

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

Date: July 8, 2008

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Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); 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 Pastor Chris Martin delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Presentation by Don Engler, Chief of the Payson Police Department, on the joint police academy to be offered in the future at Gila Community College.

Note for the record: Prior to the meeting a written proposal from the Payson Police Department was provided to the Board regarding this item. Don Engler, Chief of the Payson Police Department, presented information on this agenda item. He participated in the meeting from Vice-Chairman Martin's office in Payson via video conference. Chief Engler thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to make this presentation, which involves the creation of a police law enforcement training academy. The goal of this program is to produce certified law enforcement officers for each entity throughout the County by a joint endeavor of the entities. It would reduce the costs and benefit all entities financially by each entity contributing instructors, time and equipment toward the program. The program would also allow for all entities to cooperatively come up with the number of cadets required to make it feasible and economical for training, as that has been the greatest concern. Many program planning meetings have taken place over the past 8 months and now it is believed that the program can move forward. The program would last for 10 months. Cadets would maintain their current employment while attending the training academy 2 nights per week and all day Saturday. The benefit

would be a pool of trained cadets for hiring purposes by each entity without having to wait for the cadets to be trained. The initial goal was to offer the program in September 2008; however, because there aren't enough available cadets for the program the tentative date has been moved to January 2009. Chief Engler stated that the purpose for this presentation was to provide the Board with the initial information and to answer any questions. He stated that when the total costs and the financial contributions being offered by all of the other entities are known, the Board may later be approached with a request for financial assistance. Upon inquiry by Chairman Sanchez, Chief Engler stated that those interested in enrolling in the program are being asked to contact the entity they wish to work for and go through that entity's hiring process including testing and background check. The program is being publicly promoted through the Gila Community College, newspapers, Payson Police Department and the Gila County Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Dawson inquired if the San Carlos Police Department was contacted, and Lt. Johnson replied that the San Carlos and Hayden-Winkelman-Kearny Police Departments were contacted and have expressed an interest in being involved. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, inquired about the cost of the program. Chief Engler stated that the Payson Police Department conducted an independent program several years ago and the cost was \$145,000, which included all personnel costs and overtime pay for the instructors and an academy director. He believes this proposed program could be run at a lesser cost because any entities that participate in the program would be contributing funds and a greater number of officers would be utilized to teach the program and they would be paid regular time pay rather than overtime pay. Each Board member expressed their appreciation for all of the work that has gone into this program and it was agreed that this would be a good program for Gila County. Chief Engler thanked the Board for the support and for allowing this proposal to be examined further. Michael Pastor, a member of the Gila Community College Board, advised that the College Board has been discussing this program for the last couple of years and like the nursing program, the Board acknowledges that initially this program will be expensive so an effort is being made to obtain grant funds. Mr. Pastor reiterated that Mr. Engler was only presenting information today and not making a formal request for funding and he added that future discussions will take place on this issue.

Item 3 – Pursuant to A.R.S. §48-262(A)(4), review and provide comment on the Impact Statement submitted by the Hellsgate Fire District for the annexation of several properties within the Bear Flats Subdivision.

Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, stated that some time ago the Diamond Star Fire District (DSFD) and the Tonto Village Fire District (TVFD) merged to form the Hellsgate Fire District (HFD). Prior to that merge a portion of the Bear Flats Subdivision (BFS) was annexed into the TVFD. Arthur Pearce owns property in the BFS and his properties among others were not part of the original annexation. Mr. Pearce's proposal and request is that the HFD annex the remaining BFS properties into the HFD. Ms. Mundy explained the process

with regard to the Impact Statement. Once an Impact Statement is provided to the HFD Board, a copy of the Impact Statement must also be provided to the Gila County Board of Supervisors. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors will then order a review of same and any written comments the Board chooses to provide to the HFD should be forwarded to the HFD Board before its public hearing to be held on July 16, 2008, at which time the comments will be read into the HFD meeting minutes. Ms. Mundy reviewed all of the required documents, per Arizona Revised Statute 48-262, that must be included with the Impact Statement, copies of which were included in the Board packet. She stated that Mr. Pearce indicated in his information that he does not foresee a change in the tax rate for those residents that are already in the Hellsgate Fire District. Each Board member briefly commented and offered their support of the annexation. The Board discussed the possibility of having the Public Works Division locate alternate routes in and out of the proposed area so there is more than one road. Chairman Sanchez stated that he has received no letters of opposition to this proposal and that if there was no objection from the Board he would direct Mr. Besich to draft a letter of support from the Board to the HFD, to which the Board agreed.

Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Affiliation Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University and its College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation and the Gila County Health Department to provide coordinated, educational/clinical, research and public service programs for the education and training of students, interns, externs, fellows, residents and others enrolled in the University’s nursing program for the period July 1, 2008, through July 1, 2010.

Jendean Sartain, Deputy Director of the Health and Community Services Division, stated that approval of this Affiliation Agreement with Arizona State University (ASU) would allow ASU’s nursing students to come to the County’s clinics to do their public health/community health nursing rotation. This will benefit the community in that the students will have a real perspective about public health and learn how public health impacts their own communities. It will also be a benefit to the students as they will not have to travel so far. Ms. Sartain is hopeful that some of the students will be inspired to become a public health nurse in a rural community. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez, Ms. Sartain explained that the County does not have an agreement of this type with any of the other universities; however, Gila Community College also sends its nursing students to the County for nursing rotation. The term of this Agreement will be the two-year period commencing July 1, 2008, and ending July 1, 2010, and it will renew automatically for successive two-year terms unless within one semester prior to the renewal date either party notifies the other in writing that renewal shall not occur. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Affiliation Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University and its College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation.

Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to award Request for Sealed Bids No. 020108-1 for the Old State Route 188 Reconstruction Project.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that this is a project in which Freeport-McMoRan Miami Operations is partnering with Gila County on a 50/50 basis. The project is located on Old State Route 188 and there is a drainage problem that is affecting a water treatment plant at that location. The County completed an engineering design and put the project out for bid. Mr. Stratton focused on the fact that 8 bids were submitted for this project whereas a year ago he was scrambling to get 1 bid. Mr. Stratton advised that a year ago some of these bidders would not have looked at a project under \$1 million, so this is a sign of the times in the Phoenix economy. Mr. Stratton stated that he has checked out the low bidder and recommended that Rummel Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract in the amount of \$270,860, which is 35% under the engineer's estimate. He stated that the County is currently in a unique position because quite a bit of money has been saved over the past few years so his Division is putting all possible projects out for bid right now. Even though material costs are up significantly and there is a projection that asphalt oil will be \$800/ton in August, Mr. Stratton believes these companies are trying to keep their salaried people busy so they don't lose them and are bidding jobs with a lower profit margin. If the Board awards the contract to Rummel Construction they will be notified today and the project will begin within 30 days. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously awarded the contract for Request for Sealed Bids No. 020108-1 to Rummel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$270,860.

Item 6 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval for the Chairman's signature on an Independent Contractor Agreement between Arizona Community Action Association and the Gila County Community Action Program (CAP) in the amount of \$8,471 for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to continue providing CAP services.**
- B. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on a Bank of America 36-month Municipal Lease Agreement at \$211.82/mo. (\$2,541.84 annual); Digital Imaging System Sales Order; and, Digital Imaging System 36-month Maintenance Agreement at \$0.011 per black/white copy and \$.08 per color copy for one Panasonic DP-3030 copy machine and DA-FS300 fax machine that will be used by the Board of Supervisors Office in Globe.**
- C. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on a Bank of America 36-month Municipal Lease Agreement at \$142.35/mo. (\$1,708.20 annual); Digital Imaging System Sales Order; and, Digital Imaging System 36-month Maintenance Agreement at \$0.011 per black/white copy and**

\$.08 per color copy for one Panasonic DP-2330 copy machine that will be used at the Gila County Detention Center in Globe.

- D. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. DE081297001) between the Gila County Health and Community Services Division and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide WIA Title I Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker and Rapid Response services in the amount of \$1,461,242 for the period April 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011.**
- E. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HP561263-009) to extend the term of the Contract to June 30, 2009, in order to continue providing services under the Health Start Program.**
- F. Approval to appoint Kathie G. Mickley, Linda L. O'Dell, Bruce O. Wales, Brian James Tollefson and Gregory D. Friestad as precinct committeemen to the Gila County Republican Committee.**
- G. Approval of the May 2008 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Clerk of the Superior Court and Recorder; and, June 2008 monthly departmental activity report and 2007-08 fiscal year report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.**
- H. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of July 8, 2008.**

Departure from County Service:

1. Deputy Attorney – County Attorney – 07-11-08 – General Fund – Michael Dynes – DOH 03-27-06 – Resigned for other employment
2. Administrative Clerk – Health and Community Services – 08-28-08 – 75% TB Fund – 25% Immunization Fund – Karin Gilbert – DOH 06-02-97 – Retirement
3. Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic – Public Works/Auto Equipment Maintenance – 07-03-08 – Public Works Fund – Rodney Courtney – DOH 01-14-08 – Resigned
4. Clerk – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Flor Renova – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
5. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Christopher Young – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
6. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Manny Noriega – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
7. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Jeffrey Galvan – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position

8. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Cameron Roland – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
9. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Christopher Marin – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
10. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Gregg Marin – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
11. Laborer – Constituent Services II – 07-03-08 – Summer Youth Development Fund – Richard Brown – DOH 06-11-08 – Temporary position
12. Legal Secretary – County Attorney – 07-23-08 – General Fund – Jonette Curl – DOH 04-16-07 – Leaving area

Hire to County Service:

13. Deputy Attorney – County Attorney – 07-07-08 – General Fund – Wendy L. McHood – Replaces Michael Dynes
14. Automotive Mechanic – Public Works/Auto Equipment Maintenance – 07-21-08 – Public Works Fund – Clifton “Charles” Mitchell – Replaces Jaja Jaimah
15. Automotive Service Worker – Public Works/Auto Equipment Maintenance – 07-07-08 – Public Works Fund – Daniel Nyberg – Replaces Justin McNeil

Temporary Hire to County Service:

16. Scalehouse Operator – Recycle and Landfill Management – 07-07-08 – Solid Waste Fund – Christopher Young

Departmental Transfers:

17. Administrative Clerk Senior – To Community Health Assistant – Health and Community Services – 07-07-08 – 94% WIC Fund – 6% Commodity Supplement Food Program Fund – Charlene Becker – Replaces Tammy Heier

Position Review:

18. Change FLSA exemption status – Roads/Shops Manager – Public Works Consolidated Roads – 07-07-08 – Public Works Fund – Alfred “Brent” Cline
19. Change FLSA exemption status – Executive Administrative Assistant – Public Works Administration – 07-07-08 – Public Works Fund – Shannon Boyer
20. Change FLSA exemption status – GIS Systems Analyst Senior – Public Works – 07-07-08 – 50% Engineering Fund – 50% Surveying Fund – Thomas Homan
21. Salary Adjustment – Community Health Assistant – Health and Community Services – 07-01-08 – WIC Fund – Janel Ortega – Increase due to increase in medical insurance

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

End Probationary Period:

22. Administrative Clerk – Sheriff’s Office/Globe – 07-07-08 – General Fund – Esther Klinger

Position Review:

23. Reclassification – Deputy Recruit to Deputy Sheriff– Sheriff’s Office/Globe – 06-27-08 – General Fund – Richard Corso – Successfully completed training at ALEA

Departmental Transfer:

24. Detention Officer Sgt. to Detention Officer Lt. – Sheriff’s Office/Globe – 06-30-08 – General Fund – Justin Solberg – Filling Position Control Number 9068

25. Detention Officer Sgt. to Detention Officer Lt. – Sheriff’s Office/Payson – 06-30-08 – General Fund – William Carlson – Filling Position Control Number 9069

I. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of July 8, 2008. (separate handout)

\$221,949.41 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 209712 through 209783. **(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 6A-6I.

Item 7 - 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 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk