

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

Date: May 5, 2009

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer  
Deputy Clerk

**MICHAEL A. PASTOR**

Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); Michael A. Pastor, Member; Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Daisy Flores, 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. Daisy Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Dan Morton of the First Christian Church delivered the invocation.

**Item 2 - Presentation of the Globe District Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) projects.**

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, introduced Jerry Barnes, ADOT Globe District Engineer. Mr. Barnes replaced Rick Powers, the previous Globe District Engineer, who retired from ADOT. Mr. Barnes advised that he would provide an overview of ongoing and future projects in the Globe District and he informed Vice-Chairman Martin that Payson is actually in ADOT's Prescott District.

A summary of ongoing projects include the following:

State Route 77 at Christmas section – A \$9M road widening project is being done because of previous incidents and accidents. There is a 12 hour closure per day on this road from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Blasting should end May 15<sup>th</sup> with an estimated project completion date at the end of June. US Highway 60 at Pinto Valley Turnoff – A +\$8M road widening project. There are 15-30 minute closures at any time during the day for blasting, hauling, etc. Projected completion date is scheduled for February 2010; however, the project is anticipated to be completed by November 2009. State Route 188 by Jake's Corner – A half mile sub-grade repair project, which is less than 2 weeks from being complete. US Highway 70 – Scour protection for a \$7M emergency repair

project (already completed) to ensure that repairs won't be undercut and washed out at a later date.

A summary of projects to be completed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds is as follows: US Highway 60 – Timber Mountain to Seneca – A project recently awarded to Southwest Asphalt d/b/a Fisher Sand and Gravel at a cost of \$2,782,000. US Highway 60 – Miami to McMillan Wash – A mill and fill, drainage correction and signalization upgrade project which is due to advertise May 15, 2009. Cost is anticipated above \$9M. State Route 177 – A chip seal project that will be advertised in May and it will last approximately 2-3 weeks. Highway 288 – north of Young – A chip seal project that will be advertised in May. State Route 73 – A fencing project from Carrizo Creek to Canyon Creek. Ice House Canyon and Jesse Hayes Road - A construction engineering project for Gila County. US Highway 70 – A project to be advertised in May for turn lanes on Indian Route 6 and Old Winkleman Highway. State Route 177 – A mill and fill project that will soon be advertised. State Route 177 – A curve realignment project just 3 miles outside of Superior that will be advertised in January 2010. US Highway 60 in the canyon – Spot repair of pavement on both sides of the canyon to be conducted in the fall of 2009.

Mr. Barnes provided a brief overview of ADOT's budget issues. ADOT employees are presently required to take off one day every two weeks without pay, which is equivalent to a 10% pay decrease. This requirement will end July 1, 2009. ADOT staff is currently 17% undermanned. ADOT's budget was cut 15% for maintenance last year and another 10-15% cut is anticipated this fiscal year. The end result of these budget cuts is that the number of employees, equipment and level of service will be reduced. Chairman Dawson and Mr. Barnes entered into a discussion regarding the rest area at the bottom of Salt River Canyon and the conversation continued regarding statewide rest stop area closures. Vice-Chairman Martin initiated a discussion regarding a rest area at State Highways 188 and 87. The rest area needs an updated system and it is only open a few months per year. Mr. Barnes offered to help her with this effort. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Barnes advised that the ADOT District Engineer should be contacted with regard to any issues because he has the ability to expedite processes rather than if a subordinate was contacted.

Each supervisor expressed their appreciation to Mr. Barnes for today's update and the good working relationship between ADOT and Gila County.

**Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the advertisement of Request for Sealed Bids No. 042309-1 for the purchase of one or more new 2009 full size 4 door 4x4 SUV special service vehicles for the Public Works Division Fleet Department.**

Steve Stratton introduced this item and Mr. Besich then explained that last year the County did not budget for capital improvements and as a result no vehicles were purchased, which places the County in a 3-year lag regarding vehicles. Mr. Stratton agreed that there are County vehicles that need to be replaced in order to have a reliable fleet of vehicles. The reason this agenda item states "one or more...vehicles" is the number of vehicles won't be determined until a price is quoted. Mr. Stratton stated, "We need to replace the fleet, but this is for the Sheriff's Office." Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of Request for Sealed Bids No. 042309-1.

**Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 09-05-01 accepting a drainage easement across Lot 5, Strawberry Mountain Shadows, Gila County Plat No. 584A, and to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Grant of Easement.**

Mr. Stratton advised that the County has affected a person's property and this drainage easement is needed in order for the County to maintain the easement. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-05-01 accepting a drainage easement across Lot 5, Strawberry Mountain Shadows, Gila County Plat No. 584A, and authorized the Chairman's signature on the Grant of Easement. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 5 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Authorization for the Chairman to sign two Soil Removal License Agreements between Gila County and ASARCO, LLC by their representative, Entact Environmental Services, to allow for the removal of contaminants on Assessor's tax parcels 101-07-025 and 101-07-162, which are owned by Gila County. ASARCO will pay all associated contaminant removal costs.**

**B. Approval of a 5-Year Lease (6-1-09 to 5-31-14) between Gila County and William G. Lewis Trust for rental space in Prescott which houses the MIS Department and Dislocated Worker Program. The only change is that there is a new owner.**

**C. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. HG854284) between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Gila County Division of Health and Community Services to revise the price sheet which increases the fee for services amount for the County's Immunization Program.**

**D. Approval to appoint the following as members to the Census 2010**

**Complete Count Committee for Gila County: Gayle Starkey, Tonto Basin; Sarah Luckie, Town of Star Valley; and Susan Keown, Payson.**

**E. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of May 5, 2009.**

Departure from County Service:

1. Karla Cassa – Clerk of Superior Court – Court Clerk – 04-19-09 – Drug Enforcement Fund – DOH 09-17-07 – Accepted another position

Temporary Hire to County Service:

2. Monique Usher – Board of Supervisors – Administrative Clerk – 04-29-09 – General Fund

Departmental Transfers:

3. Vernon Davis – Public Works/Consolidated Roads – From Road Maintenance Worker - To Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 05-11-09 – Public Works Fund

End Probationary Period:

4. Cassandra Villegas – Public Works/Facilities Management – Administrative Assistant – 04-27-09 – Facilities Management Fund
5. Kimberly Rust – Globe Constable – Constable Clerk – 04-27-09 – General Fund
6. Christine Ortiz – Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Administrative Clerk Specialist – 04-27-09 – Public Works Fund
7. Ramai Alvarez – County Attorney – Deputy Attorney Senior – 05-11-09 – General Fund

Request Permission to Post:

8. Health and Community Services – Community Health Assistant – Additional funds received from WIC
9. Health and Community Services – Receptionist/Clerk – Additional funds received from WIC
10. Public Works Recycling and Landfill Management – Solid Waste Operations Supervisor – Position vacated by Walter Wiley – Availability Date 12-19-09

**F. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of May 5, 2009. (separate handout)**

\$1,843,931.06 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 217464 through 217627. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Supervisor Pastor advised that until he meets with Mr. Besich later today to discuss the finance reports/demands/transfers, he requested that Consent Agenda item F be tabled. After discussion with other Board members, it was agreed to approve all Consent Agenda items conditioned upon clarification of Item F being given to Supervisor Pastor. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved

Consent Agenda Action items 5A-5F, with the condition that clarification on Item F is provided to Supervisor Pastor.

**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.**

There were no requests to speak from the public.

At this time Chairman Dawson advised that agenda item number 8 would be addressed.

**Item 8 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Professional Services Contract between Gila County and LRG, Inc. to provide management consulting services to the Gila County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the citizens of Gila County to pursue a new Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center on Tonto National Forest lands in Gila County in the amount of \$81,000. Contract period will be May 1, 2009, to April 30, 2010.**

Chairman Dawson advised that earlier this week a presentation was made from U.S.F.S. Job Corps representatives from Washington D.C. along with some other people who are with a public relations company. She stated, "We're looking at a CCC camp on the Tonto Forest. The initial investment is \$30M-\$35M to build the campus, with an annual budget of around \$8M. There will be 200-250 students enrolled in the program and the program has changed since the early 60s. Judges can no longer send students to Job Corps; it's all volunteer enrollment now." She continued to highlight all of the advantages of bringing a Job Corps to southern Gila County. She stated, "We need help and I can't do this by myself." Chairman Dawson stated that within 2-3 months a decision will be made if Gila County will be designated as a Job Corps location, hence the need to act swiftly. She then referred to the contract with LRG, Inc., which is the public relations firm that was represented at the meeting earlier this week. The contract is for a period of one year in the amount of \$81,000, with a 30-day cancellation clause. Chairman Dawson stated, "We can cancel within 6 months at the outside." She advised that this company would be able to assist the County and any other local interested entities or individuals who are working through the process to build a Job Corps in the local area. She acknowledged Mickey Nye and Bill Marshall when they walked into the room as they, too, are involved in this effort. Supervisor Pastor was surprised that this issue has moved so swiftly to the point of presenting this contract for Board action without there being thorough discussions on the topic. He advised that

this contract and another upcoming contract with a different lobbying firm (which will be presented to the Board for approval in the near future) makes him uncomfortable given the current economic situation and not being able to give employee raises. He acknowledged the importance of Job Corps; however, he is not ready to take an action on this item at this time and he suggested scheduling a Board work session to discuss this issue further. Vice-Chairman Martin also acknowledged that bringing a Job Corps to the local area might be a good idea. Until yesterday, she believed the Job Corps presentation given earlier this week was strictly from Job Corps representatives. She stated, "I didn't know we were listening to a lobbying firm trying to sell us their business. If I had known, I would have asked what kind of success have you had in bringing in a center? Is there anyone else on your client list that you are helping them bring in a Job Corps?" Her biggest concern was that to date she has not seen one letter from the City of Globe, Town of Miami, San Carlos Apache Tribal Council or others committing their talents and money to this effort. She stated, "Rather than doing it for them; I want to do it with them. If they can bring their political will and their money to the table and we do this." She also agreed that a Board work session is needed and also a conversation with local government agencies. She would like to see more partnering on this effort and she also expressed a concern that everything is happening too fast. The Board discussed the timing of the work session. Chairman Dawson stated, "I prefer for action rather than a work session." She then tabled this agenda item until next week's meeting on May 12, 2009.

**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.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk