

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

Date: May 12, 2009

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PRESENT: Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Michael A. Pastor, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian; 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. Supervisor Pastor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Dawson delivered the invocation.

Chairman Dawson noted for the record that Steve Besich, County Manager, was on vacation.

Item 2A - Public Hearing on the petition for the establishment of the Little Creek Land Company Domestic Water Improvement District (LCLCDWID).

Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, stated that pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, a petition requesting the creation or establishment of a water improvement district requires a public hearing, particularly in the event that the proposed district is located within a water service territory. The public notice was published twice in the Payson Roundup newspaper, which was selected because it is the newspaper in that area with the most circulation. The property owners within the proposed district were also notified along with the Arizona Corporation Commission because it is in a service territory. She stated that Larry Huffer, Chief Appraiser for the Assessor's Office, would present the petition and signatures to the Board. Chairman Dawson opened the public hearing for comments from the public; none were offered. She inquired as to the number of residing living within the proposed LCLCDWID. Ms. Mundy was not sure; however, she advised that there are 3 property

owners within said proposed district. Chairman Dawson noted that a written objection was received from Jeffery Daniels, who is the owner and certified operator of Christopher Creek Haven Water Company in Payson, which adjoins the proposed subdivision. She read aloud Mr. Daniel's letter of objection, which stated that his main concern is that the proposed district could seriously impact the ability of the Christopher Creek Haven Water Company to provide water to its customers and could possibly drain its aquifer resulting in water restrictions for the Christopher Creek community. He requested that the Board deny this petition. Mr. Daniels also joined the meeting by ITV from Payson. He added that according to the plans he has seen, the proposed subdivision will include 40 units or 40 owners, not 3. There are a total of 174 customers in all of Christopher Creek and 40 more units in that area would be very significant. He noted that no studies or research has been done as to what kind of impact these additional units would have on the water system in that area. His water company has been able to go without restrictions on the water system for the past 2 years; however, prior to that, there were water restrictions in place every year with the water supply getting down to 500 gallons last July. With this new proposed subdivision, it could impact Christopher Creek negatively and possibly force the community to run out of water during the summer; hence, his concern. Mr. Daniels stated that he has tried to work with Mr. Cheney in regard to coming into the Christopher Creek Water Company and becoming part of that system; however, he has not received any response. John Cheney, a resident of Payson and one of the owners of the property, who was present at the meeting, stated that there are 25 proposed lots in the subdivision—not 40. The LCLCDWID is being proposed because there are concerns about the reliability of the Christopher Creek Water Company supply. This has been mentioned to Mr. Daniels; however, a conversation has not been recently held with Mr. Daniels because nothing has changed. He noted to the Board that it is addressing the establishment of the LCLCDWID, not the subdivision, and that the final plat will be submitted to the Board for approval when it is completed. In regard to the LCLCDWID, Mr. Cheney stated that an established well is in place that has been in place for 20 years and was used to service 8 cabins for a resort that was previously on this property. The 8 cabins have since been removed and there is nothing on the property at this time. The proposed subdivision will have its own sewage treatment plant, which will be run by the homeowner's association along with the water system. He believes this LCLCDWID will ensure that the residents are provided with water and will have better representation in regard to controlling costs and water rates, which are important issues to people moving into a subdivision. Chairman Dawson inquired about the production of the well. Mr. Cheney replied that the well was originally drilled by Arrow Drilling and that company has tested the well and it is pumping 25 gpm (gallons per minute), which according to Arrow Drilling is a very good well for that area. To pump sufficient water for the proposed district, the well would need to pump approximately 4 hours per day, which is well within the guideline requirements. Upon inquiry from Chairman Dawson, Mr. Cheney advised that

he has gone to Gila County Planning and Zoning and the tentative plat was approved for 25 lots and the next step to come before the Board will be the final plat, which should be completed this summer. Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, inquired if the plans include fire protection. Mr. Cheney replied that the property contains 2 lakes/ponds, one of which is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre and the other is $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, both of which are spring fed and completely lined. The lakes have a substantial amount of water and 4 taps that have been used in the past by the fire department and helicopters have drawn water from them for use on forest fires. The lakes have no connection to the well. The storage vessel for the domestic service is 10,000 gallons, which is the ADEQ (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality) requirement and is already on site. Mr. Cheney advised the Board that this subdivision will be very unique, will have solar generation on the homes, its own water system and its own sewage system that will drip and irrigate the landscaping and hopefully be completely self-contained. Chairman Dawson inquired if any of the lots have been sold. Mr. Cheney replied that the lots cannot be sold until they have received a real estate report from the Arizona Department of Real Estate. The property was previously owned by Mr. Cheney's parents since the 1970s and is currently owned by Mr. Cheney, his brother and his sister. Discussion ensued on the amount of water that would be required for 25 residences versus the former 8 cabins in the resort and Mr. Cheney advised that the former resort was initially designed for 35 units and the well was capable of supplying adequate water throughout the past 20 years. Mr. Daniels commented that the 25 residences will use at least 3 times more water than the 8 rental cabins and his other concern was that the LCLCDWID governing board will only be concerned with its 25 units and if the water levels start dropping, it will be Christopher Creek Haven's problem. Supervisor Pastor inquired if a hydrology study has been conducted as to sufficient water for not only the subdivision residences, but the remainder of the area. Mr. Cheney was not aware of any studies and he has provided all of the required information regarding the water tables. He stated that Mr. Daniels had a right to be concerned about the water levels and he, too, would be concerned if Mr. Daniel's properties drew his water levels down as well. Mr. Cheney stated that he would expect cooperation between himself and Mr. Daniels and would have no problem helping Christopher Creek out if they ran into water problems as he is well aware that many wells in the Payson area have run into water problems on one occasion or another. Supervisor Pastor stated that Bob Gould, Community Development Division Director, had previously recommended approval of this subdivision to the Board. Mr. Gould stated that he did recommend approval of the subdivision through the preliminary plat; however, no water testing was done at that time. He is, however, unsure of what the Arizona Corporation Commission will advise. When the proposed subdivision process is being reviewed through the County's Planning and Zoning Department process, there are standards in the Subdivision Code that requires a minimum of 250 gpm per residential unit, plus there is a requirement to provide a certain amount of water for fire protection, which will have to be proven by the owner's engineer. Mr. Gould

advised that there is a lot more to this process before it is finally approved and the plans have not been reviewed because this is only the conceptual plan at this point. Chairman Dawson closed the public hearing and moved to the second part of this agenda item.

Item 2B - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt the Order establishing the Little Creek Land Company Domestic Water Improvement District.

Larry Huffer, Chief Appraiser, presented a Certificate of Verification to the Board. He stated that according to ARS §48-903, Section A, the Gila County Assessor has verified the ownership of real property of the persons who signed a petition for the formation of the LCLCDWID. He then read aloud the requirements of ARS §48-903, Section A. Mr. Huffer concluding by stating that the owners of real property within the limits of the proposed district who signed a petition were a majority of the owners, 3 out of 3 signed the petition, or 100%. The owners of more than 51% of the real property within the limits of the proposed district signed a petition. The owners of 21.936 acres out of 21.936 acres or 100% signed. The Board had no questions or comments. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted the Order establishing the Little Creek Land Company Domestic Water Improvement District.

Item 3 - Discussion of issues related to agenda item 4 prior to possible Board action.

See summary of this item in agenda item 4 below.

Item 4 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 042109-PSC between Gila County and Bose Public Affairs Group to provide government relations services for the support of development and execution of County federal programs and projects in the monthly amount of \$6,500 in effect until June 30, 2011.

Vice-Chairman Martin explained that 3 years ago she requested that the Board approve a contract for lobbying services with Jefferson Government Relations, LLC in Washington D.C. to assist with some major issues facing the County. One of the big issues was the extreme fire danger in Payson where 70% of the County's assessed valuation was 100% vulnerable to wildfires with the Pine-Strawberry area being rated as number one in the country for the most extreme fire danger. After 25 years of petitioning Congress for assistance, \$1 million was finally received by the County through the efforts of Congressman Renzi and those funds were used to put a small fire break around Pine, which really only gave the citizens the illusion of some fire protection. In the same period of time, the U.S. Forest Service completed the process necessary to clean out that property of almost 1 million acres known as Wildland Urban Interface; however, upon completion there were no federal funds available for the

cleaning. She believes that ultimately industry needs to be brought in to clean the forests out profitably and in so doing restore the health of the forest land. In the meantime, it was decided that there should at least be a fire break around each community, but that would take federal funding that was not available. So the County put up a half million dollars in seed money for the fire breaks and asked 5 communities to match the County's money up to \$50,000 per community. Also installed by the County were water bladders, water tanks and a helicopter available water system. For the past 3 years, this work completed by the County has prevented several forest fires. In an attempt to secure more federal funding, Jefferson Government Relations, LLC was hired to assist Vice-Chairman Martin in meeting with the right congressional people in Washington D.C. She explained how each Congressman is on several committees and each committee and subcommittee has its own staff. It's the staff that handles all of the details and with whom Vice-Chairman Martin needed access. She also needed access to the administration as well as the President's Council on Environmental Quality because those groups were setting the policy on how they were going to fight fires and she wanted to talk with them. Jefferson Government Relations, LLC was initially contacted for assistance in helping to secure funding for forest health in District 1, the Tonto Creek Bridge in District 2 and has since included assistance for the Young Forest Service Road 512 in District 3. She explained how Jefferson Government Relations, LLC has been able to assist the County with each of these 3 projects, resulting in \$6 million either in direct appropriations, reprogramming at the U.S. Forest level or in grants that have come out of the U. S. Forest Service that the County did not know how to tap into that has also resulted in an additional \$3 million in stimulus funds. The cost for this assistance from Jefferson Government Relations, LLC has cost the County \$70,000/year. They were also instrumental in gathering pertinent information, which allowed the County to be placed back on the sliding scale that changed the County's matching funds for the Tonto Creek Bridge project from 20% to 5.7%. The contract with Jefferson Government Relations, LLC is now up for renewal; however, that company has now gone completely into the area of health care. The employees working on transportation, natural resources and education have moved on to other companies so the County will have to redo the contract. Patty Power, the lobbyist the County has been working with is now working with Bose Public Affairs Group, which is the company the County would now contract with for an additional 3-year period. Vice-Chairman Martin believes that continued help is needed in obtaining assistance for federal funding to build the Tonto Creek Bridge, which would come through the Safety Lieu Bill. The Safety Lieu Bill will be completed within the next 8-12 months and will not be available again for another 5-6 years. If the County wants funding through that bill, it must have that type of expertise at that level. If funding is not received, all the work completed to date will have to be redone. Supervisor Pastor noted that he had contacted some of his constituents in Tonto Basin, who were present at the meeting, because the Tonto Creek Bridge project is a major concern to them. Recently, he met with

Ms. Power and they reviewed the proposed Tonto Creek Bridge area. While visiting with Ms. Power, he requested an overall review of what her group had been able to accomplish for Gila County during the tenure of their contract, copies of which were provided to the Board. She estimated that the appropriated funds, grants, reprogram funds and cost sharing savings have resulted in \$10.62 million to Gila County since June 2006, which to Supervisor Pastor was a significant amount of money. Chairman Dawson stated that several Public Participation Forms had been received from the public either wishing to speak to this issue or for the purpose of submitting written comments. Forms were received from the following: Joel Straw, Marc Deering, James Fogle, Diane Swanson, Hank Shearer, Bernice Shearer, Glen Swanson, Pat Taylor, John Urick, Lester Hannar, JoAnn Hannar and Arthur Denkeler, all residents of Tonto Basin and all in favor of said issue. She stated that identical and favorable written comments were also received from Keith Godbold and James Montgomery, also residents of Tonto Basin, which Chairman Dawson read aloud. Chairman Dawson expressed her agreement in ensuring the safety of students getting safely to school and did not like to see a transporter running across the river; however, she has been contacted by Tonto Basin residents who do not want the proposed Tonto Creek Bridge located at Sheep's Crossing. Regardless of where it is built, she believes there will be residents opposed to the location. Her concern is that when the Roosevelt Dam was raised, it has created a problem with the silt building up causing the river to change its course almost every time there is flooding in that Creek. She gave the example of the approaches washing out at the 2 new Salt River Bridge crossings, which is her concern with this Tonto Creek Bridge. She believes the appropriate thing would be to talk to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers about this concern before millions of dollars are spent on engineering where the bridge should be located. During a recent trip to Washington, D.C, Chairman Dawson met with Arizona congressmen/women, in particular Congressman Ed Pastor. She explained to him about the County hiring high-dollar lobbyists to help the County get its needs heard. He advised her to instead hire good grant writers to obtain federal stimulus funding to serve the needs of the County. Chairman Dawson explained, "Today you have 2 supervisors who feel strongly that we need to be focusing on someone who will listen to what our needs are. We need a jail. Your taxes are going to go up if we end up with our jail being taken over. We have 34 female inmates housed in an 18-unit jail." She stated that at any time the County could be told that this practice cannot continue. In discussions with Patty Power about the County's severe need to replace the jail, Ms. Power advised that there were no stimulus funds available for jails so that possibility has gone away. However, the fact that the need for a jail grows more critical daily has not gone away. She stated, "I will be voting against the renewal of this contract, not the Tonto Creek Bridge, but rather voting against a lobbyist." Chairman Dawson stated that she did not feel the need for a lobbyist to make appointments for her in Washington, D.C because she could make those appointments herself. She stated, "Ms. Power may be able to open doors, but she is not a grants writer." She felt the best advice received was

from Congressman Pastor and that the County should secure a good grants writer with these funds. Supervisor Pastor questioned Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney, about the original contract with Jefferson Government Relations, LLC, which contains a clause whereby the County agrees that during the term of this agreement and for 1 year after its termination, the County will not solicit or hire any employee of the Jefferson Group either directly or indirectly without written authorization from the Jefferson group. He inquired if that would affect the new contract with Bose Public Affairs Group since Patty Power was a former employee of Jefferson Government Relations, LLC. Mr. Chambers advised that he had previously rendered a legal opinion on this which was addressed to the Chairman of the Board with copies being given to the other two supervisors. Mr. Chambers stated that he would be happy to reiterate that opinion; however, since it would be legal advice and it could involve the County Attorney's assessment over possible claims in the future, it would probably be better if that advice was given in executive session. He stated that an executive session was not required; however, it often makes sense not to have that in a public session. He did advise that the Board could enter into this agreement with Bose Public Affairs Group, but what the consequence of that could be is whether or not there might be some obligation to the Jefferson group, which might be better discussed in executive session. Chairman Dawson stated that since Patty Power bought out the non-competition clause of the Jefferson group, it would negate that question. Mr. Chambers stated that he could provide some brief legal explanation in the public session. He stated, "Ms. Power had a contract with the Jefferson group that had some restrictive covenants in it stating that she would not compete with Jefferson Government Relations, LLC, concerning her clients after she left. Gila County is not necessarily a beneficiary of that contract she had with Jefferson. And though she may have bought that out, that doesn't necessarily mean that Jefferson couldn't try to enforce the agreement that we made not to hire them. In other words, they could possibly come back and say 'Well, we want you to buy us out.' Is that real likely? Probably not, but they are separate obligations. Just because she bought that out doesn't necessarily protect us." Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she has talked to the people with Jefferson Government Relations, LLC and that company is in the process of going bankrupt. Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, has given Jefferson Government Relations, LLC a 30-day notice of termination effective May 1, 2009, and according to an employee named Jeanie, the company has accepted the termination notice. However, Vice-Chairman Martin did not get that in writing, but believes she could do so. Chairman Dawson asked Mr. Stratton to give the Board an update on Phase 1 of the Tonto Creek Bridge project. He stated that in regard to the location of the proposed bridge, Sheep's Crossing is the preferred location for design and engineering purposes. In the contract that will be given to the County, the County will be given a distance of area that might be suitable locations. There are 2 preferable locations in that area. He stated that C.L. Williams has been hired by the County and will be meeting with the Arizona Department of

Transportation (ADOT). ADOT did receive the Intergovernmental Agreement that was approved by the Board. He noted a disturbing fact that the federal government has removed some of the original \$3 million given to the County for this project. Originally the County anticipated having the necessary funds to locate the site, perform all the environmental requirements, the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) study, and complete 30% of the design. Now the County is only going to be able to locate the site and complete the NEPA study, but will not be able to complete any part of the design because the funds have been reduced to approximately \$2.1 million with a County match of 5.7%. The County will be required to follow ADOT and federal guidelines. The selection committee for reviewing the proposals once the RFP (Request for Proposals) is completed will include for the County, Mark Guereña, County Engineer, and C.L. Williams. He noted that 80% of the money can be drawn down after September 30, 2009, and the County will have to add its match, which has been included in the tentative budget. He stated that if the County is not included in funding in the Safety Lieu Bill this year, in 5-6 years the NEPA document would have to be redone. In regard to the location of the bridge, Mr. Stratton stated that the other 3 low-water crossings—Bar X, Punkin Center Store crossing, and A-Crossing—are all in critical habitat areas so they cannot be used. Mr. Stratton advised that unofficially he has been told that once the bridge has been built, those other crossings will be closed to traffic so he is trying to make that information public so it will not come as a surprise to the Tonto Basin residents. Chairman Dawson called on Marc Dearing, a resident of Tonto Basin, to speak. Mr. Dearing inquired if the engineering that is underway at this time takes into account the comment about the bridge washing away and if a site is being chosen so that issue will be permanently resolved. Mr. Stratton stated that the Sheep's Crossing location has been chosen because it has an outcropping of rock in that particular area and also because of its height above the river. The engineering study during the NEPA document will determine if that is a safe location and that's a question the County will ultimately ask because once the bridge is built, it will then have to be maintained by the County. The Board ensued with some additional discussion and Chairman Dawson reiterated her reason for not voting in favor of this item. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board approved the Professional Services Contract No. 042109-PSC with Bose Public Affairs Group in the amount of \$6,500 in effect until June 30, 2011, by a 2-1 vote. Chairman Dawson voted nay. Chairman Dawson stated that Ms. Power is being contracted with for County-wide programs and she believes Ms. Power has accountability to the entire Board. She requested that Ms. Power's communications come to the entire Board in at least a quarterly report. Supervisor Pastor noted that he had emphasized the point with Ms. Power about communicating with all 3 supervisors and keeping them updated.

Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Architectural Services Contract No. 032309-1 between Gila County and

DLR Group to provide architectural design, construction drawings, and bid specifications for the new Gila County Jail Women’s Dormitory in Globe.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that 2 weeks ago the Board approved advertising a Request for Proposals for an architectural firm for this project. Two proposals were received, which were reviewed by his staff and the Sheriff’s Office staff and all concurred that the best proposal was from DLR Group. He advised that one of the principals of DRL Group was present to address any questions. He stated that those people who will actually be doing the design work if this item is approved are already on site with County staff and have provided some conceptual designs, are way ahead of schedule and doing a good job. Mr. Stratton requested that the company supply their hourly rates for different factions because things will happen that have to be accounted for during this process. Because the site is not excavated, he did want to be fair to both parties and be able to make change orders if necessary. Supervisor Pastor stated that he wants to ensure that the design team is very knowledgeable in jail design and construction because the current jail was not well designed for incarceration purposes. Mr. Stratton stated that he had spoken with Santa Cruz County Manager Greg Lucero, where DLR Group is performing a job and Mr. Lucero is very happy with the company’s work. He also spoke to Graham County Manager Terry Cooper where DLR Group is doing some work and Mr. Cooper concurred that DLR Group will do a fine job for Gila County. Chairman Dawson noted that a perfect architectural design can also come with a high price tag so she hopes DLR Group can design a great jail that will fit within the economics that the Gila County taxpayers are willing to spend, to which Vice-Chairman Martin added that in this particular case, it’s a “pay me now or pay me later” as it may take a little bit more money to get the right design. Mr. Stratton stated that in a conversation with DLR Group this morning, he explained the County’s budget, its goal, which is less than the budget, maintenance and security levels and that the building needs medium security in case it needs to be altered in the future. He also noted that the plans may have to change depending on the engineer’s estimate. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved Professional Architectural Services Contract No. 032309-1 between Gila County and DLR Group to provide architectural design, construction drawings and bid specifications for the new Gila County Jail Women’s Dormitory in Globe. Mr. Stratton noted that he would like the ability to make any necessary change orders. Chairman Dawson introduced Tamara Clark of DLR Group and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Item 6 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of an application submitted by Tamara L. Morken to temporarily extend the premises/patio of the Rimside Grill located in

Pine, Arizona, for the dates of May 16-17, 2009, during which time a charity event will take place.

- B. Approval of an application submitted by Jim Grider of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. to provide a fireworks display on July 4, 2009, at Freeport's mine tailings.**
- C. Approval of the following reappointment and appointment to the Local Board of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System:
Reappointment of Jim Eskew from 1/1/09 to 12/31/12, and appointment of Richard Hobson from 5/12/09 to 12/31/12. Term of office is for 4 years.**
- D. Approval of Public Works Division Policy No. DPW 09-04, Personal Protective Equipment.**
- E. Approval of the March 17, 2009, and March 24, 2009, BOS meeting minutes.**
- F. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of May 12, 2009.**

Hire to County Service:

1. Bernadette Miller – Board of Supervisors – Supervisor's Staff Specialist – 05-11-09 – General Fund

End Probationary Period:

2. David Baker – Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Lube Specialist – 05-11-09 – Public Works Fund
3. Robert Whittle Jr. – Public Works/Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 05-11-09 – Public Works Fund
4. Porter Wilbanks – Public Works/Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 05-11-09 – Public Works Fund
5. Travis Wills - Public Works/Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 05-11-09 – Public Works Fund

Position Review:

6. Merle Ray - Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Lube Specialist – 05-26-09 – Public Works Fund – From Temporary - To Regular Status

- G. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of May 12, 2009. (separate handout)**

\$659,898.83 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 217628 through 217777. **(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 the consent agenda items number 6A-6G.

Item 7 - 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.

Mickey Nye, a resident of Globe, advised the Board that the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation (SGCEDC) has agreed to contract with LRG, Inc. to pursue the Job Corps CCC (Civilian Conservation Center) Project for southern Gila County. The request was brought before the SGCEDC Board a week ago. Time is of the essence on this project and the SGCEDC supports this project for southern Gila County and it has agreed to be the lead group for pursuing that endeavor. Chairman Dawson thanked Mr. Nye for this step forward.

Item 8 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-31.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrator may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on issues presented.

Each Board member and Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian, on behalf of Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk