

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

Date: June 9, 2009

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Clerk of the Board

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Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); 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 in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room at 10:00 a.m. this date. Reed Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the invocation.

Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 09-06-01 in support of a Gila County Job Corps.

Judge Edd Dawson handed out a package of information to the Board and he stated that the presentation would be brief. Judge Dawson advised that other individuals who support the establishment of a local Job Corps were present to answer any concerns of the Board and/or the public. He proposed that the Board of Supervisors and Gila County support the establishment of a Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center in southern Gila County. He stated that the more research that is done, the more strongly they are of the opinion that this will be a fantastic endeavor for the County in general, but especially for the youth. It will give the youth an avenue other than college, after high school graduation, to have success and security in their lives. Judge Dawson stated, "I believe this is long overdue and we have a real opportunity to get this established in this area in the future." Included in the packet was a list of the various vocations and skills that could be attained through the Job Corps. Each Job Corps center teaches 8 basic skills as well as specialty skills. Each Job Corps Center is tailor-made for the community in the Center resides and includes vocations that will be of benefit to the local economy and industry. Mary Kim Titla, liaison between Gila County and the San Carlos Apache Tribe, read aloud a statement from Nicole Colson, who is a 20-year old female from the White Mountain Apache Tribe and a graduate of the Job Corps located in

Colorado. In the statement Ms. Colson expressed her appreciation for being allowed to graduate from Job Corps and discussed the skills she received to become a dental assistant. Ms. Colson is now employed at the Fort Apache Cultural Center. Liz Mata, temporary Assistant Services Coordinator, contacted communities nationwide which have Job Corps located within their communities to find out the positives and negatives regarding Job Corps. Ms. Mata stated that one of the most common concerns about recruiting Job Corps to our area is the criminal element, so she contacted law enforcement agencies and posed that question to them because she believes they are an individual unbiased source. She shared that information with the Board, which included very positive statements and included some of the following responses from captains and sheriff's agencies: All stated that it was rare to receive any complaints or the need to respond to Job Corps facilities; Job Corps youth are very involved with their communities as a viable labor force in completing building improvements for local schools, serving as security for events, assisting the elderly, home repairs and landscaping for the elderly, renovating shelters, working with Habitat for Humanity and building sheds for non-profit organizations; involved in blood drives and food drives for shelters and community food banks; involved in employee outreach programs by catering lunches for local Job Corps events and local police department events; and many are serving internships at the local law enforcement agencies. Ms. Mata stated that the surveys were available to the public. Mickey Nye, a local businessman and member of the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation (SGCEDC), stated that he had provided the Board with a report he had presented to SGCEDC last Friday, which he would later provide to staff. He then gave a brief PowerPoint presentation showing photos of the youth involved in various Job Corps Centers volunteering to help with fighting fires, clearing the forests and being trained in various trades such as welding. He concluded the presentation by requesting that the Board consider adopting the proposed resolution of support for a Job Corps Center in Gila County. Supervisor Pastor briefly discussed a previous Job Corps Center in the area in the 1960s and he believes that a lot of those concerns have since been addressed by the Job Corps and he now fully supports this resolution. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired for clarification purposes about this being an alternative for the youth and if any youth could be involved. Chairman Dawson stated that the qualifications for the youth entering Job Corps must be age 16-24, considered a high school dropout or not moving forward with their education and are from low income families. She added that the group from Washington D.C. who recently came to Globe to present information regarding Job Corps, noted that only 80% of the youth must be low income and 20% could be from any income, but she has not seen that in writing. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she is glad to see there is support from other local organizations. She would also like to have fact sheet on the eligibility requirements that can she could utilize when sharing information with others about Job Corps. Chairman Dawson requested that Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian, read aloud the resolution. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 09-06-01 in support of a Gila County Job Corps. **(A**

copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)

Item 3 - Presentation of the Apache Language Voter Outreach Program.

Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, stated that this item was placed on the agenda to provide the Board with an update on the Apache Language Voter Outreach Program and to inform the Board of what the Elections Department has been doing and what Josephine Goode, Voter Outreach Coordinator, will continue to do in preparation for the 2010 election. She stated that on page 4 of the Board packet was a letter that was provided by the U.S. Justice Department in response to the County's submission for pre-clearance of its Apache program. She stated that because Gila County has a high population of Native Americans, many of them with limited English skills, the U.S. Justice Department has determined that Gila County is responsible for providing election information to the Apache people in their spoken language. Because of Ms. Goode's skill in writing Apache, the Election Department has also added the opportunity to share its election information in the written Apache language as well. The report also provided in the Board packet reflects the submission to the U.S. Justice Department in 1997 requesting pre-clearance of the proposed plan for the Apache language and then the submission in 2007 of the County's implementation of that plan. She then introduced Ms. Goode. Ms. Goode provided additional written material to the Board. She spoke some of the Apache language to the Board and then interpreted same. She then presented a summary to the Board from page 3 of her report. Ms. Goode stated that she considers her job to help the Apache people understand the election process to be important. Through the Voter Outreach Program, the communities of San Carlos, Canyon Day and Carrizo have been covered with the educational part of the program that includes the explanation of elections, records for voter registration, early voting, election-day voting, candidates and the voting touch screen for the hard of hearing, vision impaired and those with a language barrier, as well as the provisional ballot, I.D. requirements and the optical scanners. In the 2008 election, Ms. Goode advised that she translated the 8 propositions for the General Election. Also included in her report was an Apache election glossary. Ms. Goode concluded her presentation by giving a PowerPoint presentation showing photos of the Native Americans voting during the last election. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Dawson thanked Ms. Goode for her presentation, her ability to maintain the Apache language and for encouraging the young people in San Carlos to keep their language. She also thanked the Elections Department for giving everyone the opportunity to vote.

Item 4 - Presentation of the University of Arizona's Gila County Cooperative Extension Annual Report and 2009-2010 fiscal year budget request to be considered for approval during Gila County's regular budget process.

Jim Sprinkle, Ph.D., Area Extension Agent, Animal Science and Gila County Cooperative Extension Director, reviewed the Annual Report, which had

previously been provided to the Board, and some of the activities for the past year. He began by stating that Dr. James Christianson, Director of Arizona Cooperative Extension, reported that the Gila County Cooperative Extension agents were the highest ranked agents in the State in the recent peer review process. He wanted the Board to know that the agents in Gila County are working hard on behalf of the system for Gila County. Those activities he reviewed included the Read the Range Program in which one third of the ranches in the Tonto National Forest are currently enrolled in that monitoring program. He advised that over the past year 5 NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) documents that the U.S. Forest Service published included data generated from the Read the Range Program. Gila County was responsible for helping to fund that program initially and has provided funding over recent years along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tonto National Resources Conservation District. Another activity included 785 students on the San Carlos Reservation being reached in school programs about junior master gardening and healthy nutrition. Also 450 students at the Globe Desert High Middle School, through the assistance of a grant from State Farm, received financial training. He also stated that Chris Jones, Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Globe Office, was honored as a recipient of a Fullbright scholarship so he was able to go on a sabbatical to Guatemala and provide watershed training there along with translating some materials. His position in Globe has been filled by Dr. Mark Burner, former director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Dr. Sprinkle also reported that the Board has been invited to attend an event being held by the Arizona Section of the Society of Ranch Management on July 23-24, 2009, in Payson, about the lessons learned from the Dude Fire, which will include various topics about fire, vegetation, and wildlife, etc. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if this meeting would include the Rocky Mountain research data. Dr. Sprinkle stated that it would be included and that the Chairman of the agenda committee, Al Medina, would be providing a lot of that data and he will contact Vice-Chairman Martin for her input. Dr. Sprinkle concluded his presentation by stating that because of the current budget crisis for the State and County, he was requesting the continuance of the flat funding of \$60,000 to help support the operations for Cooperative Extension programming in the County for the upcoming 2009-2010 fiscal year. He appreciates Gila County's contribution, especially in light of the fact that the budget through the U of A has been cut by 20% because of State deficits. Each Board member expressed their thanks to Dr. Sprinkle for the County's Cooperative Extension programs, including the 4-H Youth Development Program and Reading the Range Program. Chairman Dawson stated that the budget request would be taken into consideration. Dr. Sprinkle thanked the Board.

Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to review sealed bids for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 207-06-021--3, which is owned by the State of Arizona.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that this parcel was deeded to the State of Arizona in 1999 and it was scheduled to be auctioned during the

Board's annual State-owned land auction. At that time, it was realized that there were people living in an old house on the property so the Board decided to table that item and not sell the property during the auction. It was also discovered at a later time that there was an open sewage problem as well. Ms. Sheppard stated that it took years to obtain an answer on the sewage problem as well as there being other problems. At various times certain individuals expressed an interest in purchasing this property and Ms. Sheppard advised them that such time the County decided to sell the property, she would contact each party to ask for a bid. Mr. Gary Goetteman, who is now an adjoining property owner, has contacted her on several occasions desiring to purchase this property. She advised that even though she contacted all past-interested parties, the only bid received was from Mr. Goetteman. The lien amount owed on this property is \$1,927.88. Ms. Sheppard opened the sealed bid and advised that the bid submitted by Mr. Goetteman for this parcel was in the amount of \$1,982.53. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously accepted the bid from Gary Goetteman in the amount of \$1,982.53 for the purchase of tax parcel number 207-06-021—3.

Item 6 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. E5345511 between Gila County, Gila Employment and Special Training (GEST), and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Rehabilitation Services Administration, which extends the current Contract from July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, and revises the Special Terms and Conditions section.**
- B. Approval of RFQVA Amendment to Contract No. DDD-704011, 704012, 704014 and 704015 between Gila County, GEST Program, and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities, which extends the current Contract to June 30, 2010.**
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 000001 to the Social Security Ticket-to-Work Contract No. SS00-04-E1256 between Gila County, GEST Program, and the U.S. Social Security Administration, which extends the current Contract from March 30, 2009, through March 29, 2014, to allow GEST to continue providing services to Ticket-to-Work clients in Gila County.**
- D. Approval of the appointment of new members Billie Lavin and Brad McCormick to the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board, in accordance with the criteria established in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Section 117b) and State Policy. The terms are for 4 years beginning October 1, 2008, through September 31, 2012.**
- E. Approval of the May 2009 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.**

F. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of June 9, 2009.

Departure from County Service:

1. Kari Hibbert – Public Fiduciary – Administrative Clerk – 05-22-09 – General Fund – DOH 09-18-08 – Moved out of state
2. Jacque Neely - Health and Community Services – Nutritionist – 05-22-09 – WIC Fund – DOH 01-19-09 – Resignation
3. Hulbert Sprague – Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor – 08-01-09 – Public Works Fund – DOH 06-16-83 – Retirement

Hire to County Service:

4. Kari Pratt – Child Support – Administrative Clerk – 06-01-09 – General Fund – Replacing Ashley Parker – Position vacant as of 03-06-09

Temporary Hire to County Service:

5. Cole Rampelotto – Public Works Engineering – Signs Assistant - 06-08-09 – Public Works Fund

Departmental Transfers:

6. David Franquero – From Probation – To Health and Community Services – From Deputy Probation Officer 2 – To Career Employment Specialist – 06-07-09 – From Diversion Intake Fund – To WIA Fund
7. Austin Jones – Public Works/Automotive Equipment Maintenance – From Vehicle and Equipment Mechanic Senior – To Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor – 06-22-09 – Public Works Fund
8. Ricky Reed – Probation – Deputy Probation Officer 1 – 06-08-09 – From Globe Safe Schools Fund – To Diversion Intake Fund

End Probationary Period:

- Debbie Carl – Probation – Office Supervisor – 06-08-09 – General Fund

Position Review:

9. Shane Stuler – Health and Community Services – Environmental Health Manager – 05-25-09 – From 51% Direct Grant – To 0% Direct Grant – From 30% Proposition 201 Smoke Free Arizona – To 81% Proposition 201 Smoke Free Arizona
10. Chris Phillips - Health and Community Services – Accounting Clerk – 05-25-09 – From 95% Play Fund – To 95% Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services Fund
11. Carolyn Borcharding – County Attorney – Attorney Senior – 06-01-09 – Cost of Prosecution Fund – From 19 hours – To 30 hours
12. Robin Miller – County Attorney – Legal Secretary – 06-08-09 – Cost of Prosecution Fund – Extend probation to 10-06-09

SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Departure from County Service:

13. Peggy Huggins - Sheriff's Office/Globe – Sheriff's Records Supervisor – 06-12-09 – General Fund – DOH 01-02-07 – Resignation
14. Glynn Ellis - Sheriff's Office/Payson - Detention Officer – 06-02-09 – General Fund – DOH 10-30-06 – Separated without prejudice

15. Cynthia Colson - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 911 Dispatcher - 05-26-09 - General Fund - DOH 03-02-09 - Failure to complete probation period

Hire to County Service:

16. Megan Miller - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 911 Dispatcher - 06-22-09 - General Fund - Replacing Cynthia Colson

End Probationary Period:

17. Richard Taylor - Sheriff's Office/Globe - Detention Officer - 06-08-09 - General Fund

Position Review:

18. Susan Aceves - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 911 Dispatcher - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
19. Amelia Baxley - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
20. Brenda Cornell - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
21. Malinda Harris - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
22. Sue Henderson - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
23. Chadwick Peters - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
24. Amy Walker - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
25. Lisa Hicks - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
26. Belinda Licano - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440
27. Candice Jorgenson - Sheriff's Office/Payson - 06-22-09 - General Fund - From Department Fund 160 - To Department Fund 300-440

G. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of June 9, 2009. (separate handout)

\$529,889.41 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 218307 through 218438. **(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 items 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.

Chairman Dawson advised that representatives from the Tonto National Forest were present to update the Board on the Pioneer Fire in the Pinal Mountains, which continues to spread. Tonny Sciacca, Incident Commander for the Pioneer Fire, stated that he and Clay Templin, Deputy Incident Commander and also the Fire Staff Officer for the Tonto National Forest, were here as the spokesmen for the Tonto National Forest. He advised that the Pioneer Fire is approximately 500 acres and is located on the east mountain. The location was shown by Mr. Templin on a map via a PowerPoint presentation. The fire is a pine type as the brush does not burn as vigorously as the pine. There is probably another 4-5 acres of pine left to burn. They will introduce some fires as needed as they do not want the fire to burn past Road 112 in order to keep it from reaching Signal Peak where all the communication sites are located. There are 250 people located at the camp site set up at the Desert High Middle School. The incident management team is the Central Western Zone Management Team made up of members from central Arizona, Tonto National Forest, Prescott National Forest, and fire departments which includes the Globe Fire Department. He advised that also present was Richard Reitz, Globe District Ranger for the Tonto National Forest. It will be another 4-5 days before the pine burns out and advised that smoke would continue to come down into the local area; however, it was not hazardous smoke, but similar to that from a fireplace. They are in contact with the Air Quality Division of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and they have not received any complaints. Upon inquiry from Vice-Chairman Martin as to the area for which the fire would be contained, Mr. Sciacca stated that approximately 1,500 to 2,000 acres of the 7,000 acre block would actually burn. Some concerns were expressed by Vice-Chairman Martin as well as the local news media that this area had in the past been sprayed with Agent Orange and inquired if this could affect the smoke coming into the area. Mr. Sciacca was not aware of same and could not address those concerns, but advised that ADEQ has 3 smoke monitors that monitor continually and nothing has triggered those monitors. If there is a change, that information will be provided to the public. Vice-Chairman Martin was also concerned with erosion after the fire and requested that the County be involved in the rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Sciacca stated that in working with the U.S. Forest Service in the past, the County is aware of the U.S. Forest Service's sensitivity to the land and are letting "Mother Nature take its course." They are cleaning up the forest floor and losing some of the timber, but not slicking it off to the point that it would cause erosion problems. Supervisor Pastor inquired how large the fire would get before it was contained. Mr. Sciacca stated that it has burned approximately 1,500 acres and there would not be consumption of that 7,000 acre area unless a very unique situation would arise. He thanked Gila County for its cooperation with the incident management team, which he believes continues to get better with time and has been a wonderful relationship in the past. Chairman Dawson stated that a Wildland Fire Plan was completed for the Payson area and discussions had been held about a plan for the Pinal Mountains, which she would like to

have completed soon. Upon inquiry from Chairman Dawson about retardant slurry being used, Mr. Sciacca advised they have restricted the use of same in order to save taxpayer dollars; however, a plant for same was currently being set up in San Carlos. A discussion was held about the public meetings that are held by the U.S. Forest Service daily at 10:00 a.m. in which personnel briefings and updates are given on the fire. The Board members agreed to attend those meetings when possible. Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that all of the County's resources have been made available to the U.S. Forest Service in fighting this fire. Mr. Stratton also advised that he or a member of his staff would be attending the morning briefings. Chairman Dawson thanked Mr. Sciacca, Mr. Clay and Mr. Rice for attending the meeting and providing this update. Vice-Chairman Martin also inquired if a member of the Public Works Division could accompany the U.S. Forest Service and look at the fire from the air after the fire has been put out. Mr. Sciacca advised that Mr. Clay and Mr. Rice could make those arrangements. Vice-Chairman Martin requested that it be coordinated with Mr. Stratton.

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/Librarian, on behalf of Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, who is ill, presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk