

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

Date: June 10, 2008

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Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Supervisor Dawson requested a moment of silence in memory of Arizona Senator Jake Flake, a good friend to Gila County.

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. Jacque Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Captain Gary Smith of the Salvation Army delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Presentation of the University of Arizona's Gila County Cooperative Extension Annual Report and 2008-2009 fiscal year budget request to be considered for approval during Gila County's regular budget process.

Jim Sprinkle, Ph.D., Area Extension Agent, Animal Science and Gila County Cooperative Extension Director, presented the Board with a copy of the Annual Report. He stated that because of the current budget crisis for the State and County, he was only requesting flat funding of \$60,000 to help support the operations for cooperative extension programming in the County for the upcoming 2008-2009 fiscal year. Each Board member expressed their thanks to Dr. Sprinkle for his extension programs, including the 4-H program and range management program. Chairman Sanchez stated that his budget request would be taken into consideration. Dr. Sprinkle thanked the Board.

Item 3 – Information/Discussion/Action to submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting to withdraw without prejudice Gila

County's permit application, which relates to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, acknowledged that this agenda item, which is in regard to a Section 404 permit application to rebuild 10 dikes within Gila County, was of concern to some residents. Last week Mr. Stratton had a conference call with Ron Fowler, Senior Project Manager of the Arizona Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the County's consultant, Jim Tress of WestLand Resources. Gila County's application has been on Mr. Fowler's desk for 470 days and is causing Mr. Fowler a lot of problems. Mr. Fowler can withdraw the County's application and send it back without the County's permission. Mr. Stratton explained that the application process has been slow, at no fault of the County, because after the initial application was submitted the Corps requested that the County obtain signatures from each property owner that could be affected by this permitting process. The County has been attempting to secure these signatures for the past year, but has been unsuccessful in securing the signatures of all the parties involved on 9 of the 10 projects. The only project with all the signatures received is the Byrne's berm project, but that project could not be processed because the County was lacking the signatures on the others. In order to clarify some of the questions of the public, Mr. Stratton read a draft letter to Mr. Fowler requesting to withdraw, without prejudice, Gila County's permit application. Mr. Stratton stated that he did not want the residents to think the County was abandoning these projects; the County is simply taking another route. Chairman Sanchez stated that based on past discussions, it was decided that the best course of action would be to withdraw this permit application for all 10 projects, without prejudice, thereby reserving the right to re-file individual applications for each project. Mr. Stratton stated that a third letter has been mailed to each individual who has not signed requesting that they do so or if they do not wish to sign to advise the County of same so the County can make other arrangements. Upon inquiry by Supervisor Dawson about the Wildcat and Roosevelt Resort projects not being signed, Mr. Stratton advised that Gary Smith, Roosevelt District Ranger, has not signed and stated in a letter to the County that there are certain conditions that must be complied with in regard to the Forest Service, with which the County does not have a problem. The Payson Forest Ranger has also not signed for the same reasons. Supervisor Dawson stated that most of the residents attending today's meeting are from Tonto Basin and inquired what sections in Tonto Basin are requiring signatures. Mr. Stratton stated that those areas are Punkin Center and Punkin Reno and he provided the names of the people who have yet to provide a signature. Mr. Stratton advised that those present could assist the County in getting these signatures if they so desired and anyone could pick up the form letter from his office, which would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Stratton advised that the County's consultant and the County's Road Foreman also reviewed a particular site by the Deer Farm and he is hopeful that the situation can be taken care of through a nationwide permit as suggested by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Stratton reiterated that the County

would reapply for 10 individual permits for the 10 different projects as Vice-Chairman Martin was concerned about one of the projects “falling through the cracks.” At this time, Chairman Sanchez read aloud the written comments received on Public Participation forms, which were all opposed. The comments read were from residents of Tonto Basin, namely: Ronald Fogle, Cheryl Fogle, Ramond Strode, Keith Godbold and Barbara Godbold. Chairman Sanchez then called on Michael Pastor, a resident of Globe, who stated that he had met with some of the residents of Tonto Basin yesterday and they were concerned and were in attendance at the meeting because they thought the County was abandoning these projects. He believes that after Mr. Stratton’s explanation it is much clearer what the County is proposing. He stated that the residents’ main concern is that there is a safe crossing at all times across Tonto Creek. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if the Board needed to include in its motion that the County is withdrawing this application and it will be re-filing applications for each separate project. Mr. Stratton replied that by including that statement in the motion it would give him clear direction. Once the permitting process is complete, Mr. Stratton advised that the next hurdle will be to secure financing for the projects. It is estimated that the cost will be \$8-\$12 million to build these 10 dikes as they cannot be made of sand as in the past and must be engineered, armored and meet certain criteria. Vice-Chairman Martin made the motion to submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting to withdraw, without prejudice, Gila County’s permit application, which relates to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and reapply for individual permits for each project as signatures are received. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dawson and unanimously passed.

Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action for the purpose of determining the ballot position of the names of candidates for the office of Democrat precinct committeeman within the Payson No. 7 voting precinct, whereby the Board of Supervisors shall conduct the drawing of names by lot pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-464 (B).

Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, stated that during the filing of nomination petitions, the County receives numerous petitions from candidates for precinct committeeman to represent their precinct within their designated party. With the Payson No. 7 voting precinct, 3 nomination petitions were received; however, there are only 2 positions available. By statute, the Board of Supervisors is required, in a public meeting, to draw the names by lot to determine the ballot position. Chairman Sanchez designated Marian Sheppard to draw the names printed on slips of paper from the cap. The first name drawn was Calvin Sapp; the second name drawn was Deanna Hershberger; and, the third name drawn was Robert Hershberger, which is the order they will be listed on the ballot. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the ballot position of the names of candidates for the office of Democrat precinct committeeman within the Payson No. 7 voting precinct to be listed in the following order according to a public drawing of the three candidates, namely: Calvin Sapp as

number 1, Deanna Hershberger as number 2 and Robert Hershberger as number 3.

Item 5 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Ratification of the approval for the University of Arizona, Gila County Cooperative Extension, to use the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on June 7, 2008, for a 4-H Demonstration Day/Public Speaking with a waiver of fees.**
- B. Approval for the University of Arizona, Gila County Cooperative Extension, to use the Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena on June 28, 2008, for a 4-H Horse Show with a waiver of fees.**
- C. Approval of a Fireworks Display Application submitted by Jim Grider on behalf of Freeport MacMoRan Miami Operations to provide a fireworks display at Freeport's mine site on July 4, 2008.**
- D. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG861446) between the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services in the amount of \$14,000 to continue providing the Community Nutrition Program in Gila County for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013.**
- E. Approval of the May 2008 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.**
- F. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of June 10, 2008.**

Departure from County Service:

- 1. Fiduciary Service Specialist – Public Fiduciary – 05-30-08 – General Fund – Loretta Puzzi – DOH 11-17-99 – Retired
- 2. Administrative Clerk Senior – Health and Community Services – 04-25-08 – Health Service Fund – Tammy Renfro – DOH 12-10-07 – Failure to complete probationary period
- 3. Teen Court Secretary – Probation – 05-30-08 – Juvenile Diversion Fees Fund – Jessica Thorsted – DOH 06-11-07 - Resigned

Hire to County Service:

- 4. Teen Court Secretary – Probation – 06-02-08 – Juvenile Diversion Fees Fund – Brenda Cova – Replacing Jessica Thorsted

Temporary Hire to County Service:

- 5. Nutritionist – Health and Community Services – 05-27-08 – WIC Fund – Lindsey Wood

Departmental Transfers:

- 6. From Personnel Assistant – Personnel – To Secretary – Board of Supervisors – 06-09-08 – From General Fund – To Constituent III Fund – Cole Weaver

7. From Custodian Lead – To Administrative Clerk Senior – Public Works/Facilities Management – 06-23-08 – Facilities Management Fund – Rhonda Wood

End Probationary Period:

8. Payroll Specialist – Finance – 06-09-08 – General Fund – Amber Llewellyn

Position Review:

9. Change Status to Non-Exempt – Risk Management Analyst - Emergency Services/Health – 06-09-08 – General Fund 70%/Bio-Terrorism Fund 30% - Debra Williams

Request Permission to Post:

10. Custodian Lead – Public Works/Facilities Management – Vacated by Rhonda Wood

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Hire to County Service:

11. Detention Officer – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 06-23-08 – General Fund – Jeremiah S. Compton – Replacing Douglas Young
12. Detention Officer – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 06-09-08 – General Fund – Caleb J. Hale – Replacing David Bryant

Position Review:

13. Withdraw Letter of Resignation – Detention Officer – Sheriff's Office/Globe – 05-29-08 – General Fund – Caroline Turner
14. Reserve Position Control Number 9069 – Detention Lieutenant – Sheriff's Office – 06-23-08 – Employee Unknown
15. Reserve Position Control Number 9068 – Detention Lieutenant – Sheriff's Office – 06-23-08 – Employee Unknown

G. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of June 10, 2008. (separate handout)

\$715,555.25 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 209007 through 209162. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 5A-5G.

Item 6 - 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 presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors,
Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk