

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

Date: June 3, 2008

JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ
Chairman

STEVEN L. BESICH
Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard
Chief Deputy Clerk

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
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, June Ava Floresque and Jeff Dalton, Deputy County Attorneys.

Prior to today's meeting, Mr. Fred Danforth, past president of the Miami Boomtown Spree, publicly thanked each Board member for their support of the Miami Boomtown Spree and he then presented each Supervisor with a commemorative t-shirt.

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 Reverend Dan Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Order calling for a Special Election to be held on November 4, 2008, for the purpose of filling two vacancies on the Christopher-Kohl's Fire District Governing Board of Directors; designating the period for receipt of candidate nomination petitions; designating the voter registration deadline; and, inviting nomination petitions.

Chairman Sanchez advised that John Nelson, Deputy County Manager, would present this item from the Town of Star Valley's conference room via video conference. Mr. Nelson advised that on May 1, 2008, two Christopher-Kohl's Fire District Board members resigned their positions on said Board. He then explained A.R.S. § 48-803 (B), which states, "...If the entire board resigns or for any reason cannot fulfill its duties, the board of supervisors shall appoint an administrator to administer the district with the same duties and obligations of the elected board. If the board of supervisors fails to appoint an administrator within thirty days, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancies on the

fire district board.” Mr. Nelson advised that a community meeting was held on May 12th with 40-50 citizens attending the meeting. There was no citizen opposition to Mr. Nelson’s recommendation to delay the appointment of the administrator for 30 days, and since the 30 days has passed, he is requesting the Board’s adoption of the Order for the purposes as stated above. The special election will take place on November 4, 2008. The filing period for the receipt of candidate nomination petitions shall be from July 7 to August 6, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. The voter registration deadline shall be October 6, 2008. Chairman Sanchez asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment on this agenda item and there was no response. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted the Order. **(A copy of the Order is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

Item 3 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve the appointment of James Oliver as Interim Administrator of the Christopher-Kohl’s Fire District.

Mr. Nelson advised that the appointment of an Interim Administrator was also discussed at the May 12th community meeting. Mr. Nelson felt it was important for the community to be involved in the selection process as he would not substitute his judgment against the community’s judgment. During the meeting, a petition process was offered for a period of two weeks with no objection from anyone in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Nelson also advised that people could vote by sending emails to the Christopher-Kohl’s Homeowner’s Association web address. Mr. Nelson emphasized that he believes that the community of Christopher-Kohl’s is fractured and he stressed the importance of listening to all citizens, either by accepting any emails that were submitted as well as the petitions. There were a total of two petitions submitted with the following results: One petition containing 380 signatures in support of James Oliver and one petition containing 74 signatures in support of Chuck Jacobs. The petitions were reviewed by Mr. Nelson; however, he advised that the signatures were not compared to Recorder’s Office registration signature records. Eight emails representing 12 people were submitted in support of James Oliver and 14 emails representing 21 people were submitted in support of Chuck Jacobs. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Nelson for his efforts on this endeavor and he urged all members of the Christopher-Kohl’s community to work together because of potential fires that could occur during this time of year. Mr. Nelson spoke highly of Mr. Oliver’s qualifications and he publicly thanked Mr. Oliver for agreeing to serve as the Interim Administrator. Mr. Oliver briefly addressed the Board and Vice-Chairman Martin reinforced Chairman Sanchez’s concern that everyone work together as the subject area has the highest danger for seasonal forest fires. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously appointed James Oliver as the Interim Administrator of the Christopher-Kohl’s Fire District.

Item 4 – Public Hearing - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the submission of an Application for FY 2008 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$136,646.59 that will be used for a proposed CDBG housing rehabilitation project and authorization of all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in the Application.

Malissa Buzan, Housing Program Coordinator, advised that two public hearings were held, one in Globe and one in Payson, to obtain citizen comments. At present Ms. Buzan has a list of 78 people requesting housing rehabilitation services. She advised that this money is critical to Gila County's program because this year approximately \$750,000 of Arizona Department of Housing grant funds is not being offered due to the State's budget deficit. Chairman Sanchez opened the public hearing and no response was offered; therefore, he closed the public hearing. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the submission of an Application for FY 2008 State CDBG funds in the amount of \$136,646.59

Item 5 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve the purchase of Constellation Digital Microwave Radio equipment to interface in the Department of Public Safety Microwave Network, allowing Gila County to have access into the State Interoperability Program, whereby said equipment will be purchased from Harris Stratex Networks through the Western States Contracting Alliance in the amount of \$116,795.00 and to be reimbursed with 2006 Homeland Security Grant funds.

Adam Shepherd, Undersheriff, requested the approval of this agenda item. He advised that in the past, funds received were used to purchase land-based communications equipment; however, this acquisition begins the first phase implementation of a short-haul microwave system. He also advised that future purchasing requests will take place during subsequent Homeland Security grant cycles to complete the project, such as antennas, wave guides, multi-plex tower structures, etc. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of Constellation Digital Microwave Radio equipment.

Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 08-06-01 approving the extinguishment of a portion of a roadway easement in the Punkin Center area, as shown in Book 60 Real Estate Deeds, Page 58, Gila County Records, also shown on Record of Survey Map No. 58 and Record of Survey Map No. 3564, Gila County Records, Gila County, Arizona.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, advised that there are pending property sales in the subject area which cannot be finalized until this portion of a roadway easement is extinguished. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin,

seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-06-01. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 08-06-02 declaring a state of emergency in Gila County due to repetitive flood events along the Tonto Creek and Pinto Creek watersheds, Dripping Springs Wash and Pinal Creek.

Matthew Bolinger, Emergency Management and Public Health Preparedness Director, stated that this Resolution is in support of a letter sent by the Board of Supervisors to the Governor's Office on March 14, 2008. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Bolinger for his efforts and he stated that this is a continuation of efforts dating back to 2003 to mitigate flooding issues in the subject areas. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-06-02. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Item 8 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Authorization to re-advertise Request for Sealed Bids No. 120307-2 to provide pavement marking on various roads in Gila County as the original bids were rejected to make changes to reflect new linear foot totals and designated roads.**
- B. Approval of a renewal of Funding Agreement No. 550-08 between Gila County Community Services, Community Action Program for Housing Trust Fund Monies, and the Arizona Department of Housing in the amount of \$90,095 to provide eviction prevention/emergency housing assistance to eligible applicants in Gila County to remain in effect until June 30, 2009.**
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. RSA-E5313521 between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services, Gila County Employment and Special Training (GEST) Program, and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to extend the Contract from July 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008, in order to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Gila County clients.**
- D. Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. RSA-E5345511 between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services, GEST Program, and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to extend the Contract from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, in order to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Gila County clients.**
- E. Approval of the Chairman's signature on the State of Arizona Surplus Property Authorization and Update for Eligibility Recertification &**

Records Update form for Gila County authorized signers to purchase State surplus property for Gila County.

F. Approval of the April 2008 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace and the Recorder's Office.

G. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of June 3, 2008.

Departure from County Service:

1. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation – 05-22-08 – Adult Probation Service Fees Fund – Monique Hernandez – DOH 03-03-08 – Resigned
2. Clerk – Emergency Management – 05-30-08 – General Fund – Brandy Uhl – DOH 08-31-07 – Temporary position

Hire to County Service:

3. Building Maintenance Technician – Public Works/Facilities Management – 06-09-08 – Facilities Management Fund – William McDaniel – Replaces Phillip Beckstead

Temporary Hire to County Service:

4. Clerk – Payson Justice Court – 05-20-08 – General Fund – Nicole Goebel
5. Surveyor Assistant – Public Works/Engineering – 06-02-08 – Public Works Fund – Alfred “Denton” Cline

Departmental Transfers:

6. From Administrative Clerk – To Public Fiduciary Services Specialist – Public Fiduciary – 06-01-08 – General Fund – Loretta Rende

End Probationary Period:

7. Teen Court Secretary – Probation – 06-09-08 – Diversion Consequences Fund – Rachele Baird
8. Administrative Clerk Senior – Probation – 06-23-08 – Adult Intensive Probation Supervision Fund – Traci Borquez
9. Deputy Probation Officer 1 – Probation – 06-23-08 – Adult Probation Service Fees Fund – Jacob Delecki

Request Permission to Post:

10. Community Services Worker – Health and Community Services – Position vacated by Rick Croy

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service

11. Detention Officer – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 06-05-08 – General Fund – Caroline Turner – DOH 05-01-06 - Resigned

Hire to County Service:

12. 911 Dispatcher – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 06-09-08 – General Fund – Crissy J. Nozie – Replaces Brenda Cornell

H. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of June 3, 2008. (separate handout)

\$1,912,103.69 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 208802 through 209006. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 8A-8G.

Item 9 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-31.02(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 11:03 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk