

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

Date: February 24, 2009

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PRESENT: Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Michael A. Pastor, Member; Steve Besich, County Manager/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. Jose Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Rula Colvin of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation.

Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 09-02-03 to dispose of unnecessary public roadways and alleys shown inside Inspiration Townsite, Official Map No. 39, Gila County Records, Gila County, Arizona to: Albert L. & Hope Palmer-Trustees of the Palmer Living Trust, Linda A. Wheeler, Richard & Lorie M. Serb, Michael Robert Golden, Benjamin A. & Franceen A. Benton II, Eleanor J. Gregovich, Brant J. & Maurisa Lynn Palmer, Bob J. Crawford, and Dietrich G. Denton; and to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the quit claim deeds for said disposal.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, stated that the Board has previously approved vacating these roads and alleys located in Claypool. The adoption of the Resolution and authorization for the Chairman to sign the quit claim deeds to the 9 property owners in the area will complete the process. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-02-03 to dispose of unnecessary public roadways and alleys shown inside Inspiration Townsite, Official Map No. 39, Gila County Records, Gila County, Arizona to: Albert L. & Hope Palmer-Trustees of the Palmer Living Trust, Linda A. Wheeler, Richard & Lorie M. Serb, Michael Robert Golden, Benjamin A. & Franceen A. Benton II, Eleanor J. Gregovich, Brant J. & Maurisa Lynn Palmer, Bob J. Crawford, and

Dietrich G. Denton; and authorized the Chairman's signature on the quit claim deeds for said disposal. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the submission of a Recycling Grant Application to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in the project amount of \$21,920.40 with a 50% cash match requirement in order to expand the Gila County Plastic Recycling Program.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that this Application is for the purpose of being able to purchase some plastic recycling bins to extend the County's recycling program. One of the bins would be a combination paper and plastic bin for placement in the Town of Miami because of limited space. There is a required County match in the amount of \$10,950.20, which will come from the landfill budget. In order to apply for this grant, the County must complete some forms for the Arizona Smart Growth. He stated that Diana Jones, Management Analyst, did a great job in getting the scorecard to the various departments for input. The overall score was 83% and there were a few deficiencies that the County may want to work on improving. Chairman Dawson requested that Mr. Stratton provide the Board with copies of the scorecards in order to determine the areas of needed improvement. Mr. Stratton stated that his assistant, Shannon Boyer, would provide copies to the Board. Supervisor Pastor gave some brief comments on this program and stated that the communities appreciate this recycling program. Mr. Stratton stated that his department will attempt to have this plastic recycling program in place in Payson within the next 2 years. He also noted that the half and half bins have also been requested in other locations; however, they have to be located in close proximity in order for the County to empty them and return them to the same location. Supervisor Pastor had requested that a half and half bin be placed in Spring Creek; however, the logistics didn't work out so the County is continuing to try to resolve some of those problems. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if the County is receiving a lot of plastic items for recycling. Mr. Stratton stated that the County is hauling one 30-yard roll-off of plastic per week to Phoenix for processing at the present time and the program is continuing to "pick up steam." The price received for paper, unfortunately, has gone down so the profits are not covering expenses, but the County is gaining in space at the landfill so the recycling program is useful. Chairman Dawson inquired about the Payson plastic program. Mr. Stratton stated that the County would have to transport the plastic from Payson to Globe to be compacted and bailed. He reiterated that there are issues with logistics and expenses and he is addressing those issues. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously authorized the submission of a Recycling Grant Application to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in the project amount of \$21,920.40 with a 50% cash

match requirement in order to expand the Gila County Plastic Recycling Program.

At this time, Chairman Dawson requested that the Board skip agenda item number 4 and bring it back for discussion at the end of the meeting to which the Board agreed.

Item 5 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Authorization for the Chairman to sign a Soil Removal License Agreement between Gila County and ASARCO, LLC to allow for the removal of contaminants on Assessor's tax parcel no. 101-09-063-3, which is owned by Gila County. ASARCO will pay all associated contaminant removal costs.**
- B. Approval of a Maintenance Agreement between Gila County Engineering and Thomas Reprographics, Inc. for an OCE 7055 map copier (serial number 705507874) in the amount of \$750 for the period March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2010.**
- C. Authorization for Gila County Housing Services to submit an application in response to Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging, Region V, RFP No. 2010-01 to obtain \$21,000 and if approved said funds will be used for minor home repairs in Gila County.**
- D. Approval of a request submitted by the Gila Monster Go-Kart Racing Club to use the Fairgrounds' Go-Kart Race Track at various times (as described on the application) for the period of April 5, 2009, through September 19, 2009, with a waiver of fees.**
- E. Approval of the January 2009 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace, Payson Regional Constable and Clerk of the Superior Court.**
- F. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of February 24, 2009.**

Departmental Transfers:

- 1. Pam Fisher – From Community Development – To Board of Supervisor – From Building Services Office Manager – To Supervisor Staff Specialist – 03-01-09 – General Fund

Position Review:

- 2. Ramai Alvarez – County Attorney – Attorney Senior – 02-17-09 – From Cost of Prosecution Fund – To General Fund – From Part Time – To Full Time

3. Carolyn Borcharding – County Attorney – Attorney Senior – 02-17 -09 –
From General Fund – To Cost of Prosecution Fund

G. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of February 17, 2009. (separate handout)

\$2,135,954.16 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 215724 through 215905. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 5A-5G.

Item 6 - CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issue(s) within the Board's jurisdiction. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date.

Former County Supervisor, Jose Sanchez, a resident of Miami, spoke to the Board regarding the newly formed Boys and Girls Club of Globe and advised that a golf tournament to raise funds for the Club will be held on March 7, 2009. He also informed the Board that the Miami Food Bank Board received a letter from the landlord advising that rent in the amount of \$300-\$400 was due by this Friday or the locks would be changed. The former owner had never charged the Miami Food Bank for rent over the past 20 years. He also spoke on the possibility of combining the Globe and Miami Food Banks. Chairman Dawson advised that Bill Taylor, local radio station owner, had donated a 72" flat screen TV to the Boys and Girls Club of Globe. She also stated that the Miami Food Bank building owner, Mr. Tommy Thompson, has taken care of the rent issue for the time being. No other public comments were received.

Item 7 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-31.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrator may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on issues presented.

Each Board member and Mr. Besich presented information on current events.

Chairman Dawson returned to agenda item number 4 for discussion.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Supervisor Dawson stated that today the Board received a booklet entitled "Proposed Economic Stimulus Projects," which contains an alphabetical listing of the proposed County projects that could be funded in the event any monies are received by the County from President Obama's federal stimulus package known as the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act." The list includes a summary of all the projects, the start date and estimated cost of each project. Vice-Chairman Martin advised the Board that Janice Cook, Director of Administrative Services, put together the booklet in which all the projects have been separated into categories by environmental, facilities, flood control, fresh water, roads and wastewater. Contained in each category is the appropriate project spreadsheet previously reviewed by the Board that reflects all of the known information about each individual project, cost estimates, starting times, the number of people that could be employed and the contact person. Each project is a stand alone project and they are all listed in the event money is appropriated for a project in a particular category. Information will continue to be added as it becomes available. The booklet was just completed last night so that's the reason it was not available for the Board's review until this morning. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Dawson thanked Ms. Cook for her work on the booklet. Chairman Dawson advised the Board that she and Steve Stratton were in a meeting with Steve Cullen, Senior Dean of the Gila County Community College, and Rob Krohn of BHP Copper Company to discuss a solar energy project. A California company, Bright Source, has been reviewing the possibility of locating solar farms in Arizona and Chairman Dawson has been in contact with that company; however, the company prefers to locate these solar farms on land close to Yuma to generate solar energy for metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles. Chairman Dawson and Mr. Stratton will continue to look for a company that is interested because of the Gila County Community College's curriculum that will train people to develop and construct solar panels and install same. Mr. Stratton had previously suggested to Chairman Dawson that if the County owned the land on which to install a solar farm, then there could possibly be a tax incentive to any company that would locate to Gila County to do this project. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that if the solar energy project is not included in the project list, it should be as a request from the college because it could help the County in a variety of ways. Each project should also have backup documentation that goes with it. Chairman Dawson stated that another project she is working on is a Job Corps Center for Gila County. There is another one located in Tucson, which just received significant funding for additional job corps so Chairman Dawson will be adding that to the project list. She also understands that the Town of Payson is submitting two other projects, one for Blue Ridge and another one for a new fire station. She wondered in discussions about new facilities if a new jail would be considered part of an

infrastructure and so that's some of her lobbying efforts. She inquired of Vice-Chairman Martin if a Payson fire station was included as a new project in the booklet. Vice-Chairman Martin stated it is not included at this time. The information on funds for fire stations was not known to be a part of the federal stimulus package on that type of infrastructure until after the conference committee meeting where it was revealed that money for fire stations in particular was included. She received an e-mail from the National Wildfire Fighter's group advising of this funding and apparently the Town of Payson also picked up on it and then submitted its request for a new fire station. Although it is not included in the County's list, it could be. Blue Ridge is included in the list. Supervisor Pastor questioned if this booklet, which to him is a working document, has been submitted to anyone in Washington, D.C. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the original list was submitted to both Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick and Senator Jon Kyl as the types of projects that Gila County was reviewing; however, this was before the stimulus package was adopted by Congress. Supervisor Pastor had some questions on the list that he will address with staff. He also recommended sending this complete booklet to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick and Senator Kyl so they will have additional backup information. Mr. Besich stated that once the Board is satisfied with the booklet, he would also transmit that docket to the local offices of Congresswoman Kirkpatrick and Senator Kyl. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the County's lobbyist, Patty Power, is also willing to hand deliver this information directly to the Washington, D.C. offices and that way both the local and federal offices would receive the information. Chairman Dawson will also deliver some booklets on her trip to the National Association of Counties meeting in Washington D.C. next week. Vice-Chairman Martin and Supervisor Pastor will not be attending. Discussion was also held on the importance of working with Resolution Copper Company to get the land exchange approved by Congress. Mr. Besich gave a few brief comments regarding the U.S. federal stimulus package compared to other countries such as China which are investing 80% of its funding into roads, bridges and similar projects and their stock market is showing signs of recovery while the U.S. stock market continues to fall. He stated, "The County needs to have a good attitude because everybody is scared and anybody that tells you they're not is not telling the truth." Vice-Chairman Martin stated that in regard to the projects listed, the County's Long Haul Fibre project seems to have the most potential because much of the federal stimulus money seems to be directed toward a year-long assessment of the high speed internet gaps in the nation. No Board action was taken on this agenda item.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Dawson thanked Jo Johnson, Vice-Chairman Martin's Staff Specialist, for her years of service to Gila County and wished her well in her retirement.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors,
Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

APPROVED:

Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk