

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

Date: August 26, 2014

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PRESENT: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via ITV); John D. Marcanti, Supervisor; Don E. McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian; Bryan B. Chambers, Deputy County Attorney/Civil Bureau Chief; and Marian E. Sheppard, Clerk of the Board.

Item 1 – CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. this date in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room. Don McDaniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Presentation by the Gila County Library District on electronic resources that are provided for all residents.

Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian; and Pam Beerens, Public Services Librarian, provided an overview of the electronic resources that can be accessed through the Gila County Library District's website. Ms. Griffin explained that the collection of online research tools that are provided by the Arizona State Library, Pima County Library District and county libraries throughout Arizona have recently changed the subscription to Gale Products. Ms. Griffin referred to the icons on the Gila County Library District's website, which are all live links to databases, documents and electronic resources. She and Ms. Beerens reviewed a few of the sites. Ms. Griffin further explained that a person must possess a Gila County library card in order to access e-books, e-audiobooks, over 100 current magazines in e-book format, and Mango Languages, which is a language learning product that provides tutelage for reading, writing and speaking 63 languages. Ms. Griffin answered a few

questions from the Board on the online resources and then each Board member provided their compliments on these available resources.

B. Presentation on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription and Health Discount Program.

Ms. Griffin viewed the NACo website on the overhead screen, which contained a link to information on NACo's Prescription and Health Discount Program (Program). She provided an overview of the Program and then reviewed the information that is available online for this Program, such as "FAQs" (frequently asked questions). Highlights of this Program are as follows: This is not insurance; this Program is free to NACo member counties, such as Gila County. This Program provides relief to uninsured and underinsured individuals who face high prescriptions and health costs. The Program is administered by CVS Caremark and it includes discounts on prescriptions, vision care, LASIK (*Laser-Assisted in situ Keratomileusis*), and PRK (*photorefractive keratectomy*) vision procedures, hearing aids and screenings, prepaid lab work, prepaid diagnostic imaging and diabetic supplies. In order to obtain the discount benefits, a person only needs to obtain a free prescription discount card, and everyone in a family may use the same card. The card may also be used to obtain discounts on prescribed medications for pets that are also used to treat a human condition. Ms. Griffin added that the discount card can also be used if a person has signed up for a Medicare prescription plan, but a discount on medications can only be obtained when purchasing medications not covered by the Medicare prescription plan.

Ms. Griffin then reviewed some statistics regarding the Program. Since June 2014, 55 Gila County residents have utilized the Program and saved approximately \$1,400 off the retail price of a prescription or about 26%. Since 2008, when data first began to be compiled, 7,900 individuals utilized this Program with a total savings of approximately \$152,000 off the retail price.

Ms. Griffin advised that the discount cards and related information on the Program have been distributed to all pharmacies and most doctors' offices throughout Gila County. Vice-Chairman Martin emphasized the need to verify that this information has been placed in all pharmacies and doctors' offices and to promote the Program. Supervisor Marcanti advised that he recently read a report from NACo and stated that nationwide this Program has saved consumers about \$52M or \$5.2M. Ms. Griffin replied that she believes the figure to be around \$52M. Chairman Pastor requested that the County make a concerted effort to advertise this Program throughout the County.

C. Information/Discussion/Action to set a date of Tuesday, September 16, 2014, whereby the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to obtain comments to consider adopting an Order to deannex 760 acres of

Forest Service land from the Town of Star Valley and to annex that land to the Town of Payson per the requests of both Towns.

Don McDaniel, County Manager, began by commenting that this Board action was Gila County's opportunity to be good neighbors to two towns within the County and this part of the process is also dictated by State law. Both towns recently adopted Ordinances in favor of the Town of Star Valley deannexing approximately 760 acres of land that belongs to the U.S. Forest Service and annexing that land to the Town of Payson. Mr. McDaniel advised that the next step in the statutory process is for the Board of Supervisors to establish a public hearing date of which the date of September 16, 2014, has been recommended. He added that the purpose of this proposed deannexation/annexation of land is because the Town of Payson is considering annexing a parcel of private property, known as the Fox Farm, which is located to the east of Payson that is surrounded on three sides by national forest land located within Star Valley. Both towns believe that the proposed deannexation/annexation of the U.S. Forest Service land would aid in the Town of Payson's possible annexation of the Fox Farm. If the Town of Payson annexes the Fox Farm, it would allow for the expansion of an industrial developer.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously set a public hearing date of Tuesday, September 16, 2014, whereby the Board of Supervisors will hear comments and consider adopting an Order to allow the Town of Star Valley to deannex approximately 760 acres of U.S. Forest Service land and for the Town of Payson to annex that land.

D. Information/Discussion regarding the procedures which accompany the adopted Community Agency and Economic Development Funding Policy No. BOS-FIN-016.)

Chairman Pastor advised that the Board received additional information this morning which relates to this policy. He didn't have time to read the information, so he requested that the Board not discuss this topic at this time, but rather schedule it on a future meeting agenda. Vice-Chairman Martin agreed with Chairman Pastor. Supervisor Marcanti advised that he worked most of last week on the information that was presented to the other Board members this morning. He suggested discussing this topic on the next scheduled work session on September 30th or possibly the following regular meeting of the Board. Chairman Pastor recommended that staff review the information and then establish the meeting date to discuss this issue. Vice-Chairman Martin also did not see an urgency to place this issue on the nearest meeting agenda. Mr. McDaniel advised that the Board of Supervisors previously adopted a policy regarding community agency and economic development funding, as stated above, which includes procedures, so he also was not concerned with establishing a meeting date at this time.

Item 3 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address the Board of Supervisors on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda for further discussion and decision at a future date.

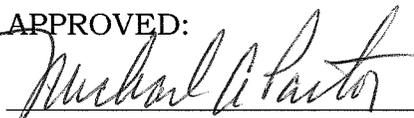
Jon Cornell, a news reporter for local radio station 101.9 – KQSS, asked a question regarding agenda item 2C (above). He wanted to know that at such time as the land is annexed to the Town of Payson, if it becomes private land or if it remains U.S. Forest Service land, to which Chairman Pastor replied that it remains U.S. Forest Service land. Vice-Chairman Martin added that to her knowledge the U.S. Forest Service has no intention of making any additional land as private. She stated that the deannexation/annexation would clear up political boundaries for both the Town of Payson and the Town of Star Valley.

Item 4 – At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Manager may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on issues presented.

Each Board member presented information on current events.

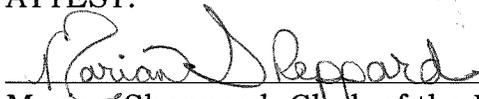
There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Pastor adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:



Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board