

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

Date: August 26, 2008

JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ

Chairman

STEVEN L. BESICH

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; Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director (filling in for County Manager Steve Besich); Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; James Parker, Deputy County Attorney; 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 Stratton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Rula Colvin of the United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Sanchez advised that Vice-Chairman Martin was participating in the meeting from Payson via video conferencing and Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, was attending an out-of-town funeral.

Chairman Sanchez advised that Paul Newman, who was listed to present agenda item 2 was running late, so he would address agenda item number 3 and return to agenda item number 2 when Mr. Newman arrived.

Item 3 – Presentation of the “You Shine” Employee Recognition Awards.

Juley Bocardo-Homan, Deputy Personnel Director, stated that this would be the final presentation of “You Shine” awards because a new program for employee appreciation is being developed. She briefed the Board on the concept behind the “You Shine” program and stated that those employees who were being recognized today have each received 5 “You Shine” certificates during the past year. Those employees are as follows: Claudia Brooks, Maria Bruscoe, Denise Dickison, Christine Lopez, Chris Phillips, Dana True and Walter Dean Wiley. She invited the Board to attend a reception for all “You Shine” recipients to be held this afternoon in the Board Hearing room from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Item 2 - Introduction of Paul Newman, a candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Chairman Sanchez gave a few opening comments about first meeting Paul Newman through the County Supervisors Association and then called on Steve Stratton, who introduced Mr. Newman to the Board. Mr. Newman, a resident of Arizona since 1987, is currently serving his second term as a Cochise County Supervisor and previously served 3 terms as a state representative. He is an attorney and has also served as a public defender in several counties. Mr. Newman introduced his nephew, Ben Newman, who is assisting him with his campaign. Mr. Newman spoke to the Board about energy, which he believes is an issue that Arizona needs to look at very closely because of skyrocketing costs. He also explained the duties of the Arizona Corporation Commission in keeping down not only the energy rates, but also telecommunication and water rates and its role over securities and pipeline safety. Mr. Newman concluded by stating that he would like to continue his environmental championing on the Corporation Commission in order to represent the rural counties of the state. The Board thanked Mr. Newman for his presentation and he thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Crew Use Contract between Gila County and Arizona State Forestry Division (ASFD) to utilize ASFD fire/fuels crews to perform hazardous fuels and woody debris reduction projects on County and private property in close proximity to the City of Globe within Gila County.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that a meeting was held with ASFD state representatives regarding the dead and down wood that is in the creeks and channels potentially causing a threat to the County's bridges, culverts, etc, both on County and private property in close proximity to the City of Globe. An agreement has been reached with the City of Globe and the County is also in the process of getting temporary construction easements from several property owners. Upon approval of the Contract with ASFD, the ASFD fire/fuels crews will cut up the wood and the Gila County Public Works Division crews will load the wood onto City of Globe trucks for disposal by the City. The terms of the Contract are broad enough so that these crews can be utilized in other capacities during times of flooding. Supervisor Dawson encouraged service organizations to get involved with this project under the direction of the Public Works Division. She provided an example of the Boy Scouts looking for ways to raise money and she suggested that the useable wood could be collected and sold for firewood. Mr. Stratton stated that the Public Works Division would be happy to work with any organization because if no one takes advantage of those opportunities, the wood will be hauled to a pit and burned. Mr. Stratton requested that anyone interested should contact him or his assistant, Shannon Boyer. He also briefed the Board on the exceptionally low rates that will be charged as shown on page 10 of the Board's information packet, which included the inmate rates at \$2.00/hour and the

crew transport at cost. He concluded by stating that the ASFD personnel have been very cooperative and recommended that the Board approve the Contract. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that these crews have been used extensively in northern Gila County to clear fire burns and are very good help. Mr. Stratton stated that the funds for this project will come from two sources, as follows: HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) revenues because the funds will be used for the protection of HURF structures, bridges, culverts, etc. and the other portion will come from the County's General Fund. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Crew Use Contract with the Arizona State Forestry Division.

Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to appoint Robert Gould as the CAAG (Central Arizona Association of Governments) Management Committee Representative.

Mr. Stratton stated that in the past Dave Fletcher, Health and Community Services Division Director, has served as the representative on the CAAG Management Committee. With future emphasis on planning, it is now being recommended that the Board appoint Robert Gould, Community Development Division Director, to this position to allow both Gila and Pinal Counties to take advantage of his experience and expertise. Chairman Sanchez reiterated that CAAG's emphasis in the next fiscal year will be on planning and transportation and he felt it would be wise to appoint Mr. Gould to that position. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously appointed Robert Gould as the CAAG Management Committee Representative. Mr. Stratton requested that the record reflect the County's appreciation to Mr. Fletcher for his time served on this Committee.

Item 6 – Notification of a polling place change for the San Carlos voting precinct.

Mr. Stratton, speaking on behalf of Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, stated that due to renovations that are currently taking place at the Rice Gym, the Primary Election polling place for the San Carlos voting precinct has been changed to the San Carlos Intermediate School Cafeteria, located at the northwest corner of San Carlos Avenue and Yavapai Street. Mr. Stratton read into the record Ms. Mundy's letter to the Board dated August 20, 2008. Ms. Mundy's letter also noted that in the event the renovations are not completed by the time the General Election is held on November 4, 2008, the San Carlos Intermediate School Cafeteria is scheduled to again be the polling place for the San Carlos voting precinct. Supervisor Dawson noted that the San Carlos precinct is the largest in Gila County with over 2,000 registered voters. Because the tribal elections are held at a different location from the County/State/Federal elections, she is going to check into having subdivisions of that precinct. Currently the elderly senior citizen voters have to be transported to the voting places for the tribal elections, which are by districts; then they must go to

another location to vote for the County/State/Federal elections. Chairman Sanchez stated that no Board action was required on this item.

Item 7 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of two Series 15 Special Event License Applications submitted by the Lions Club of Globe, Arizona, Inc. to sell and serve liquor at the following events: Gila County Fair on September 18-20, 2008; and, Gila County Horse Races on September 27-28, 2008, and October 4-5, 2008. Final approval to be issued by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.**
- B. Approval of two applications submitted by Tamara L. Morken to temporarily extend the premises/patio of the Rimside Grill & Cabins located in Pine, Arizona, for the dates of September 20, 2008, and September 26-27, 2008. Final approval to be issued by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.**
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to a Weatherization Low-Income Assistance Contractual Agreement (Contract No. C055-08) between State of Arizona, Department of Commerce Energy Office and Gila County Division of Health and Community Services-Housing Services to increase the Agreement amount from \$62,503 to \$98,997, an increase of \$36,494 for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.**
- D. Approval of Amendment No. 15 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. E5706004) between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to decrease the Contract amount from \$4,648,957 to \$4,581,102, a decrease of \$67,855, which was due to the Department of Labor's funding rescission that has directly impacted the Workforce Investment Act programs - announced by the federal government in January 2008.**
- E. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. DE070295001) between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to decrease the Contract amount from \$2,230,651 to \$1,782,056, a decrease of \$448,595, which was due to the Department of Labor's funding rescission that has directly impacted the Workforce Investment Act programs - announced by the federal government in January 2008.**
- F. Approval of a request submitted by the Gila Monster Go-Cart Racing Club to use the Fairgrounds go-cart race track on the following dates to**

make up for rained out days: August 15, 2008, September 6, 2008, and September 12, 2008.

G. Approval of the August 8, 2008, BOS meeting minutes.

H. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of August 26, 2008.

Hire to County Service:

1. Veronica Gonzales – Probation – Administrative Clerk Senior – 08-18-08 – Adult Probation Services Fees Fund – Replaces Monique Hernandez
2. Ricky Reed – Probation – Deputy Probation Officer 1 – 08-18-08 – Juvenile Standards Probation Fund – Replaces Jolene Stever
3. Douglas Wilson – Probation - Juvenile Detention Officer – 08-18-08 – General Fund – Replaces Ema Peru

End Probationary Period:

4. Angela Parker – Community Development – Building Safety Assistant Senior – 09-29-08 – General Fund

Request Permission to Post:

5. Administrative Assistant – Facilities Management – Position vacated by Lisa Fernandez
6. Community Health Assistant Senior – Health and Community Services – Position vacated by Nancy Mach

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service:

7. Scott Ardrey – Sheriff's Office/Payson – Detention Officer – 08-11-08 – General Fund – Resigned
8. Katherine Johnson – Sheriff's Office/Payson – Administrative Clerk PT – 08-15-08 – General Fund - Resigned

Hire to County Service:

9. Dennis Foil – Sheriff's Office/Payson – Detention Officer – 09-01-08 – General Fund – Replaces Scott Ardrey

I. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the week of August 26, 2008. (separate handout)

\$2,141,415.04 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 210690 through 210920. **(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 7A-7I.

Item 8 - 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. Stratton presented information on current events. At 10:48 a.m. James Parker left the meeting and was replaced by Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk