – Eric A. Mariscal – Replacing Margie Velasquez
6. Career and Employment Specialist – Health and Community Services – 12-12-07 – WIA Fund – Leo Thomas – Replacing Jack Grogg
7. Building Maintenance Technician – Public Works/Facilities Management – 12-17-07 – Facilities Management Fund – Mark A. Warden – Replacing Billy Stevens

Temporary Hire to County Service:

8. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation – 12-02-07 – General Fund – Yvette Olvera

End Probationary Period:

9. Building Maintenance Technician – Public Works Sheriff’s Facilities – 12-10-07 – Facilities Management Fund – Phillip Beckstead
10. Legal Secretary – County Attorney – 11-26-07 – General Fund – Nicole Harter
11. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation – 12-10-07 – General Fund/State Aid Enhancement Fund – Cynthia Maaske

Position Review:

12. Salary Adjustment – Interim Administrative Services Manager – Administrative Services – 12-07-07 – General Fund – JoNelle Greenwalt
13. Change position control number – Clerk Senior – Recorder – 11-28-07 – General Fund – Yvonne M. Johnson

Request Permission to Post:

14. Automotive Services Worker – Public Works/Consolidated Roads –
15. Environmental Health Specialist Senior – Health and Community Services – Position vacated by Pat Zurick
16. Animal Care Worker – Rabies Control Department – Position vacated by Charlie Riddle

I. Approval of finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of December 11, 2007. (separate handout)

\$933,136.47 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 204130 through 204131 and 204278 through 204451. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Action item numbers 5A-5I.

At this time the Board moved to Item 7 as Item 6 was not scheduled until 10:40 a.m.

Item 7 - 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 began presenting information on current events. At 10:45 a.m. Chairman stopped the discussion in order to address Agenda Item 6.

Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to seek legal advice from Eric Walberg, Gila County's attorney for the former maintenance yard in Star Valley/Chaparral Pines. Requested that the Board of Supervisors go into Executive Session per A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3)(4).

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board convened into Executive Session at 10:46 a.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 11:08 a.m.

Chairman Sanchez advised that no action would be taken by the Board on agenda item 6 and he returned to agenda item 7 for continued comments from the Board and Mr. Besich on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk