

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

Date: December 23, 2008

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Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

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Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; 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. Vice-Chairman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Supervisor Dawson delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Presentation of the quarterly Officer Recognition Award to Officer Michael Hansen of the Payson Police Department by County Attorney Daisy Flores.

County Attorney Daisy Flores presented the quarterly Officer Recognition Award to Officer Michael Hansen, who is a new officer with the Payson Police Department as of August 17, 2007. He has shown throughout his work both in his field of training as well as currently that he has the propensity not only to deal well with those he's working with, but also to make them feel comfortable while trying to ascertain the facts of a case. She stated, "Officer Hansen has the nose to hunt out crime so he is definitely the one we want on the street." He is willing to work late to ensure that reports are completed and well written and attends Saturday juvenile hearings. County Attorney Flores stated, "He is one of those shining examples of a young officer, exhibits excellent law enforcement poise and work ethic and it's an honor that I can recognize him here today." Lieutenant Don Garland stated that he had the privilege of sitting next to Officer Hansen in a college class and began recruiting efforts on him after observing his ability to learn quickly and make right decisions. Officer Hansen, who was present with his wife Alicia, thanked everyone for the privilege and honor of receiving this award and he looks forward to serving for

the next 20 years. Each Board member thanked Officer Hansen for his dedicated service to Gila County.

Item 3 - Presentation of “Memoirs of a Supervisor” by Chairman Joe Sanchez.

Chairman Sanchez, outgoing Chairman and Board member, presented a light-hearted PowerPoint presentation of his memories during his tenure on the Board. He introduced his wife, Ginger, and stated, “She was here for the swearing in and now she’s here for the swearing out.” He also introduced his brother Tony and wife Esther as well as other family members. Various amusing comments were given by some of those in attendance. The other 2 Board members and individual staff members expressed their pleasure in working with Chairman Sanchez over the past 7 years. Supervisor Dawson made a special presentation to Chairman Sanchez. Chairman Sanchez thanked everyone for staying for his presentation.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement and an Amendment to Operating Agreement of which both Agreements are between Gila County Community College District (Provisional), Gila County, and Graham County Community College District d/b/a/ Eastern Arizona College for Educational Services and Programs. The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) to seek legal advice from its attorney on this matter.

Chairman Sanchez requested that Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, update the Board on this item. Mr. Besich stated that he and Bob Ashford, President of the Gila County Provisional Community College District Board, would continue to work with officials at Eastern Arizona College to resolve some technical issues and then he would bring these Amendments back to the Board. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously tabled the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Amendment to the Operating Agreement.

Item 5 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Assurance Agreement (which includes an Addendum) for Completion of Subdivision Improvement-Canyon River Ranches Subdivision (Planning and Zoning Department Case No. Z-07-02), for Gila County Assessor’s tax parcel numbers 301-45-001A, 301-46-001A and 301-46-001C, Section 17, T10N, R9E of the G&SRM, Payson, Arizona.

Bob Gould, Community Development Division Director, stated that the final plat for Canyon River was approved a month ago. This Assurance Agreement is the assurance for construction that will cost the owners approximately \$943,062 to complete the improvements for the first 17 lots. It does not apply

to offsite improvements for Doll Baby Road because that pending agreement is between the developer and the U. S. Forest Service, but it does include the roadway infrastructure and water system, etc. He requested that the Agreement be approved so the final plat can be signed and recorded. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved the Assurance Agreement and Addendum for the Completion of Subdivision Improvement-Canyon River Ranches Subdivision (Planning & Zoning Department Case No. Z-07-02).

Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Affiliation Agreement between The University of Phoenix, Inc. and Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to provide Clinical Educational Experiences under the supervision of an Agency for Students enrolled in the University's Nursing Programs.

JenDean Sartain, Health and Community Services Division Deputy Director, stated that this Agreement would allow 3 of the nursing students from the University of Phoenix to participate in clinical rotation within the clinics located in Gila County to gain experience for their nursing programs. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Affiliation Agreement with The University of Phoenix, Inc. to provide Clinical Educational Experiences under the supervision of an Agency for Students enrolled in the University's Nursing Programs.

Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 1005.221/12-2008 between Gila County and Northstar Survey, Inc. whereby professional surveying services will be provided for the Town of Payson G.P.S. Survey Project in the not to exceed amount of \$29,610.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that prior to presenting the next 3 agenda items, he would like the personal privilege of telling Chairman Sanchez that he and the Public Works Department staff have appreciated his leadership, cooperation and support for their department. Chairman Sanchez thanked him. Mr. Stratton then stated that this item is in regard to the land parcel database that his department is continually updating. Because HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) monies cannot be utilized on this project, his department works with the Assessor's Office as it has a County information storage and retrieval fund that is authorized by §11-269.06. In working with the Assessor's Office, Mr. Stratton requested approval to hire Northstar Survey, Inc. to do some surveying that is needed in the interior and corporate limits of the Town of Payson to improve the database. That information will be shared with the Town of Payson and other entities involved. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 1005.221/12-

2008 between Gila County and Northstar Survey, Inc. for professional surveying services to be provided to the Town of Payson G.P.S. Survey Project in an amount not to exceed \$29,610.

Item 8 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve two separate Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs); one with the Town of Miami and one with the Town of Hayden; and a Transit Agreement with the Payson Senior Center for the purpose of providing transportation services to the general public, elderly persons and persons with disabilities. These IGAs will be funded with LTAF II funds.

Mr. Stratton stated that at least once a year he requests approval from the Board to assist different entities with transportation services when lottery money is funded by the state. The County has been notified that funds have been approved so the County can continue to fund these programs, which benefit the Payson Senior Center, the Hayden Senior Center and the Miami Dial-A-Ride. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved two separate IGAs, one with the Town of Miami and one with the Town of Hayden and a Transit Agreement with the Payson Senior Center for the purpose of providing transportation services to the general public, elderly persons and persons with disabilities to be funded with LTAF II funds.

Item 9 - Information/Discussion/Action to submit a list of County projects to be considered in the event that the United States Government funds an economic stimulus package for infrastructure projects.

Mr. Stratton stated that this item is a continuation from last week's meeting concerning the stimulus package for infrastructure projects. Gila County, along with everyone else in the United States is trying to secure some of these funds. Although he has unofficially heard what the ground rules may be regarding 90-day and NEPA-ready projects in order to receive funds, nothing has been received in writing. Mr. Stratton stated that at last week's Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting, the ADOT Board discussed this issue and he was instructed by the County's representative to get the County's list for road projects submitted to CAAG (Central Arizona Association of Governments) even though they might not be NEPA ready. Mr. Stratton advised that he is in the process of doing that once the Board has accepted the list of projects. He has received input for the list from John Nelson, Deputy County Manager, each Board member, Mr. Besich and various other people and has listed those projects in alphabetical order so there is no preference shown to a particular project. He questioned how the Board would like him to present the list. Chairman Sanchez read aloud some of the projects listed along with estimated start dates and costs. Upon inquiry from Chairman Sanchez as to whether these projects would provide new jobs, Mr. Stratton verified that each project would provide jobs as they are either construction or

permanent jobs and some projects would include both. He gave the example of a new jail facility, which would not only provide construction jobs, but would also provide permanent employment opportunities upon completion of the project. Chairman Sanchez stated that the Board discussed having long-term, mid-term and short-term projects and asked Mr. Stratton to point those projects out by term. Mr. Stratton stated that he didn't have that designation for all the projects; however, all projects included on the list could be immediate. Mr. Stratton noted that he would consider short-term projects to be those that could start within the first 90 to 120 days in 2009; mid-term would be late 2009 or early 2010; and long term would be 1-2 years out and that would just be his guess. Mr. Stratton stated that he was tasked with assimilating the various proposals from everyone and that is what the Board has before it. The projects were reviewed by the Board. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that Payson would like to add to the list the Tonto Apache wastewater system at a cost of \$1 million that the Town of Payson would take over and turn into a wastewater chain of lakes through the Green Valley Park. Supervisor Dawson also wanted to add additional projects including an industrial park on Hope Lane, a Globe-Miami regional library and civic center, and improvements at the Cutter airport. She also requested that Indian reservation representatives and local mayors be involved so it is a cooperative effort. Supervisor Dawson stated, "The frustrating thing is that Mr. Stratton and staff should not have to come up with this list. We should and need to develop an ongoing list of projects and the possibilities...We need to work diligently in the next years to prioritize what it is we are addressing and how we are addressing it and that's not something his department by itself can accomplish." Mr. Stratton stated that many people have been involved in the process and he perceives his department's role is to be a sorting center and do the necessary investigative work on each project as this will be a continually growing document until a set of rules are provided from the government. He requested that any other additional projects should be e-mailed to him and also copied to his assistant, Shannon Boyer, for inclusion on the list to be presented to the Board. Chairman Sanchez thanked Mr. Stratton and stated that the incoming Board will continue to work on this with staff and department heads as needed. Chairman Sanchez reviewed the list of critical projects submitted by the Sheriff's Office, which includes an urgent need for a women's dormitory. He then called on Barbara Godbold, a resident of Tonto Basin, who presented a letter to the Board, which she read aloud. Ms. Godbold's request was that the residents of Tonto Basin want some specific facts to be attached to the Tonto Creek Bridge Project, which is included on the projects list. She stated that Tonto Basin needs a bridge to prevent isolation of a community of 1,000 or so residents during yearly run-off feeding into Tonto Creek and then provided some factual and statistical information about why this project is a critical need. It could be a "turn the dirt in a 120-days type project." She concluded by stating that "any assistance Gila County can give the residents of Tonto Basin urging the need for a safe crossing of Tonto Creek would be greatly appreciated." Chairman Sanchez reviewed the costs of

\$3,910,000 associated with the Tonto Creek Bridge Project-Phase 1, which Mr. Stratton explained is the money that came from the Safety Lube Bill and the County is waiting to receive the intergovernmental agreement to be returned from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Phase 2 is estimated to cost \$24 million. Chairman Sanchez stated that the residents of Tonto Basin have been asking for and working closely with the County on this project for the last 20 years, but with all the special federal requirements it has not been completed and he feels a special effort needs to be made because “it’s our residents that are being threatened.” Vice-Chairman Martin agreed with Chairman Sanchez and added that a lot of detail will be included for each project, and this bridge in particular, and possible funding could also come from and will be pursued through the federal 2009 Safety Lieu Transportation bill. She felt that \$24 million is probably a low estimate; however, getting the County’s requirement for its portion of the funding dropped from 20% to 5% has now made it economically feasible for the County to pursue this project to completion. She explained to Ms. Godbold that “whether or not you see economic stimulus money coming to that bridge doesn’t mean that the County isn’t still pursuing heavily 2009 federal funding for that project.” Chairman Sanchez reviewed with the Board a letter received from the U.S. Department of Interior about additional requirements that may be necessary for completing applications for federal authorization, with the latest consideration being compliance regarding a northern Mexican garter snake federal management and conservation program. He stated that these types of federal requirements affect the County’s completion of projects like the 10 berm repairs and stated that the County has to be vigilant in completing all of these requirements. He urged the Godbolds to stay involved and continue this partnership with the County. Vice-Chairman Martin stated, “Knowing that this is a fluid list in a dynamic process, I move that we submit this beginning list of County projects to be considered in the event that the United States government funds an economic stimulus package for infrastructure projects.” The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dawson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 10 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval for the Gila County Division of Emergency Management & Public Health Preparedness to accept grant funded assistance from the Arizona Department of Emergency Management for review and update of the Gila County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will expire in 2011.**

- B. Approval for the Gila County Division of Emergency Management & Public Health Preparedness to submit a grant application in the amount of \$6,460 allocated by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security from the 2009 Citizen Corp Program under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and if approved the funds will be used to assist local CERT teams in Payson and Globe with**

recruiting activities, emergency response supplies, training and exercise projects.

- C. Approval for the Gila County Division of Emergency Management & Public Health Preparedness to apply for grant funded projects under the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program, a federal pass-through program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.**
- D. Approval of a Point to Point Dedicated Service Agreement between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services and Network Services to re-terminate a new T-1 line directly to Globe from Mesa, which will provide the link between the Prescott REPAC office and the Globe office at a monthly cost of \$600 plus a one-time installation charge of \$610. This Agreement represents a cost savings of approximately \$900 per month.**
- E. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG861265) between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services and Arizona Department of Health Services to extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2009, and revise the price sheet section, all of which allows for the continued provision of Teen Pregnancy Program services in the amount of \$135,003.**
- F. Approval of Amendment No. 11 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG354349) between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services Tobacco-Free Environments Program and Arizona Department of Health Services and Bureau of Tobacco Education/Prevention Program amending the scope of work and price sheet sections of the Agreement for the period November 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.**
- G. Approval to renew individual Intergovernmental Agreements between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services/Tobacco-Free Environments Program and the following: Globe Unified School District-\$1,800, Hayden-Winkelman School District-\$600, Miami Unified School District-\$1,200, Payson Unified School District-\$5,100, Pine-Strawberry School District-\$600, Tonto Basin School District-\$600, and Young Public School District-\$600 for the period July 1, 2008, through June 9, 2009.**
- H. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HR854052-006) between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to extend the term of the Agreement to January 9, 2010, and to amend the terms and conditions section of the Agreement for WIC Special Projects.**

- I. Approval for the Chairman to sign a revised FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant Application being resubmitted by the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services-Housing Services to the Arizona Department of Housing. The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of the initial Grant Application on June 3, 2008.**
- J. Approval of an Amendment to Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement (FS Agreement No. 09-LE-11031200-004) between the Gila County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service-Tonto National Forest which is the 2009 Financial and Operating Plan.**
- K. Approval to renew a Support and Maintenance Agreement between the Gila County Recorder and LASON for preventive maintenance on a Minolta RP603Z microfilm reader printer and Minolta fiche carrier for the period January 19, 2009, through January 18, 2010.**
- L. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on the following 36-month Lease Agreements with Key Equipment Finance Inc. which each Agreement contains an Amendment and Non-Appropriations Rider and also included with each Agreement is a Sales Order with Digital Imaging Systems. All documents pertain to the lease-purchase of Panasonic copier machines, as follows:**

Copier Model	Monthly & Annual Costs	Location of Copier
DP-2330	\$142.35/\$1,708.20	D-Home-Globe
DP-2330	\$155.31/\$1,863.72	Public Fiduciary-Globe
DP-8045	\$271.50/\$3,258.00	Health Dept.-Globe
DP-3030	\$211.82/\$2,541.84	BOS-Globe
DP-2330	\$129.83/\$1,557.96	Purchasing Dept.-Globe
DP-8035	\$198.81/\$2,385.72	Assessor's Office-Globe
DP-2330	\$123.81/\$1,485.72	Assessor's Office-Payson
DP-2330	\$157.84/\$1,894.08	REPAC Office-Prescott

- M. Approval of the September 30/October 1, 2008, and November 17, 2008, BOE meeting minutes.**
- N. Approval of the November 2008 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Payson Regional Constable and the Globe Regional Justice of the Peace.**

O. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of December 23, 2008.

Temporary Hire to County Service:

1. Merle Ray – Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Lube Specialist – 12-15-08 – Public Works Fund

Departmental Transfers:

2. Stacey Espinoza – From Board of Supervisors, District II – To Finance/General and Administration – From Supervisors Staff Specialist – To Executive Administrative Assistant – 01-05-09 – General Fund

End Probationary Period:

3. Rhonda Wood – Public Works/Facilities Management - Administrative Clerk Senior – 12-22-08 – Facilities Management Fund

Request Permission to Post:

4. Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Lube Specialist – Position vacated by Merle Ray – Availability Date 01-14-09

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service:

5. Richard Taylor – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Deputy Sheriff Sergeant – 01-16-09 – General Fund - DOH 03-22-82 - Retirement

Hire to County Service:

6. Richard Taylor – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Detention Officer – 01-19-09 – General Fund – Replacing Glenn Melser

End Probationary Period:

7. Ronald Escobedo – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Deputy Sheriff – 12-22-08 – General Fund
8. Robert Campbell III – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Deputy Sheriff – 12-22-08 – General Fund
9. Kevin Fane – Sheriff's Office/Globe – Detention Officer Sergeant – 12-22-08 – General Fund

P. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of December 23, 2008. (separate handout)

\$333,410.20 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 214160 and 214336 through 214495. **(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-10P.

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 and then Chairman Sanchez gave a final farewell statement.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED:

Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk