

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

Date: January 23, 2008

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Member

Pleasant Valley  
Community Center  
Young, Arizona

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PRESENT: Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Jefferson Dalton, Deputy Attorney Principal.

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

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:12 a.m. this date. Supervisor Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jeff Dalton delivered the Invocation.

Vice-Chairman Martin chaired today’s meeting as Chairman Sanchez was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Martin introduced County employees who were present at the meeting and Steve Cullen, Executive Dean of the Gila Community College. Supervisor Dawson made some introductory comments as Young is located within her Supervisorial District. Chairman Martin asked for a motion to convene as the Gila County Library District Board in order to address the items listed on the agenda. Supervisor Dawson made the motion to convene as the Gila County Library District Board, which was seconded by Chairman Martin and approved.

**Item 2 - Presentation of information relating to Internet connectivity issues at the Young Library.**

Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian, presented this agenda item. She provided an overview regarding the current status of the Internet connectivity issue at the Young Library. This is the same presentation that was given to the Board of Supervisors on January 15, 2008. A detailed explanation of the Internet connectivity issue is provided in the minutes of January 15, 2008. In summary, Ms. Griffin advised that Gila County’s

Integrated Library System (ILS), which is used to connect all 8 libraries in Gila County with the Gila County Library District, is based on using the Internet. Due to the Young Library's rural location, Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. is the only provider of Internet service at this time, so there most likely will be continued daily interruptions with Internet connectivity at the Young Library until Midvale can provide better Internet service or another provider is available to provide Internet service in the Young area. Ms. Griffin pointed out that Internet service at the Young Library is just one of the many services that are provided. She stated, "There are other ways for the functionality of checking books in and out. Even though the Internet has been intermittent, the functionality of the Library has been very consistent." She advised that during times when Internet connectivity is lost, books can be checked in and out "off line" and the data could later be entered into the ILS when connectivity is reestablished. She addressed the Pleasant Valley Community Library Board's decision to close the Young Library for 3 days, approximately two weeks prior to today's meeting. Ms. Griffin advised at that time a notice was posted on the Library door, which reads as follows: "Notice to the Residents of Young – Due to continuing connection problems with the current computer systems and the failure of the Gila County Library District to remedy the situation, the Library is unable to operate under these conditions and will close on Thursday, January 10, and will remain closed until the systems are repaired. Should you be inconvenienced by this closure you may contact the Gila County Library District at the following: 1-800-304-4452 ext. 8770, ext. 8769, ext. 8768. Pleasant Valley Community Library Board." She further advised that the ILS is on a Virtual Private Network (VPN), which is a different and more secure network than those individuals that use the Internet on their home computers. The Internet connection used by residents is on an unsecured network. Supervisor Dawson stated, "How we solve this problem is really a community decision. We will have a library in Young. Certainly the County Library System is trying to see that you have that." She then asked members of the Pleasant Valley Community Library Board to stand and be recognized. Board members are: Janie Roberts, President; Reta Cruse, Vice-President; Diana Jansen, Secretary; and, Pat Meredith, Treasurer.

### **Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action regarding the provision of library services in Young, Arizona.**

Chairman Martin advised the audience that public participation forms must be filled out and presented to the Chief Deputy Clerk in order to publicly address the Board. Listed below are the comments made by those that publicly addressed the Board, as follows: 1) Terry Putnam – He suggested purchasing a local server that could be used at the Library during the day while automatically connecting to the ILS at night to download that day's data. 2) Diana Jansen – She questioned the reason that HughesNet is not an option. 3) Curtis Cortez - He stated that VPN is not provided by HughesNet for personal Internet packages; however, he believes that VPN is provided by HughesNet. 4)

Bruce Kaeding – He questioned the reason this issue could not be resolved without having today’s meeting and he believes that the issue should be reconciled between the Library District Board and the Pleasant Valley Community Library Board. 5) Audrey Morris – She believes that the citizens of Young need their own library and she does not believe that the school in Young would be a good choice to provide library services as there would be a security issue with the school. Ms. Morris also believes that the Library would function well the “old way”, which was the time that Internet was not provided at the Young Library. 6) Irv Wilson – He expressed his appreciation for the Board and Ms. Griffin coming to Young today for this meeting and he agrees with Mr. Putnam’s recommendation – to work offline and download the Library’s information at night to the ILS. 7) Gary Muench – He doesn’t understand the reason that Midvale was chosen to provide Internet service if it was known upfront that the Library would be encountering these types of problems. 8) Richard Heath – He advised that there are home school families that utilize the Library and he questioned whether Internet connectivity is the only problem. He agreed with Ms. Morris that the Library is needed in Young and he suggested no longer using the Internet at the Library until the issue has been resolved, but continue to use all of the other services. 9) Janie Roberts – She stated that the Pleasant Valley Community Library Board should have called the Gila County Library District Board every time the Internet went down and after the meeting she presented the Board with a written log entitled “Young Public Library Computer Connectivity History.” 10) Darryl Stubs – He advised that he lives in Tonto Basin and Internet connectivity issues are the same there. 11) Steve Cullen – He advised that the Gila Community College also experiences Internet connectivity issues with the courses it offers to the Young Public School. At the conclusion of the public comments Chairman Martin advised that the County was not going to go back a step or two and not provide Internet service. She advised of the many databases available through the Internet which are a valuable resource to everyone. She stated, “We’re here to see to it that we don’t shut the Library.” Supervisor Dawson stated, “The reason we are here is because we don’t want the Library closed. We want your input. I don’t expect a call every time the computer is down. We don’t give \$59,000 to this Library to have it closed any time it is supposed to be open. If there is a problem, before you post a notice and close it and if you can’t work with Jacque Griffin, then let us know to solve the problem.” She then added that a contract for library services exists between the Gila County Library District and the Young Public Library, so if the Library does close in the future the Board would have to take an action regarding that closure. Supervisor Dawson, Ms. Griffin and Chairman Martin thanked everyone that attended today’s meeting. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Martin, the Board reconvened as the Board of Supervisors. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Chairman Martin, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Tommie Martin, Acting Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk