

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

Date: April 28, 2009

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**  
Chairman

**STEVEN L. BESICH**  
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, Member; Steve Besich, 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. Steve Besich led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jim Knight of the Nazarene Church delivered the invocation.

Chairman Dawson advised that Vice-Chairman Martin would be participating in the meeting via video conferencing from the Town of Star Valley for the upcoming employee awards and then she would return to her Payson office and rejoin the meeting.

**Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 09-03 proclaiming May 7, 2009, as the National Day of Prayer in Gila County.**

Rita Hassard thanked the Board for considering this Proclamation. She provided some history on how the National Day of Prayer was established by the United States Congress as an annual occurrence in 1952 and then the first Thursday of May each year was designated as the National Day of Prayer in 1988. Arizona Governor Jan Brewer has proclaimed May 7, 2009, as the National Day of Prayer in Arizona. Ms. Hassard advised that there will be 7 observances scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> in Payson, Pine and the Globe/Miami area. The Pastoral Association in the Globe/Miami area will begin its tour in Miami to pray for the citizens of each community and end the tour at the Courthouse front steps where a prayer will be said for our nation, state and cities. Chairman Dawson requested that Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian, read aloud the Proclamation. Upon motion by Supervisor

Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation 09-03 proclaiming May 7, 2009, as the National Day of Prayer in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 3 - Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 09-05 celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sara Cook, Globe resident. Sara has provided many years of dedicated service to Gila County as a Clerk/Court Reporter and as a Librarian of the Globe Public Library.**

Supervisor Pastor stated that Sara Cook will be celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sara was the eldest of 13 children and moved to the local area in 1945. He shared stories of significant incidents that have occurred throughout Ms. Cook's life. Ms. Cook was a librarian at the Old Dominion Library, one of Globe's beautiful historic buildings. A week after Ms. Cook retired at the age of 81, the Library burned down and Ms. Cook's comment was, "Well, that will teach them to force me to retire!" This afternoon, Supervisor Pastor will go to the Copper Manor Inn, a senior health care facility, where Ms. Cook resides, to present her with this Proclamation. Chairman Dawson requested that Ms. Griffin read aloud the Proclamation. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 09-05 celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sara Cook. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 4 - Presentation of 2008 Gila County Employee Service Awards.**

July Bocardo-Homan, Deputy Personnel Director, and Berthan DeNero, Personnel Director, and the Board presented the Employee Service Awards for 2008 in both Globe and Payson. Five-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Valrie Bejarano, Estelle Belarde, Bethel Bennett, Matthew Bolinger, Athena Boykin, Patrice Buzan, Peter Cahill, Timoteo Campos, Terri Childers, Gaila Curry, Christine Duarte, Arthur Epperson, Michael Fane, April Fogle, Josephine Goode, Paula Horn, Vicki Pena, Rebecca Rogers, Terry Solberg, Jay Valenzuela, Veronica Victor and Ronald Watts. Ten-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Linda Carnahan, Cynthia Castaneda, Peter DeNinno, Jacque Griffin, Shirley Lance, Genevieve Martinez, Roilene Measeles, Shaun Stevenson, Lynn Trimble and John Yanez. Fifteen-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Amelia Baxley, July Bocardo-Homan, Malissa Buzan, Joe Casillas, John Castaneda, Vicky Cruz, Ernest Davis, Tammy Guevara, Carlos Mejia, Regina Montolla, Debora Savage, Nancy Ward and Cecilia Wentz. Twenty-year service awards were presented to the following employees: Janice Cook, Sylvia Hernandez, Denice Klassen, Deborah Stevens and Betty Vanta. Twenty-five year service awards were presented to JoNelle Greenwalt, Pablo Lopez, Linda Rodriguez and Richard Short. A thirty-year service award was presented to Beverly Valenzuela. Thirty-five year service awards were presented to Debra

Moya and Eleanor Pastor. Each Board member expressed their appreciation for the work and dedication of all the employees. Chairman Dawson called for a break for refreshments at 10:27 a.m.

At 10:46 a.m., Chairman Dawson reconvened the meeting.

**Item 5 – Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 09-06 declaring May 3-9, 2009, as National County Government Week in Gila County and to encourage all Gila County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in County Government Week activities.**

Chairman Dawson reviewed the agenda for County Government Week activities. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, she and Supervisor Pastor will be on KIKO Radio's Open Line program; Vice-Chairman Martin will be on the radio in Payson. After next Tuesday's Board meeting, a luncheon will be provided on the Courthouse patio for all employees in Globe in recognition of Employee Appreciation Day. On Wednesday there will be an open house of the Courthouse and other County buildings with all departments participating. On Thursday the National Day of Prayer and Employee Appreciation Day for all employees will be held in Payson. On Friday, the County, and cities and towns within Gila County will meet at the Best Western Inn in Payson at a mixer to discuss various issues.

Chairman Dawson requested that Ms. Griffin read aloud the Proclamation. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation 09-06 declaring May 3-9, 2009, as National County Government Week in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 6 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Gila County and Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, Inc. (MESC), which would allow any County department or office to individually participate in this Agreement to purchase materials, services and construction from vendors at the prices and terms contained in the contract between MESC and those vendors.**

Larry Huffer, Chief Appraiser, stated that from time to time he purchases cameras, monitors, printers, scanners and software for the Assessor's Office. In researching the best prices, this Cooperative Purchasing Program was brought to his attention. If the Board chooses to approve this Agreement, it Mr. Huffer advised that a cost savings of 2%-7% will be realized over the best prices he previously secured, plus it allows for free shipping. He provided the Board with the history on this program, contact information and a list of members, noting that many local entities are members. Mr. Huffer stated that there is a very large vendor's list and other County departments could also take advantage of this Agreement. Chairman Dawson thanked Mr. Huffer for researching this and seeking out ways to save the County money. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board

unanimously approved the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, Inc.

**Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County and the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B program as authorized on February 17, 2009, to provide youth, summer youth employment, adult and Dislocated worker services throughout Gila and Pinal Counties.**

Barbara Valencia, WIA Program Coordinator, advised that the purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B program is to provide services for youth, summer youth employment, adults, and dislocated worker services. The ARRA is part of a federal stimulus plan enacted in February 2009, which is a grant of funds to stimulate the economy due to the economic crisis. The funds received through this Agreement are in addition to the WIA funds that were already received last July. Gila County is the grant recipient and fiscal agent for the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Area which serves Gila and Pinal Counties. The Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is comprised of 32 members consisting of One-Stop Comprehensive Center partners as well as 51% being from the public sector. Ms. Valencia is actively recruiting people from the public sector to sit on the WIB. The WIB has contracted with Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) to provide youth and adult program services and the Gila County REPAC (Re-employment and Pre-layoff Assistance Center) Department provides dislocated worker program services. The adult program funds will be used for adult education, occupational training and retraining. This youth program is completely different from what has been provided through the WIA program. During the JTPA Program (the former WIA Program), the summer youth program consisted of 400 students from both Gila and Pinal Counties being employed during the summer. Once WIA was enacted, the summer youth component was cut to a total of 20-30 youth from both counties. The U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Labor want to once again emphasize a summer youth program of 150 youth for Gila and Pinal Counties with the age limit being extended from 14-21 years to 14-24 years. The youth program will consist of 8 weeks of work experience plus a week of work readiness that will include information, labor market, interviews, applications, resumes, cover letters, etc. This training will be necessary in order to pass U.S. Labor of Department requirements. One problem encountered has been getting employers to participate. The dislocated worker services will include occupational training, adult education and retraining or upgrading of skills. REPAC, under the WIA, provides dislocated worker services for 6 counties and 18 tribal nations, including the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Through the REPAC program 266 dislocated workers have been served and of those 266, a total of 51 are currently enrolled in the program.

Supervisor Pastor inquired if the youth program is only for disadvantaged youth. Ms. Valencia stated that the majority of the program is for disadvantaged youth; however, there is a window of 5% that do not have to be disadvantaged. Ms. Valencia also advised that the County has been contacted about serving as an employer for the youth program and the contact person is Jacque Griffin. Chairman Dawson requested a copy of the eligibility requirements from Ms. Valencia. Ms. Valencia concluded her presentation by extending an invitation to the Board to attend the open house for the new WIA One-Stop Comprehensive Center in Pinal County to be held on May 19, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B program as authorized on February 17, 2009, to provide youth, summer youth employment, adult and dislocated worker services throughout Gila and Pinal Counties.

At this time, Chairman Dawson requested that the Board move to agenda item number 12.

**Item 12 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County Community College District (Provisional), Gila County, and Graham County Community College District d/b/a Eastern Arizona College for educational services and programs and to extend the contract by 3 years.**

Senior Dean Stephen Cullen stated that the Board previously approved an Amendment to the Operating Agreement, which will lower the Gila County Community College District's (GCCCD) overhead saving the GCCCD in excess of \$300,000. This request is the second component to approve an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that entails a 3-year extension on the IGA with Graham County Community College District. From Dean Cullen's perspective, the 3-year extension will add stability to the GCCCD and workforce development programs currently in place. The ultimate goal is to become fully organized, which will take legislative action at the State level, but in the meantime this will stabilize what is in place. Dean Cullen inquired if Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney, had any additional details to add. Mr. Chambers had no further comments unless the Board had questions. Vice-Chairman Martin stated, "I'm still in the position of wondering why we are taking action on GCCCD's business. I thought we were going to remove ourselves from this awkward position of approving the action of what should be done by the GCCCD governing board and its management." Steve Besich, County Manager/Clerk, stated that this Amendment needs to be approved; otherwise, the GCCCD stands to lose the first part of the Agreement, which is the \$300,000 in savings by reducing their indirect costs. If HB 2011 at the State Legislature gets passed, it would allow the County to transfer the real

property to the GCCCD Board and at that time his recommendation would be to meet with Mark Bryce or Brent McCuen of Graham County Community College District and open these 2 contracts and add a simple amendment removing any reference to Gila County. He added, "I think for whatever reason, they are dug in and we're on the hook for 8 more years." Mr. Besich recommended that the Board approve this Amendment to the IGA and he will make a conscious effort to get the County extracted from these contracts after the legislation is passed. Vice-Chairman Martin stated, "I would have us extract ourselves even without legislation passing. I'm not sure why holding that property in trust gives us the right to say what it is they are doing. I have no problem with what they are trying to do here. I actually support it. I just don't think that we ought to be in the middle of their business and I would like to see us out of the middle even if we are holding their property in a fiduciary trust and whether the bill passes or not." Mr. Besich advised the Board that "the County is up against a time constraint. In order to not have Graham County Community College District d/b/a Eastern Arizona College walk away from this IGA, which would basically hurt the college, there is not enough time to put legal and political pieces together that are necessary for the College to move forward into their new budgeted year." Dean Cullen replied that Mr. Besich was correct and this component goes hand in hand with the first part of the agreement that was previously approved by this Board. There cannot be one part without the other as he was told by Vice-President McCuen and counsel. Chairman Dawson stated, "One thing that needs to be clear is that the County has been trying to shove the bird out of the nest and give wings to the GCCCD and Eastern Arizona College seems to want to keep dragging this on for a purpose I don't understand." After continued discussions, Supervisor Pastor stated that he and a representative from the College such as GCCCD Governing Board President Robert Ashford could hold some initial talks with Graham Community College District management to see if the agreements could be opened at a later time after the budget year is in place. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County Community College District (Provisional), Gila County, and Graham County Community College District d/b/a Eastern Arizona College for educational services and programs and to extend the contract by 3 years.

At this time, the Board returned back to address agenda item number 8.

**Item 8 – Information/Discussion/Action to approve Professional Services Contract No. 6510.341.526/4-2009 between Gila County and C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. whereby consulting services will be provided for the Tonto Creek Bridge project in the amount of \$19,646.**

Steve Stratton stated that a few weeks ago, the Board signed an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation

(ADOT) for the Tonto Creek Bridge. In reviewing what is necessary for the County and in light of all the work his department is involved with, he recommended that a consultant be hired for this Tonto Creek Bridge project. In a conversation with his staff and ADOT staff, all agreed that C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. is a good selection as the County has worked with this company on a number of projects. Mr. Stratton stated, "I believe this portion of the contract can be utilized in our match for this contract to start the design services and selection of the site." He noted that Mr. Williams was present if the Board had any questions. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Professional Services Contract No. 6510.341.526/4-2009 with C. L. Williams Consulting, Inc. for consulting services on the Tonto Creek Bridge project in the amount of \$19,646.

**Item 9 - Information/Discussion/Action to approve new Public Works Policy No. DPW 09-03, Heat Stress Illness Policy.**

Chairman Dawson stated that she has a strong objection when auditors think they have more knowledge than the County's Public Works Division and start questioning whether the County is spending money wisely on providing water in the middle of the summer for road crews. She then called on Mr. Stratton to review this policy. Mr. Stratton stated that this policy needs to be updated. The policy has to do with recognizing heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, etc. caused by heat and hydration. Included in the policy are the signs, symptoms and treatment. He advised that every person in the Public Works Division will receive a copy of the policy and it will be a topic of discussion at the safety meetings. The County will continue to provide water, Gatorade, etc. to keep its employees hydrated. Supervisor Pastor inquired if this policy was developed because of discussions held concerning the audit. Mr. Stratton advised the Board that this has been an internal policy in the past and now it is being put down in "black and white." Supervisor Pastor stressed the importance of having these safety procedures in place, to which Mr. Stratton replied, "We are very cognizant of that and all supervisors in the Public Works Division always have an ice chest containing bottles of water for employees." Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved Public Works Policy No. DPW 09-03, Heat Stress Illness Policy.

**Item 10 - Information/Discussion/Action regarding an update on the status of agreement between Gila County and Coconino County for Forest Service Road 512.**

Chairman Dawson called on Mr. Chambers to address this agenda item. Mr. Chambers stated that at last week's Board meeting, he reported on the status of a potential Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Coconino County to try to provide a legal solution enabling Gila County to pave a Coconino County

road. Last week the plan was to hopefully get the U.S. Forest Service to transfer the easement held by Coconino County to Gila County; however, after discussions with the U.S. Forest Service, that solution would take at least a year. The alternative is for Gila County to enter into an IGA with Coconino County agreeing to maintain the road, but there would be no transfer of the easement. A draft of an agreement has been sent to the Coconino County Attorney's Office for review and approval. Mr. Chambers offered to place an item on the agenda for next week's meeting so the Board could review the draft of the IGA; however, the Board might want to wait to see what changes Coconino County wishes to make. Chairman Dawson briefed the Board on the possibility of the State sweeping any unused County funds because of its economic crisis and she did not want to lose this funding. During last week's meeting, she requested a review of this issue as she wants these funds to be utilized to complete Forest Service Road 512. The draft of this IGA has been reviewed by the County Attorney, Mr. Stratton and Mr. Besich. Chairman Dawson stated that if there was no objection by the Board, she would like to request that the Board move forward on approving the draft IGA between Gila County and Coconino County for Forest Service Road 512. Mr. Besich recommended that the Board consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the IGA pending the final legal review by the Coconino County Attorney's Office in coordination with Mr. Chamber's input. He believes that type of motion would provide some flexibility and still grant the Chairman the authority to sign the Agreement upon completion without having to bring it back to the Board. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman's signature on an IGA between Gila County and Coconino County for Forest Service Road 512. Chairman Dawson thanked the Board for helping to move this issue along. Supervisor Pastor requested that a copy of the draft be provided to the Board for review.

**Item 11 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Approval to appoint Jose M. Sanchez to the Correctional Officers Retirement Plan Local Board to fill a position vacated due to the death of Ingo Radicke. This position will expire on November 1, 2010.**
- B. Approval to appoint the following to the Highway 60-70 Regional Design Review Board: Patty Stallings Hetrick--term ending 12/31/2010; Cayci Vuksanovich--term ending 12/31/2011; and Terry L. Smith--term ending 12/31/2012.**
- C. Approval to revise Public Works Policy No. DPW 04-18, Approved Highway and Street Expenditures for Gila County, in order to update the statutes.**
- D. Approval to revise Public Works Policy No. DPW 04-05, Hard Hat Safety, in order to include codes and regulations.**

- E. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. HG861141 between Gila County and the Arizona Department of Health Services to approve a new price sheet for the current WIC Contract for the fiscal year 10/01/08 through 09/30/09.**
- F. Approval to adopt Resolution No. 09-04-01 naming three roads located in Christopher Kohl's to be called North Little Creek Lane, West Wild Cougar Way and West Bears Lair Drive. (No opposition has been submitted.)**
- G. Approval to appoint the following as members to the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee for Gila County: Ed Blair, Dr. Linda O'Dell, Steven Estatico, Walt Smith, Willene Smith, Christine Wailand Harrison, Josephine Goode and Pam Fisher.**
- H. Approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Pleasant Valley Historical Society to serve liquor for a fundraiser at the Pleasant Valley Community Center on July 17-19, 2009.**
- I. Approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Lions Club of Globe, Arizona, Inc. to serve liquor for the National Rifle Association Dinner/Bar at the Gila County Fairgrounds on June 6, 2009.**
- J. Approval of the March 2009 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe Regional Justice Court, Payson Regional Constable, Clerk of the Superior Court and the Recorder.**
- K. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the week of April 28, 2009.**

Hire to County Service:

- 1. Teri Berumen – Recorder – Clerk – 04-20-09 – General Fund – Replacing Erica Raymond – Position vacant as of 04-13-09
- 2. Christina Kaska – Recorder – Voter Outreach Assistant – 04-20-09 – General Fund Replacing Carolyn Brown – Position vacant as of 12-02-08
- 3. Melva Warbington – Recorder – Clerk – 04-20-09 – General Fund – Replacing Nicole Mobley – Position vacant as of 09-15-08

Temporary Hire to County Service:

- 4. Elizabeth Mata – Board of Supervisors – Clerk – 04-16-09 – General Fund

Departmental Transfers:

- 5. Cole Weaver – From Personnel – To Recorder – From Personnel Assistant – To Recorder's Clerk – 04-27-09 – General Fund
- 6. Athena Boykin – County Attorney – From Legal Secretary Senior – To Legal Secretary Lead – 04-27-09 – General Fund

End Probationary Period:

7. Nicole Goebel – Probation – Administrative Clerk – 03-30-09 – Diversion Consequences Fund
8. James Anderson – Public Works/Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 04-27-09 – Public Works Fund
9. LeRoy Bagwell – Probation – Deputy Probation Officer 1 – 04-13-09 – Adult Probation Services Fee Fund

**L. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of April 28, 2009. (separate handout)**

\$507,379.02 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 217295 through 217463. **(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 Action items 11A-11L.

**Item 13 - Information/Discussion/Action to consider amending action taken at the March 31, 2009, Board of Supervisors' meeting approving a settlement to resolve tax appeals: BHP Copper v. Gila County et al., TX2008-000482 and Washington Group International v. Gila County et al., TX2008-000481, which would have the combined effect of amending the properties' 2009 full cash value and limited property value from \$208,492,846 to \$178,492,846 and a loss of approximately \$657,000 in tax revenues. The actual effect of the settlement would have the combined effect of amending the properties' 2009 full cash value and limited property value from \$217,700,000 to \$187,700,000 and a loss of approximately \$657,000 in tax revenues.**

Mr. Chambers stated that on March 31, 2009, the Board approved a settlement with BHP Copper and Washington Group International, which would have the effect of changing their full cash value and limited property values and would essentially result in a tax shift among taxpayers in the County. The problem was that the actual numbers that were placed on the agenda were incorrect. If the Board approves this item, it will change the values of the property that would be subject to the settlement from \$217.7 million to \$187.7 million, which is approximately \$10 million more than what was erroneously presented to the Board on March 31, 2009. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously amended its action taken at the March 31, 2009, Board of Supervisors' meeting approving a settlement to resolve tax appeals: BHP Copper v. Gila County et al., TX2008-000482 and Washington Group International v. Gila County et al., TX2008-000481, which would have the combined effect of amending the properties' 2009 full cash value and limited property value from \$208,492,846 to \$178,492,846 and a loss of approximately \$657,000 in tax revenues. The actual effect of the

settlement would have the combined effect of amending the properties' 2009 full cash value and limited property value from \$217,700,000 to \$187,700,000 and a loss of approximately \$657,000 in tax revenues.

**Item 14 - 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.**

Sadie Tomerlin-Dalton, Gila County Recorder, introduced Christina Kaska, a new employee hired to handle the Voter Outreach Program. Ms. Kaska gave a brief history of her past accomplishments and stated that she was looking forward to working for the County and the 3 Native American tribes.

**Item 15 - 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.**

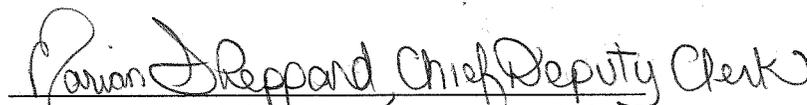
Each Board member and Mr. Besich presented information on current events.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk