

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

Date: August 12, 2008

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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; Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney; and, June Ava Florescue, 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 Supervisor Dawson delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - A legislative outreach presentation by Craig Sullivan, Director of the County Supervisors Association.

Craig Sullivan, Director of the County Supervisors Association (CSA), provided the Board with the following materials: 2008 Legislative Session in Review pamphlet, 2008 Legislative Summary Report and a copy of his PowerPoint presentation. He introduced Elizabeth Hegedus-Berthold, CSA Research Analyst, who assisted with the PowerPoint presentation by providing an overview of CSA's organization. CSA serves as a non-partisan forum for county officials to address important issues facing local constituents, providing a mechanism to share information and to develop a proactive state and federal policy agenda. Its goals include developing and disseminating information to assist state and local decision-making and to protect and enhance county authorities in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services. Mr. Sullivan briefed the Board on the proactive items that CSA was involved in presenting to the Legislature and then summarized the key outcomes of the 2008 Arizona Legislative Session. He also reviewed the main issues affecting the State's budget crisis, which resulted in a fiscal year (FY) 2008 deficit of \$1.3 billion and a projected deficit for FY09 of at least \$2.2 billion. Finalization of the State budget resulted in a shift of \$73 million in costs to the counties, impacting Gila County with \$776,526 in additional costs to its budget. He

briefed the Board on the restructuring of the State budget itemizing where the major cuts were made and also explained additional items the State is reviewing for possible future cuts, which include a proposed shift of prisoners from State prisons to the county jails and a State-wide photo radar plan. Mr. Sullivan stated that CSA will make every effort to put the Legislature on notice that “pushing costs to the counties is not acceptable.” He advised that the next planning session for county officials will be the annual CSA Legislative Policy Summit to be held at the Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico in Santa Cruz County on November 18-20, 2008. Each Board member thanked Mr. Sullivan and his staff for an excellent job in presenting county concerns to the Legislature and for his guidance to the Boards and also for this excellent presentation. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, added that “speaking for all the managers in the state, the staff of CSA are real professionals and get back to the managers very quickly with answers to their questions and that’s why the County has invested in them.” Mr. Sullivan stated that he and his staff are looking forward to providing continued service to the counties.

Item 3 – Presentation regarding new software integration for security, efficiency and energy.

Darryl Griffin, Information Technology (IT) Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed new software program known as Persysent. In a previous Board meeting, he had expressed security concerns regarding spyware, malware and viruses spreading throughout the County’s network. He explained that Persysent could do the following: 1) it would secure all computers both on and off the network; 2) it would save energy costs per PC (personal computer) per month by shutting computers down when not being used; 3) it would increase efficiency/productivity and eliminate the costs of low productivity due to spyware, malware and viruses; 4) it would save on travel by reducing fuel consumption and wear and tear on vehicles because of necessary travel to various sites; and, 5) it would be more efficient because new software rollouts could be accomplished more effectively and efficiently. He reviewed in detail the potential for cost savings to the County, which in real dollars could be \$20,000 along with a cut in productivity costs of \$16,896 for a total of \$36,896 in savings annually. Mr. Griffin believes this is a good product, which is also used by the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Army, and Seminole College in Florida and he wanted to update the Board on how this program could help the County. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez, Mr. Griffin stated that the funds for the purchase of this program have been budgeted. Each Board member thanked Mr. Griffin for the presentation and taking the initiative to introduce this program to the County and staying current on available technology and programs. Mr. Besich stated that when Mr. Griffin presented this to him and John Nelson, Assistant County Manager, they realized that budgeting is tight; however, they also acknowledged that the network system is the backbone of Gila County, which is run by computers and technology, and to invest in programs such as this one will in the long run save countless hours of work and productivity. Mr. Besich stated that Mr.

Griffin will be bringing a written agreement to the Board to consider purchasing this product and he hopes the Board will support this request, which he believes will also be appreciated by the elected officials. No action was taken by the Board.

At 10:49 Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney, left the meeting and was replaced by June Ava Florescue, Deputy County Attorney.

Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 08-08-04 approving the application for Arizona Transportation Enhancement Program Round 16 to be utilized for the landscaping and scenic beautification of pedestrian/bus stops in the Pine and Strawberry area in the amount of \$309,451 with a matching fund requirement of \$17,639 from LTAF (Local Transportation Assistance Funds) and HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) funds.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that the County currently has two transportation grant-funded projects in progress and would like to apply for a third enhancement grant to be used for the landscaping and beautification of the pedestrian/bus stops in the Pine and Strawberry areas. Eleven stops will be completed and located on various roads in the area and will also be placed where there are current bus stops so they can also be utilized by the schools. He gave a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of the current structures at various locations, which are very old, outdated and enclosed with no visibility causing a safety concern. The proposed new structures will have 360-degree visibility and will be made out of steel and shatter-proof Plexiglas. Included in the cost will be excavation work, site work and also ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility. The structures, manufactured in Show Low, are built to withstand the snow loads there and have been utilized in many areas. The floors will be concrete slabs and have walkways and benches will be placed in each structure. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez, Mr. Stratton advised that the typical timeframe is 3 years for the entire project to be completed and that by the County self-administering this project, it will help expedite same. He also explained that 5.7% of the grant has always been the required percentage for the County to match, which in this case would be \$17,639 or 5.7% of the grant of \$309,451, which will be paid from either LTAF or HURF monies and not from the General Fund. Mr. Stratton stated that one of the questions on the application addressed the entity that would be responsible for maintaining these structures and he advised that they will be maintained by the County road crews. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-08-04. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action for the public sale of an unnecessary public roadway shown as a cul-de-sac off of Standage Drive

providing access to Lots 93-96, Tonto Village Two, Official Map No. 245, Gila County Records.

Mr. Stratton stated that the County has reviewed this roadway, which is located in Supervisorial District 1, and the County does not have a need for this roadway as a public roadway. The County has completed the appropriate notifications and advertising for this public sale. A.R.S. 28-7204 (D) and (E) states that if a written offer is submitted in a timely manner by an abutting owner of land to the subject property, that offer shall be preferred over all other offers. Mr. Stratton recommended that the Board accept the offer submitted in the Board's informational packet. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the public sale of the public roadway shown as a cul-de-sac off of Standage Road providing access to Lots 93-96, Tonto Village Two. Mr. Stratton requested that the motion be amended to include the names of the parties to whom the roadway is being sold and the amount of their bid as follows: The abutting owners purchasing this unnecessary public roadway are Glade and Carol Swenson to provide access to Lot 93; Michael and Chandra Harper providing access to Lots 94 and 95; and, John and Francesca Amato providing access to Lot 96 for a joint bid of \$50.00. Chairman Sanchez stated that the motion would be amended to include the public sale of this unnecessary public roadway to the above named buyers for a joint bid of \$50.00, which was also approved by Vice-Chairman Martin and Supervisor Dawson in a unanimous vote.

Item 6 – Information/Discussion/Action for the public sale of an unnecessary public roadway shown as a cul-de-sac off of Standage Drive providing access to Lots 97-100, Tonto Village Two, Official Map No. 245, Gila County Records.

Mr. Stratton stated that these lots are located in the same area as the previous agenda item; however, this public roadway would provide access to Lots 97-100. He recommended that the offer in the amount of \$50.00 from Michael and Chandra Harper, abutting land owners, be accepted. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the public sale of an unnecessary public roadway shown as a cul-de-sac off of Standard Road providing access to Lots 97-100, Tonto Village Two, to Michael and Chandra Harper in the amount of \$50.00.

Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the advertisement of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 073108-1 for the Gila County Height Modernization Processing Project.

Thomas Homan, GIS Systems Analyst Senior, stated that on January 29, 2008, the Board approved a grant of \$20,000 for processing of survey control. This is a continuation of that project whereby the County wishes to advertise an RFQ in order to get bids from the most qualified companies to do the work.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of Request for Qualifications No. 073108-1 for the Gila County Height Modernization Processing Project.

Item 8 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval to adopt Resolution No. 08-08-05 authorizing the Gila County Probation Department's participation in the FY 2008-2009 Family Counseling Program through the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Juvenile Justice Services Division, and certifies that a matching fund requirement of \$2,328 for the Program will be provided by the County. (A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**
- B. Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement (2008-2009 Utility Assistance Programs) between Gila County Housing Services and Arizona Community Action Association in the amount of \$15,914 for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to provide utility repair, replacement and deposit assistance for eligible Gila County residents.**
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. DE081297001 between Gila County Health and Community Services Division and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to increase the contract amount from \$1,515,242 to \$2,257,294, an increase of \$742,052, representing an increase of \$611,542 in Dislocated Worker funds, an increase of \$90,328 in Rapid Response funds and an increase of \$40,182 in Administrative funds.**
- D. Approval of the July 21, 2008, and August 4, 2008, BOS meeting minutes.**
- E. Approval of the July 2008 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.**
- F. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of August 12, 2008.**

Departure from County Service:

1. Jo Lynn Chase – Community Development - Environmental/Planning Technician – 08-08-08 – General Fund – DOH 04-16-03 – Resigned
2. Alfred “Denton” Cline – Public Works Engineering – Temp. Surveyor Assistant – 08-14-08 – Public Works Fund – DOH 06-02-08 – Going back to school
3. Gayle Dossey – County Attorney – Administrative Clerk – 08-01-08 – General Fund – DOH 09-20-93 – Retired
4. John Garcia – Public Works Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance Worker – 08-07-08 – Public Works Fund – DOH 02-26-07 – Resigned

5. Ari Rayburn – Public Fiduciary – Administrative Clerk – 07-18-08 – General Fund – DOH 06-09-08 – Resigned
6. Patrick Steele Jr. – Probation – Juvenile Detention Officer – 08-12-08 – General Fund – DOH 07-27-05 - Resigned

Temporary Hire to County Service:

7. Mike Lemon – Health and Community Services – Environmental Health Specialist Senior – 09-01-08 – Health Service Fund

Departmental Transfers:

8. Barbara Shepherd – County Attorney – From Legal Secretary Senior – To Legal Secretary Lead – 07-23-08 – AG Victim Rights Fund

End Probationary Period:

9. Kimberly Bittner – Probation – Deputy Probation Officer 2 – 07-21-08 – Globe Safe Schools Fund
10. Marilyn Hinrichs – Probation – Juvenile Detention Officer – 07-21-08 – General Fund
11. Nancy Rutherford – Health and Community Services – Community Health Assistant Senior – 08-11-08 – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services Fund
12. Amy Wacker – Payson Justice Court – Court Clerk Associate – 07-28-08 – General Fund

Position Review:

13. Linda Eastlick – Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Staff Specialist – 08-04-08 – General Fund - Changing status from exempt to non-exempt
14. Karen Yanez – Clerk of Superior Clerk – Courtroom Clerk – 08-04-08 – General Fund - Extension of probationary period
15. Arlene Garrels – County Attorney – Legal Secretary – 08-11-08 – Cost of Prosecution Reimbursement Fund – From Part Time – To Full Time

G. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of August 12, 2008. (separate handout)

\$1,704,095.59 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 210362 through 210557. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

Supervisor Dawson noted to those individuals “griping about the overall budget increasing” that approval of item 8C to receive additional funds from the State in the amount of \$742,052 would result in an increase in the County budget; however, a major portion of that funding would be spent on dislocated worker programs. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, 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. At 11:19 a.m., Supervisor Dawson advised that she needed to leave the Board meeting to attend another business meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk