

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

Date: September 30, 2008

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; 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. Tommie Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Barbie Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the Invocation.

**Item 2 – Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 08-05 to proclaim October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Gila County.**

Cynthia Bach, Gila County Safe Home (GCSH) Domestic Violence Supervisor, requested that her assistant, Gwen Carroll, speak for her as she had laryngitis. Ms. Carroll read a prepared statement on the services provided by the GCSH, which is a program of Horizon Human Services. GCSH offers emergency safe shelter, 24-hour crisis services, victim advocacy, residential and non-residential case management, community and in-house support groups, community education, training, information, referrals and transportation. The GCSH is the only shelter in Arizona that picks up participants and brings them to the GCSH. Crisis intervention services are provided with a crisis team approach that is unique to domestic violence service provisions. Trained crisis intervention staff respond to calls from law enforcement, social service agencies, hospital emergency rooms and others requesting intervention in domestic violence situations. Services are provided to individuals and families throughout southern Gila County rural communities and there are no ethnicity, income or age limits used as criteria for service eligibility. From January 1, 2008, through September 29, 2008, the CGSH served 24 adults

and 39 children experiencing some type of domestic violence with the average stay in the CGSH being 22 days. The needs faced by the participants were legal representation and affordable housing not met by traditional funding sources. Ms. Carroll asked that the Board take a moment to look at the teardrop tree which had butterflies that symbolized those victims who have left the CGSH and reestablished themselves in the community and the beaded ones represent the children and adults who have died from domestic violence. Ms. Bach stated that she was very honored that the Board would adopt this Proclamation and she presented a purple ribbon pin to each Board member, which is symbolic of the domestic violence cause. Each Board member thanked Ms. Bach and her staff for the work they do on behalf of those who have experienced domestic violence in our communities. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 08-05 proclaiming October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 3 - Presentation of the quarterly Officer Recognition Award to Detective Johnny Holmes of the Gila County Sheriff's Office.**

County Attorney Daisy Flores presented the quarterly Officer Recognition Award to Detective Johnny Holmes and stated that her nickname for him is "Johnny on the spot" because if anything is needed Johnny is there on the spot to get it done. Detective Holmes has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1999 and was promoted to criminal investigator in June 2005 with responsibility for criminal investigations, evidence, processing, media, communications, sex offender registration and supervision in southern Gila County. He has been an asset to the County Attorney's Office in many ways and is always readily available to serve warrants when issued; is prompt when information is needed on evidence; and, he is always willing to locate that difficult evidence. He gives his utmost attention to victims of crimes and has a down-to-earth demeanor that connects with victims making them feel at ease. Ms. Flores stated that Detective Holmes has always maintained a professional attitude; displays true dedication; gives meaning to the term "law enforcement officer;" and, has been instrumental in the successful prosecution of many cases. Detective Holmes has also been an asset to the community by teaching street law to high school students, volunteering for the 2007 Citizen's Academy, is active in the Neighborhood Watch programs and he is a member of the Army National Guard. Sheriff John Armer echoed Ms. Flores's comments about Detective Holmes and added that he has been an excellent employee and does a tremendous job as an advocate for the victims of crimes. Ms. Flores asked Detective Holmes to give a few comments. Detective Holmes stated that this was a great honor to receive and he was very appreciative, "but I just do my job as that is what I was hired to do." Chairman Sanchez and Supervisor Dawson gave examples of Detective Holmes' work in their neighborhoods. Each Board

member thanked Detective Holmes and they expressed their appreciation for his assistance in making the neighborhoods more secure.

**Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action to amend the County Attorney’s Promotion Policy whereby the years of service requirement to move from the position of Deputy County Attorney to the position of Senior County Attorney will be reduced from 3 years of service to 2 years of service. This change will not effect the General Fund budget appropriation for fiscal year 2008-2009.**

Ms. Flores stated that for years it has been the County Attorney’s internal policy to increase the salary of an attorney once that employee completes 2 years of service. It was originally believed that when Public Sector Personnel Consultants completed its market salary survey study for the County, the 2-year policy for moving to the next level would remain the same; however, for some unknown reason it was changed to 3 years. She stated that to be consistent with the County Attorney’s internal policies and how attorneys are recognized as they advance from entry level to the second level, the policy should remain at 2 years. Ms. Flores requested that the Board approve this modification. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to the County Attorney’s Promotion Policy whereby the years-of-service requirement to move from the position of Deputy County Attorney to the position of Senior County Attorney will be reduced from 3 years of service to 2 years of service.

**Item 5 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Revised Child Support Incentive Payout Plan (Plan) to include backup attorneys. No changes are being made to other employees’ payout incentive.**

Ms. Flores stated that payment for the Child Support Incentive Plan is supported by non-General Fund money that can only be used for these types of incentives. She believes it is a waste of resources to send a Child Support Attorney from Globe to Payson to cover hearings when there could be backup Child Support Attorneys located in both Globe and Payson. Ms. Flores requested that backup Child Support Attorneys be included in the Plan to recognize their efforts and contributions to the Child Support Division. The amended Plan would allow the backup Child Support Attorney in Globe and the backup Child Support Attorney in Payson to receive a percentage of the amount given to the Child Support Attorney plus a percentage of the team work incentive based on the amount of time worked. As the backup Child Support Attorney in Payson will be spending the most amount of time on Child Support matters, that attorney would be paid one-fourth of the amount given to the Child Support Attorney plus one-fourth of the team work incentive and the backup Child Support Attorney in Globe would be paid one-eighth of the amount given to the Child Support Attorney plus one-eighth of the team work incentive. The Child Support Attorneys will receive this bonus if the Child

Support Division passes all State audits in four of five specific categories outlined by the State. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Revised Child Support Incentive Payout Plan to include backup Child Support Attorneys.

**Item 6 – Presentation of information pertaining to the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for Pinal County.**

Jerry Stabley, Pinal County Planning Director for Development Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding a new Pinal County Comprehensive Plan (Plan). He first apologized for Ken Buchanan being unable to attend today's meeting as was planned. Beginning the presentation, a map was shown of the nation and entitled "A Megapolitan Nation is Taking Shape." The 2007 population of the 3 largest Arizona counties (Maricopa, Pinal and Pima) is 5 million; however, the projected population in 2040 will be 10 million. The future of Pinal County includes a Plan Update of 12 tasks with the current task number 8 being to draft a Plan with a 60-day review of the draft. The process undergone to achieve the completion of this task has included data collection and analysis; road shows; visioning workshops; design and youth charrettes; alternatives and preferred future workshops; and, Pinal forum series. Involvement in the process has included 3,000 people who have actively participated in the events; use of an interactive website; e-newsletters and invitations to events to a database of over 2,500 people; work with existing organizations to pass along information; and, stakeholder meetings and presentations with dozens of groups and organizations. Committees involved in the planning have included a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group, Technical Advisory Group, Regional Planning Team, Economic Development Task Force, and a Transportation Task Force. Pinal County's vision was explained, which included economic sustainability; quality educational opportunities; healthy, happy residents; mobility and connectivity; environmental stewardship, open spaces and places; and, a sense of community. A summary review of each of the items in Pinal County's vision was presented, which included the County's philosophies, a land use plan, roadways, rail-transit-aviation, an economic development plan, activity centers and a 10-year plan for projected growth. Upon inquiry by Chairman Sanchez, Mr. Stabley advised that planning for employment opportunities is being done in very general terms because job types are changing all the time. Supervisor Dawson inquired if the Indian tribal governments participated in the planning process. Mr. Stabley advised that the Ak Chin Indian Community did participate and meetings were held with the Gila River Indian Community; however, the other 2 Indian tribes were not interested in participating. Mr. Stabley continued his presentation by stating that a 60-day review of the Plan was just completed during the period from July 7 through September 5, 2008, because according to Arizona Revised Statutes, surrounding jurisdictions and designated agencies must have 60 days to review and comment on the Plan. Comments received during the 60-day review included 55 responses from

individuals or agencies and are now being placed into summaries either by text/general comments or map changes recommended. The comment themes were briefly presented and will be posted on Pinal County's website at <http://www.PinalCountyPlan.com/>. The revised draft of the Plan will be available for review by October 17, 2008, with an extended review period through mid-December, followed by additional forums and public workshops. Public hearings are scheduled to begin in January/February of 2009. Supervisor Dawson inquired if ordinances were being put into place for water conservation. Mr. Stabley replied that right now there are no ordinances that would restrict water usage. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez about recreation and parks, Mr. Stabley replied that there is always a lot of interest in parks and that has been included. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that because of the differences in Gila County and Pinal County with Gila County only having 4% private property, Gila County's Comprehensive Plan is entirely different as it will never experience the type of growth occurring in Pinal County. She praised Pinal County for trying to lay out a good Comprehensive Plan. In discussing the consultants utilized in Pinal County's Plan, Mr. Stabley stated that they first started with Morrison Institute and then added Partners for Strategic Action (PSA), who will remain through the end of the process. Supervisor Dawson inquired about the cost of the consulting fees. Mr. Stabley advised that \$300,000 was paid for the Morrison Institute and \$600,000 for the part of the process utilizing PSA. Mr. Besich gave some brief comments and thanked Mr. Stabley for volunteering to bring this presentation to the Board. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Sanchez also thanked Mr. Stabley for the presentation.

**Item 7 – Information/Discussion/Action to concur with the Treasurer's plan to address the issue of the delayed mailing of individual property tax notices; to recognize that electronic tax notices will not be affected; to address the delinquency date of Monday, November 3, 2008, for electronically filed tax receipts; and, to allow for the extension of the delinquency date for taxpayers using individual property tax payment coupons until Monday, December 1, 2008.**

County Treasurer Debi Savage stated that her Office, the Assessor's Office and the Board were getting phone calls from taxpayers concerned about not receiving their tax statements. Ms. Savage stated that she had prepared a press release, a copy of which was presented to the Board, which she read aloud. The press release stated the following: "In an effort to upgrade information systems, while controlling costs, the Assessor's Office of five counties, including Gila County purchased a mass appraisal system. Since the Assessor's Office must feed the County Treasurer's system, it was believed at the time that tax information transfers would appear to be trouble-free. Technical difficulties have transpired in transferring of the data. Just as one issue gets resolved another appears. When the first information was sent to 'the printer,' the Treasurer's Office was notified that the data files were not

compatible with what was on file. Every effort is being made to reformat the data for a successful transfer. Tax notices will be sent out as soon as available. The due date and the delinquency date will be adjusted and put on the notices to compensate for the late mailing.” Vice-Chairman Martin stated that it is being charged in Payson that there is some conspiracy between the Assessor, Treasurer and elected officials to give an edge to the incumbents so taxpayers won’t know how much their taxes have increased until after the upcoming General Election. She inquired, “Is this a conspiracy?” Ms. Savage replied, “No, this is not a conspiracy.” The problem also exists in 4 other counties besides Gila County, which include Greenlee, Navajo, Apache and Santa Cruz Counties. Chairman Sanchez stated that once the County officials and staff became aware of the situation and determined that there was a problem, they immediately discussed finding a reasonable solution. He stated, “It was absolutely no politics and I can assure that from the Board’s end there is zero politics involved in what we are trying to determine here.” Vice-Chairman Martin stated, “You must be wrong because my opponent promised if elected he will come down here and clean this up because this is a travesty--that you should know what your taxes are before you make your selection and that somebody is trying to hide something. The stint is unbelievable.” Ms. Savage advised that her Office is still finding glitches and as changes are being made, the information is being updated on the County website. She will also post the press release on the website. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that Ms. Savage also send her an electronic copy of the press release so she can send it out to the Payson area. Supervisor Dawson stated, “I think it’s been ridiculous the comments that have been made and the charges that are being made politically that this is a conspiracy to keep people from knowing their tax costs.” She inquired if Ms. Savage has any estimate of when the tax notices will go out. Ms. Savage advised that the printer, Source Corporation, still has not received the live data for printing. Ms. Savage stated that as soon as this crisis is over, she would like to address all issues to make certain that this does not happen again. She stated, “I do not believe that we should be relying on one volunteer Information Technology (IT) person from another County to be in charge of what we are doing. I would like to have the Board budget an IT person in my department so the notices can be printed here and everything happen here.” Supervisor Dawson stated that Ms. Savage has never made that request of the Board. Ms. Savage replied that she had no idea there would be a need such as is now occurring. Chairman Sanchez moved the conversation back to when the notices might be mailed out. Ms. Savage replied that she doesn’t know when the notices will be received for mailing. Chairman Sanchez inquired if it was correct that the electronic notices would not be affected. Ms. Savage replied that was correct. She stated, “We’ve been assured that as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the data will be updated on the system correctly so there shouldn’t be any reason for that to be delayed.” Vice-Chairman Martin asked if Ms. Savage could include a statement about that in her press release. Ms. Savage stated she could do that. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez about the delinquent date, Ms. Savage advised that the delinquent date would be November 3, 2008,

which is being extended to December 1, 2008, unless the notices are still not available for mailing and would have to be further extended. Chairman Sanchez asked Mr. Besich to explain about interest for special districts. Mr. Besich stated that if any special district, by virtue of this mistake, has to “hit” the Treasurer’s line of credit, it is being proposed that since the mistake is on the County’s side, that the special districts will not be charged any interest so they will have money to operate. He stated that John Nelson, Deputy County Manager, put a notice out to all the special districts so they understand they will have money to operate. Mr. Besich reiterated the importance of the public understanding that there are 5 counties affected by this transition, which include Gila County as well as Greenlee, Navajo, Apache and Santa Cruz. Mr. Besich also wanted noted for the record that the first knowledge that we had of this problem was last Tuesday night and a meeting was set up with the Assessor’s and Treasurer’s Offices for Wednesday morning and then they met with the Chief Deputy County Attorney on Wednesday afternoon in order to set up a plan to deal with the situation. He stated that the Board, its staff and the County Attorney’s staff met the challenge to address the issue. He stated, “Could we have done some things different? Maybe if we had known a little bit earlier, we could have done some things different. Now we have to deal with what we have to deal with, but to blatantly say this is some sort of conspiracy when 4 other counties are in the same situation is a stretch.” Mr. Besich requested that the Treasurer stay in communication with him and his staff to ensure there are no further unnecessary delays in getting accurate data to the printer and that the data is printed and mailed to the taxpayers. He requested that the agenda item language be placed on the Board of Supervisors’ web page with the addition that this is also affecting 4 other counties besides Gila County. Chairman Sanchez requested that the Board also be “kept in the loop” in case there’s anything the Board needs to readdress. Vice-Chairman Martin also requested that a sentence be included in the press release that stated that “all small districts that could be affected will be supported or floored by the County.” Ms. Savage advised that some school districts are already using their credit lines and it would not get any better until they start receiving money. Mr. Besich stated he would have one question to that point, namely: “Do the school districts have their own credit line or do they hit the Treasurer’s credit line?” Ms. Savage replied, “The fire districts and schools have their own lines of credit from the bank so when they need to borrow money, they borrow it from the bank. The interest that Mr. Besich is talking about that is to be repaid will be assumed by the County, is that correct?” Mr. Besich stated that is the recommendation. Ms. Savage clarified, “So they will be using their own credit line, but we (the County) will pick up that portion of the interest?” John Nelson replied that that was correct. Mr. Savage stated, “If they (the special districts) extended their credit limit, then they could use the Treasurer’s credit line.” Vice-Chairman Martin added that the fire districts have been notified not to make any major purchases at this time; however, the school districts have not been notified of same yet. Chairman Sanchez called on John Nelson for any further comments. Mr. Nelson stated that for clarification purposes about

credit lines and cash flow deficits and “so we don’t come up with any additional conspiracy theories, when we’re talking about credit lines; we’re talking about cash flow from the property taxes. The electronic billings and the due date will remain the same for everything done electronically. What that means is that all of the mortgage companies, who have the money on hand, will only need a name, a parcel number and amount of due taxes. Then the mortgage companies will pay at the same time they have always paid every year and that is on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m. What we are talking about right now are those people who do not go through their mortgage companies, but who pay from their individual bills. That is the cash flow we are talking about, not the vast majority of 60-70%, which comes from mortgage companies.” Supervisor Dawson inquired why the school districts are already hitting their line of credit. Mr. Nelson explained that this is a normal process. With the way school districts budget, they try to budget to a zero end of the year so if they have to wait until October for the first big payment to come in from property taxes, they will be in a deficit, which is a normal position. The County, however, starts with what is called the \$4 million cash flow reserve, which is what the County needs to operate, pay its bills and payroll, while waiting for the first property tax to come into the County. Some of the schools and fire districts don’t have that ability so they do run into that cash flow deficit.” Supervisor Dawson inquired if in a normal year when the tax bills go out on time does the County still get into that deficit spending? Mr. Nelson replied in the affirmative. Supervisor Dawson then inquired why the Board is discussing the interest at this time. She feels that’s a decision that has to be made later if somebody wants to appeal interest being charged to them, but she doesn’t think that should be a part of this motion. Mr. Nelson stated, “I would concur that we go back to what Supervisor Dawson referred to and look at what a normal year is for a school district and the delay in tax flow that has been caused by the delay in the tax billing. The County would be subject to that interest, but not to normal operating procedures of a school district, city, town or fire district.” Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the initial offer that was made to the fire districts should also be offered to the other districts. Mr. Nelson agreed with Vice-Chairman Martin. Chairman Sanchez stated that those issues can be handled in-house and should not be part of this motion. Vice-Chairman Martin clarified that she wasn’t asking to have that in the motion, but for that information to be posted on the website so the districts would understand the procedure. Supervisor Dawson made the motion that the Board concurred with the Treasurer’s plan to address the issue of the delayed mailing of individual property tax notices; to recognize that electronic tax notices will not be affected; to address the delinquency date of Monday, November 3, 2008, for the electronically filed tax receipts; and, to allow for the extension of the delinquency date for taxpayers using individual property tax payment coupons until Monday, December 1, 2008. Vice-Chairman Martin stated, “I will second the motion if all things go according to plan, but if they don’t go according to plan we are going to have to change these dates.” Supervisor Dawson stated the item would have to come back to the Board if the

dates need to be changed. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Dawson wanted to again emphasize to any members of the press who were present, “that there has been no conspiracy, no effort by anyone to delay tax notices to anyone. A mistake has been made and the miracle of computers is sometimes a curse.” Vice-Chairman Martin added that this is happening in 5 counties. (Note for the record: Ms. Savage sent out a revised Press Release the following day, which listed all the counties this issue has affected.) **(A copy of the Press Release is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

**Item 8 - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the Chairman’s signature on Contract No. 6500.341-526/8-2008 and a Quit Claim Deed for a parcel exchange between the City of Globe and Gila County whereby Gila County will quit claim a portion of Lot 22, Flood Place to the City of Globe and the City of Globe will quit claim a portion of Fifth Street to Gila County.**

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that this is an exchange of property with the City of Globe. The County owns a piece of land adjacent to a city right-of-way and in return would like to obtain a portion of Fifth Street, which is adjacent to the Sheriff’s Office parcel and if a need arose, it could be utilized in the future. It is mainly a creek and part of the slope below the fence line that the County needs jurisdiction over for security reasons. Mr. Stratton advised that he could have requested the Board to abandon the subject property; however, it was felt that a land exchange was more beneficial. The parcel owned by the County in the City of Globe offers no benefit to the County—only liabilities. He recommended that the Board move forward with this exchange. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman’s signature on Contract No. 6500.341-526/8-2008 and a Quit Claim Deed for a parcel exchange between the City of Globe and Gila County whereby Gila County will quit claim a portion of Lot 22, Flood Place to the City of Globe and the City of Globe will quit claim a portion of Fifth Street to Gila County.

**Item 9 - Information/Discussion/Action to discuss the process for the implementation of a policy or procedure for food and beverage concessionaires.**

Mr. Stratton stated that the implementation of a policy or procedure for food and beverage concessionaires would deal with exterior concession stands as there is already a policy in place for interior concession stands. He stated that lately there have been 2 mobile food concessionaires in the community more commonly known as “roach coaches.” They first parked in the County’s right-of-way, which the County dealt with through a right-of-way permit. After that they parked on different parcels that the County either owns or leases. He requested some direction from the Board because the Facilities Department is

under his Division for guidelines. If the County chooses to permit these concessionaires to park on County property, there are issues of liability insurance, food handling cards and others. Mr. Stratton stated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda for direction on how to proceed. Supervisor Dawson stated, "I have only seen 1 concessionaire and it didn't fit that title and certainly the people are from Libby's El Rey (Restaurant) and I'm sure an inspection would show that they have health cards and operate in and out of there. There are other restaurants in town that take them to other locations." Vice-Chairman Martin interjected that they are affectionately called "roach coaches." Mr. Stratton stated, "I was not meaning to be derogatory; it was only meant as the more common term so everyone would have a mental picture of what we were dealing with." Supervisor Dawson continued by stating, "These are people and times are going to be rougher instead of better right now. These are people who are staying off of welfare and operating small businesses, who are taking care of themselves." Vice-Chairman Martin stated that as long as they are not cluttering up traffic flow and could be in a designated area, she didn't see a problem with them as long as they are not located in a drive-in and not impeding the County's traffic flow. Mr. Besich stated that one point to think about would be the concessionaire located inside the courthouse that is charged a fee and the County also charges the inside vendor for the soda machines. He believes that Mr. Stratton is looking for some consistency and some direction. He inquired if the Board wants to have special rules for vendors that are located outside the building and special rules for those located inside the building. Vice-Chairman Martin replied, "Yes." Mr. Besich stated that the Board needed to set some rules. If the Board wishes to designate a particular area, that would be fine. He stated that Mr. Stratton just wanted some discussion with the Board as to whether he should put together some plans for locations and some rules that could be handed out pertaining to not blocking driveways, providing the County with liability insurance and health cards, etc. That's the kind of direction needed because right now it is confusing to staff when there are separate sets of rules. Mr. Stratton also added that the County could have been accused of being biased toward one or another of the vendors and he would like to handle this in a professional manner. Chairman Sanchez stated that today's item addresses food and beverage concessionaires, but down the road there could also be swap meets, the selling of blankets, footwear, etc. He stated, "I think we need to think about that because if we make it available to not only food and beverage concessionaires...it's within the City of Globe, but on County property. What requirements are there now for concessionaires?" Mr. Besich stated that whatever rules the Board comes up with; it's prudent to have a judicial review by the County Attorney's Office and consult with the County's insurance pool for any issues before going into this type of authorization. He would inquire of the County Attorney's Office if there is a problem with the County allowing people to use County facilities to generate money or to run a business. Chairman Sanchez inquired if there would be fee charged to the vendors who want to operate on County property. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that

whatever is decided that it be kept simple and fair. Upon inquiry about a policy in northern Gila County, Vice-Chairman Martin advised that to her knowledge there is only a policy for the coke machines and the food court. Mr. Besich advised that any new policy would have to apply Countywide. Supervisor Dawson stated that she also would like any policy to be kept simple. She stated, "These coaches are not unlicensed and to bar them from coming and announcing they are here or advertising to be here once a week is what she is asking. I don't think when we passed a policy on the use of the front hall, that excluded everybody else because then we do stand in a position of being really criticized. We put someone in business, and we're not allowing others." Mr. Stratton stated that if there were only one vendor it would be easier to deal with, but there are 2 in the local community. Vice-Chairman Martin replied that there may be more as the times get tougher. Chairman Sanchez inquired of the Board if the request for a policy should be put together by staff. Mr. Stratton recommended that he could put together a draft policy and that he would speak with other County departments involved such as the Facilities and Health Departments and then submit the draft to Mr. Besich for review and then on to the County Attorney's Office. When a feasible policy is completed, it would be brought to the Board for final approval. Supervisor Dawson requested that this procedure be done in a timely manner and not hold up the vendors. Chairman Sanchez recommended that other counties be contacted as they may have similar policies.

**Item 10 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG661112) between the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services whereby State funding is being discontinued at this time for the County's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program as funding is not available.**
- B. Approval of the Chairman's signature on a Close-Out Report for the Housing Trust Fund Program, which terminates an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. 556-07) between the Arizona Department of Housing and the Gila County Community Action Program effective June 30, 2008, because all funding (\$147,095) has been received and expended.**
- C. Approval to ratify the Chairman's signature on Amendment No. 8 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. E5313521) between the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Gila County GEST Program to extend the Contract from October 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, to continue providing vocational rehabilitation services to eligible clients.**

- D. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG854246) between the Gila County Health Department and the Arizona Department of Health Services to extend this Contract to December 31, 2009, to continue providing Reproductive Health/Family Planning Program services.**
- E. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-802(D)(4), 48-1012(E) and 48-2010(A), approval to adopt the Order canceling various November 4, 2008, special district elections and appointing members to the district governing boards of directors for the following special taxing districts: fire districts – Beaver Valley, East Verde Park, Gisela Valley, Houston Mesa, Pleasant Valley, Round Valley/Oxbow Estates, Tonto Basin and Whispering Pines; water and wastewater improvement districts – Canyon, Pine Creek Canyon, Pine Water Association, Rim Trail, Solitude Trails, Strawberry Hollow, Strawberry Hollow Wastewater and Sunflower Mesa; and, sanitary districts – Cobre Valley, Northern Gila County and Pinal.**
- F. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-424(D), approval to adopt the Order canceling various November 4, 2008, special district elections and appointing members to the district governing boards for the following school districts: Cobre Valley Institute of Technology, Hayden-Winkelman, Miami, Northern Arizona Institute of Technology, Pine-Strawberry and Young.**
- G. Approval to authorize the Chairman’s signature on a Utility Easement whereby Gila County is granting a 10-foot wide non-exclusive utility easement over County-owned real property to Arizona Public Service Company (APS) in order for APS to maintain electrical lines and telecommunication facilities at the Gila Community College in Globe.**
- H. Approval of the August 26, 2008, September 9, 2008, and September 12, 2008, BOS meeting minutes.**
- I. Approval of the July 2008 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Recorder and August 2008 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Justice of the Peace.**
- J. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the weeks of September 23, 2008, and September 30, 2008.**

**September 23, 2008:**

Hire to County Service:

2. Kari Hibbert – Public Fiduciary – Administrative Clerk – 09-18-08 –  
General Fund – Replacing Ari Rayburn – Position vacant as of 07-18-08

End Probationary Period:

3. Loretta L. Rende – Public Fiduciary – Public Fiduciary Assistant – 09-15-08 – General Fund

Position Review:

4. Loretta L. Rende – Public Fiduciary – Public Fiduciary Assistant – 06-09-08 – General Fund – Brought in at wrong rate

Request Permission to Post:

5. Public Works/Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – Vacated by Andy Nosie – Position vacant as of 08-16-07

**SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

Departure from County Service:

6. Brandon Caldwell – Sheriff's Office/Payson – 911 Dispatcher – 09-15-08 – General Fund – DOH 09-15-08 – Resignation

**September 30, 2008:**

Departure from County Service:

1. Jinky Coleman – Public Works – Administrative Clerk Specialist – 09-23-08 – Auto/Equipment Maintenance Fund – DOH 06-05-06 – Resigned

Position Review:

2. Debra Williams – Emergency Management – Risk Management Analyst – 09-11-08 – General Fund 70%/Bio-Terrorism Program Fund 30% - Change Status to Exempt

Request Permission to Post:

3. Public Works/Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Administrative Clerk Specialist – Vacated by Jinky Coleman – Position vacant as of 09-23-07
4. Community Development – Environmental/Planning Tech – Vacated by Jo Lynn Chase – Position vacant as of 08-08-08

**SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

End Probationary Period:

5. Emmett E. Dickison – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Deputy Sheriff – 09-15-08 – General Fund

Departmental Transfers:

7. Emmett E. Dickison – Sheriff's Office/Globe – From Deputy Sheriff to Deputy Sheriff Detective – 09-29-08 – General Fund
8. Virgilio Dodd – Sheriff's Office/Globe – From Deputy Sheriff Detective to Deputy Sheriff – 09-29-08 – General Fund

**K. Approval of the finance reports which lists disbursements that will be issued during the weeks of September 23, 2008, and September 30, 2008. (separate handout)**

**September 23, 2008:**

\$1,652,620.48 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 211660 through 211875.

**September 30, 2008:**

\$667,913.38 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 211876 through 212041. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 10A-10K.

**Item 11 - 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 11:56 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk