

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

Date: February 9, 2010

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**  
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Clerk of the Board

**TOMMIE C. MARTIN**  
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, Supervisor; John Nelson, Interim 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 in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. Vice-Chairman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Lynne Richie of the First Church of the Nazarene in Payson delivered the invocation.

**Item 2 - Presentation of 3 employees for January’s “Spotlight on Employees” program.**

Juley Bocado-Homan, Deputy Personnel Director, presented gift cards as recognition awards to 3 employees for December’s “Spotlight on Employees” program, as follows: Lorraine Dalrymple, Carolyn Haro and Michelle Craft, all of whom work at the Health Department. Each Board member thanked the employees for their dedicated work.

**Item 3 – Information/Discussion/Action to authorize Sheriff John R. Armer to sell a 1999 Dodge van to Community Bridges, a non-profit organization, for one dollar (\$1.00) for continued beneficial use for services to aid in alcohol and drug treatment of Gila County residents.**

Sheriff John Armer stated that sometimes Sheriff’s Office personnel deal with individuals who are under the influence of drugs and alcohol and they are sent to jail. He believes it would be more appropriate to send these individuals to a treatment facility. Treatment of that nature has not been available in this community prior to Community Bridges, a non-profit organization, coming on board and filling that gap, which has been a lot of help to the Sheriff’s Office. Community Bridges staff advised him several months ago about the need for a

van in northern Gila County so the Sheriff's Office has been looking for one. This particular 1999 Dodge van came with a load of illegal immigrants. It was confiscated and the County applied for an abandoned title of ownership. It is a good serviceable vehicle. Sheriff Armer stated that Arizona Revised Statutes provides that the County can sell surplus items for \$1.00 or more to a non-profit organization and he believes this vehicle fits that category. The Sheriff's Office appreciates the service Community Bridges provides for the citizens of Gila County and he believes this donation would be a benefit not only to the Sheriff's Office but also to the citizens as well. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized Sheriff John R. Armer to sell a 1999 Dodge van to Community Bridges, a non-profit organization, for one dollar (\$1.00) for continued beneficial use for services to aid in alcohol and drug treatment of Gila County residents.

**Item 4 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Arizona Balance of State Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program Contract (Commerce Contract No. R016-10-21) between Gila County and the State of Arizona, Department of Commerce Energy Office in the amount of \$193,053.72 for projects that increase energy efficiency, and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions.**

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that this is a non-matching grant in which the County will receive the full amount of \$193,053.72. The selected projects selected are projects that the County previously committed to completing with General Fund monies, so this will save those general funds by using these grant funds. The projects selected include a solar thermal hot water heating system for the jail at a cost of \$41,000; replacement of windows on the Michelson Building with energy efficient windows; replacement of a couple of air conditioning units on the Payson Sheriff's Office administration building; and the upgrading of 2 air conditioning units on the new Payson County administration building, which are too small. Supervisor Pastor inquired if any of these projects will be included in the projects being presented to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for federal funding. Mr. Stratton replied that these projects are only being submitted to the Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office for funding. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Arizona Balance of State Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program Contract (Commerce Contract No. R016-10-21) between Gila County and the State of Arizona, Department of Commerce Energy Office in the amount of \$193,053.72 for projects that increase energy efficiency, and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions.

**Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the Rural Addressing Department to begin the process of naming the roads at the new Public Works/County Complex.**

Mr. Stratton showed a photo of the new Public Works/County Complex site and noted that the short road running north and south in front of the proposed Administration building is a new road currently referred to as the Collector Road because it doesn't yet have a name. He proposed that the road be named after Rose Mofford, the first woman governor of the State of Arizona, who is from this area. Mr. Stratton also proposed that the longer road that runs from the Cobre Valley Community Hospital to Russell Road be named in memory of former Gila County Manager Steve Besich. Supervisor Pastor stated that he was hoping the County would memorialize Mr. Besich with something more grandiose such as naming the entire complex after him. Mr. Stratton stated that he had discussed this with John Nelson, Interim County Manager/Clerk, and Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager, and he, too, believes it would be fitting to name the entire complex after Mr. Besich; however, his thoughts for naming the road were that if someone googles an address on the Internet for the complex, it would be a good memory of Mr. Besich. Mr. Stratton stated that he had planned to bring another item to the Board at a later time for naming the complex after Mr. Besich; however, at the present time the long-term addresses need to be assigned. Supervisor Pastor also inquired whether Mr. Besich's family had been contacted about the appropriateness of naming the road after Mr. Besich prior to finalizing it. Mr. Stratton replied that his next step was to contact the family. He has talked to Governor Mofford and it was a pleasant surprise to her. He felt like Mr. Besich's family might need "a bit more time." Chairman Dawson stated that she did not believe that honoring Steve's memory in any way would be difficult for the family and would probably be much appreciated. She requested that Mr. Stratton make contact with the family upon approval by the Board. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired if the Besich Complex would have the address of Moffard Road or Besich Road. Mr. Stratton stated that he was going to request that the whole complex, all 3 buildings, be named the Besich Complex and the Administration Building would be located off of Moffard Road and the facilities buildings would be located off of Russell Road. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized the Rural Addressing Department to begin the process of naming roads at the new Public Works/County Complex. Mr. Stratton inquired if the Board had a preference for which road should be named after Mr. Besich or Governor Mofford as he had just selected the longest road in memory of Mr. Besich. Individual Board members stated that was fine.

**Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 1005-201-140/1-2010 between Gila County and ReSeed Advisors, Inc. whereby consulting services will be provided for the Job Corps Site Plan Project in the amount of \$8,930.**

Mr. Stratton stated that having been involved in the proposed Job Corps process, it is his understanding that it has come down to the selection of possibly a site in Idaho or a site in Globe. Mr. Stratton stated that in any competition, he felt the County would be better off if it was prepared. Mr. Stratton stated that if the Board wished to proceed with the process of attempting to acquire the Job Corps in Gila County, his recommendation was

to approve an agreement with ReSeed Company for outside consulting services. ReSeed Company is a planning organization that is very green-minded, which he believes is very important on this particular project. Mr. Stratton stated that he personally knows one of the owners, who is an outstanding young man. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she believes the County “has gone too far not to take this next step.” Supervisor Pastor inquired if the proposed Job Corps site is 25 acres as well as an additional 25 acres for the U.S. Forest Service Ranger Facility. Mr. Stratton stated that each project would be on 25-30 acres each. He stated that this contract with the ReSeed Company will be for a basic layout, drainage study and cut and fill to provide the County with the materials that will be needed to present in the competition. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 1005-201-140/1-2010 between Gila County and ReSeed Advisors, Inc. whereby consulting services will be provided for the Job Corps Site Plan Project in the amount of \$8,930.

**Item 7 – Information/Discussion/Action to authorize a waiver of the Board of Supervisors’ 120-day hiring freeze as that policy pertains to the vacancy in the position of Gila County Manager.**

John Nelson stated that he was before the Board for discussion of requesting a waiver to the 120-day hiring freeze for a County Manager. Mr. Nelson noted that he was well aware that when the Board established the hiring freeze, it did set aside an exemption for those positions that are directly involved in public safety and public health. He thought that because this was such a critical position to Gila County, particularly at this time, that the Board may want to consider granting that waiver to the hiring freeze. Chairman Dawson stated that she did not believe there were any applicants who are ready to step into the position of County Manager; therefore, she would like the Board to honor the 120-day hiring freeze with the option that as the position is advertised, if someone was available earlier, Mr. Nelson could bring that recommendation back to the Board. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she believes the Board needs to abide by its own policy on this position. To do otherwise would send the wrong message to other elected officials, who have been so willing to abide by this policy and also because of the current severe budgetary times. Supervisor Pastor also agreed that the Board maintain the 120-day hiring freeze. Supervisor Pastor stated that at the previous meeting, the Board had asked Mr. Nelson to be the Interim County Manager and he believes the Board should not be in a hurry to hire a new County Manager. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously voted not to authorize a waiver of the Board of Supervisors’ 120-day hiring freeze as that policy pertains to the vacancy in the position of Gila County Manager.

**Item 8 – Information/Discussion/Action to authorize staff to commence a nationwide recruitment of candidates for County Manager.**

Mr. Nelson requested that the Board allow staff to begin a nationwide recruitment search for a County Manager. He stated that staff would concentrate on Arizona candidates as he felt it would be in the best interest of the County to get a manager from Arizona who has experience in government; however he did not believe staff should be limited with this key position and would like to start a nationwide search. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she was not ready to start this search; however, she would not vote against it. She stated, "I would just simply like us to take the time to see if our management staff that we have in fact gels and we go forward like this, or if in fact in the future we decide that maybe we are looking for an assistant manager and not a manager. I just am not personally ready to rush into looking for a manager at this stage of the game...I don't mind if we do commence with this recruitment, but I really don't want to do it at a break-neck speed." Chairman Dawson called on Dan Adams, a resident of Payson. Mr. Adams stated that he hoped the County could find a County Manager with a background in economics and mining because those are the most important issues in the County. Chairman Dawson stated that she did not believe the Board should rush to hire a County Manager, but "because of the precarious position of the State, there are very qualified people losing their jobs and leaving Arizona and I would hate to have one of those quality people move past us." Supervisor Pastor agreed that the County should not rush into hiring a County Manager; however, this would begin the process. He also commented on the incredible job that the management staff has done during Mr. Besich's illness. Mr. Nelson stated that there was only one Steve; however, if the County were to be so lucky in its search to find one similar, he would like to reserve the right to come back to the Board and ask that the Board reconsider the 120-day hiring freeze. Chairman Dawson stated that she was sure if a qualified individual was found, that the Board would agree to reconsider its hiring freeze policy. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized staff to commence a nationwide recruitment of candidates for County Manager.

**Item 9 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Authorization for the Chairman to sign an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Certification of Local Government Approval form to certify that the Housing Trust Fund Homeless Program administered by the Gila County Community Action Program is approved by the Board of Supervisors.**
- B. Authorization for the Chairman to sign an E-12 Request for Release of Funds and Certification form which will allow work to commence on owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects under Funding Agreement Contract No. 112-10-R between Gila County and the Arizona Department of Housing.**
- C. Approval to renew an Agreement for Medical Consultant Services between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services**

**“Office of Health” and Michael R. Durham, M.D. for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.**

- D. Approval of an Election Services Agreement between the Town of Miami and the Gila County Recorder whereby the Recorder will conduct the March 9, 2010, and May 18, 2010, Mayoral/Town Council Primary and General Elections for the Town of Miami as all mail ballot elections.**
- E. Acknowledgement of Rick Werner’s resignation from the Beaver Valley Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors effective October 17, 2009, and Richard L. Harpster’s appointment to said Board to complete Mr. Werner’s unexpired term of office.**
- F. Approval to adopt the Order for the appointment of the following election board workers for the Hayden Special Franchise Election, Town of Miami Council Election, Payson Unified School District Election and Star Valley Mayoral and Council Election to be held in Gila County, Arizona on March 9, 2010: Diane Campbell, Linda Eastlick, Annie Hammer, Myrna Lenox, Elizabeth Mata, David Rogers, Tom Rogers, Barbara Stemm, Jack Speer, Vernon Thomas and Bob Zache.**
- G. Approval of the annual Road Project Agreement No. 10-RO-11031200-01 between Gila County and the U.S. Forest Service, Tonto National Forest, for the planning, survey, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of certain forest development roads.**
- H. Authorization for the Chairman’s signature on the re-advertisement of Call for Bids No. 120109-2 for the purchase of a new full size 4 door 4x4 SUV special service vehicle. (This item was tabled by the Board.)**
- I. Approval of the January 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.**
- J. Approval of the December 15, 2009, BOS meeting minutes.**
- K. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of February 9, 2010.**

Departures from County Service:

1. John Baca – Probation – Juvenile Detention Officer Shift Supervisor – 01/28/2010 – General Fund – DOH 11/01/00 – Termination
2. Jeanne C. Hill – Globe Regional Justice Court – Justice Court Clerk Associate – 01/29/2010 – General Fund – DOH 01/05/09 - Resignation

Hire to County Service:

3. Kim Aguilar – Public Fiduciary – Fiduciary Services Specialist I – 02/16/2010 – General Fund – Replacing Karen Miller

Temporary Hire to County Service:

4. John R. Dzera – BOS – Temporary Laborer – 02/08/2010 – Constituent Services II Fund

Position Review:

5. Carolyn Borcharding – County Attorney – Deputy County Attorney Senior – 01/25/2010 – Cost of Prosecution Fund – Increase in hours from 30 to 35 per week

**SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

Departures from County Service:

6. Patrick E. Bush - Sheriff's Office – Detention Officer – 01/25/2010 – General Fund – DOH 07/20/09 – Resignation

Hire to County Service:

7. John D. Temple - Sheriff's Office – Detention Officer – 02/15/2010 - General Fund – Replacing Ruben Mariscal

**L. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of February 9, 2010. (separate handout)**

\$1,702,308.64 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 224252 through 224290 and 224293 through 224430. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Chairman Dawson advised the Board that a request had been made to table Consent Agenda item number 9H. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously tabled Consent Agenda item number 9H. Supervisor Pastor questioned Consent Agenda item number 9G stating that he thought the Board had approved a list a couple of months ago. Mr. Stratton stated that the Board approved the Master Agreement and this was a supplement to the Master Agreement. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items 9A-9L, with the exception of item 9H, which was tabled.

**Item 12 - Information/Discussion/Action to certify the petitions presented to annex property within Zane Grey Meadows into the Hellsgate Fire District pursuant to A.R.S. §48-262 (A)(12).**

Linda Eastlick, Elections Director, stated that on April 12, 2009, the Board approved a Boundary Change Impact Statement for this change to annex property within Zane Grey Meadows into the Hellsgate Fire District. The petitions have now been received and it is requested that the Board certify same. Larry Huffer, Chief Appraiser for the Assessor's Office, presented a Certificate of Verification to the Board. He stated that based on the requirement per A.R.S. 48-906(D), the Gila County Assessor has verified the ownership of property of the persons who signed a petition for annexation of certain parcels into the Hellsgate Fire District. The owners of property within the limits of the proposed annexation who signed a petition were a majority of the owners. He stated that 14 out of 14 owners signed a petition, or 100%.

The owners of more than 51% of the assessed valuation of the property within the limits of the proposed annexation signed a petition. The owners of valuation of the property within the limits of the proposed annexation signed a petition. The owners of \$282,736 of assessed valuation out of a total of \$282,736 of assessed valuation signed a petition, or 100%. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously certified the petitions presented to annex property within Zane Grey Meadows into the Hellsgate Fire District pursuant to A.R.S. §48-262(A)(12).

**Item 10 - 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; however, Dan Adams did make some brief comments on the proposed solar thermal hot water heating system for the jail.

**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. Nelson presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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John F. Nelson, Interim County Manager/Clerk