

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

Date: March 2, 2010

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
Chairman

JOHN F. NELSON
Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

MICHAEL A. PASTOR
Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via video conferencing); Michael A. Pastor, Supervisor; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/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 in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. Jacque Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Dan Morton of the First Christian Church in Globe delivered the invocation.

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

Juley Bocardo-Homan, Deputy Personnel Director, presented gift cards as recognition awards to 2 employees for February’s “Spotlight on Employees” program who were nominated by the public. They are as follows: Debbie Fickel of the Community Development Division and Terri Powell of the Treasurer’s Office. Each Board member thanked the employees for their dedicated work.

Item 3 – Public Hearing – Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 10-03-01 authorizing the Gila County Housing Authority to submit its Revised Public Housing Authority (PHA) Five (5) Year Plan and Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 through 2014 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Judy Smith, Community Services Manager, speaking on behalf of Malissa Buzan, Housing Services Program Manager, stated that this item is for the Annual and 5-Year Plans for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, both of

which are a requirement of the U.S. Housing Department of Urban Development (HUD). There have been few changes in the Plan from the last submission. The County's mission remains the same: "To promote adequate and affordable housing, economical opportunity and suitable living environments free of discrimination." She stated that 53 vouchers a year are received and rental assistance services are also provided. Ms. Smith stated that in spite of the 15% decrease in funding, the Program Manager, Patricia Campos, continues to utilize the Housing Authority budget in a manner that best serves as many applicants as possible. Chairman Dawson opened the public hearing and called for comments from the public; none were received. Chairman Dawson closed the public hearing and entertained a motion. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-03-01 authorizing the Gila County Housing Authority to submit its Revised Public Housing Authority (PHA) Five (5) Year Plan and Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 through 2014 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Item 4 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of a request by the Gila Monster Go-Kart Racing Club to use the Fairgrounds Go-Kart Race Track for the period of April 11, 2010, through September 18, 2010, with a waiver of fees. The Go-Kart Racing Club will continue to pay for electrical use during the races.**
- B. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Gila County and the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Rehabilitation Services Administration, for office space in the Casa Grande Comprehensive One-Stop Center for the period May 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014.**
- C. Approval of Amendment No. 11 to Contract E5313521 between Gila County Gila Employment and Special Training (GEST) and the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), to extend the Contract for the period of April 1, 2010, through September 30, 2010, to allow GEST to continue to provide services to Vocational Rehabilitation clients in Gila County.**
- D. Approval to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Gila County Community Action Program (CAP) Advisory Board: Alynn Canning, Ramona J. Ortiz and Audrey M. Opitz, all as representatives of the private sector for a 2-year term of office from the date of Board approval.**
- E. Approval to appoint Jacqueline E. Delacruz as a precinct committeeman to the Gila County Democratic Party.**

F. Approval of an Election Services Agreement between Gila County and the Town of Hayden for a Special Vote-By-Mail Franchise Election to be conducted on March 9, 2010.

G. Approval of the January 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Payson Justice of the Peace.

H. Approval of the January 5, 2010, BOS meeting minutes.

I. Approval of the personnel reports/actions for the week of March 2, 2010.

Hire to County Service:

1. Sherri Miller – Health and Community Services – Staff Nutritionist – 03-08-10 – WIC Fund

Temporary Hire to County Service:

2. Kenneth Cormack – BOS – Temporary Laborer – 03-01-10 – Constituent Services II Fund

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Hires to County Service:

3. Jessica Cruz – Sheriff’s Office – 911 Dispatcher – 03-15-10 – General Fund – Replacing April Fogle

4. LeeAnn Hulbert – Sheriff’s Office – 911 Dispatcher – 03-15-10 – General Fund – Replacing Phyllis Stowe

End Probationary Period:

5. Misty Cisneros – Sheriff’s Office – Assistant Chief Administrative Officer – 03-01-10 – General Fund

6. Carl Melford – Sheriff’s Office – Detention Officer – 03-01-10 – General Fund

J. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of March 2, 2010. (separate handout)

\$1,094,247.12 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 224781 through 225021. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)**

Chairman Dawson stated that she had a question on Consent Agenda item number 4A. She received a call that the lights are being left on at the Go-Kart Racing Track all night and brought this to the attention of Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, this morning. She inquired of Mr. Stratton if he was able to check on this issue. Mr. Stratton replied that he had talked to the individual in charge of the Fairgrounds, but has not received word back yet. He has been assured that if this is a problem, it will be rectified.

Chairman Dawson suggested installing an electric meter and having the Go-Kart Racing Club provide its own electricity. Vice-Chairman Martin noted that

the information provided to the Board states that the Go-Kart Club will continue to pay for its electric services used during the racing season. Mr. Stratton was not sure if a meter had been installed at the track. During the Board discussion Mr. Stratton received word that the lights being left on are located at the old impound lot, which is above the Go-Kart lot. It was his understanding that those lights were already out of service and he would take care of that today. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items 4A-4J.

At this time the Board moved to agenda item number 7.

Item 7 - Information/Discussion/Action to prioritize a list of potential projects that will be submitted to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick as placeholders for FY 2011 federal appropriation funding, as follows:

- A1) East Globe sewer expansion to accommodate the development of a sewer system for properties currently without sewer which are inside and outside the City of Globe incorporated limits and this would include a Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center – \$3M request.**
- A2) Study to determine the best short-term and long-term solution for flooding in Pinal, Pinto and Tonto Creeks - \$2M request.**
- A3) Hazardous fuel reduction in the Tonto National Forest – \$4.3M request.**
- B1) Improvements to Houston-Mesa Road - \$2M request.**
- B2) Improvements to Forest Development Road #512 (Young-Heber) - \$3M request.**
- B3) Improvements to Control Road in the Tonto National Forest - \$3M request.**

Chairman Dawson stated that last week the Board spent an hour prioritizing these potential projects for submission to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick. When the item was approved by the Board, the amounts and the priorities were set. However, when the letters that were to be mailed out came to Chairman Dawson for her signature on Friday, there were 4 letters and 2 more were being completed. Upon review of those letters Chairman Dawson noticed that in 2 of the letters some of the amounts had changed. Also a final line in the letter stated that if there were any questions to contact Patti Power. Chairman Dawson explained, “Patti Power is a paid lobbyist for Gila County, but she has not and does not work on the Job Corps project, which is literally on a very fine line on where we’re ready to be in the competition. It’s up to the Secretary of Labor at this time. Patti Power did not feel during the process that we were going through the procedures she felt we needed to go through. I followed the directions of Congressman Pasto and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick and the public relations firm, Lavera Leonard, and we got it. So I felt it was improper to have that line in the letter regarding the Job Corps since there has been a

disagreement from the beginning on how the Job Corps should develop in Gila County. With that, we are replacing this on the agenda.” She inquired as to the reason John Nelson, Interim County Manager/Clerk, was not present and Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian, replied that he had received an emergency phone call and had to leave immediately. Chairman Dawson continued by stating, “We spent hours on Friday trying to sort through this and the record reflects that some of the amounts in the letter were not the amounts that were discussed by the Board and thus there was confusion. Nobody but the Board has the right to set these figures and no one can just decide to change the figures in the letter, so that is why this item has been returned to the agenda. Either now or after the discussion the motion will be read exactly as presented or amended.” Chairman Dawson stated that in one of the upcoming work sessions, the Board needs to have some review training on protocol for meetings and how motions should be made and once they are voted on by the Board, they are the rule of the County—not for the administration team to make any changes later. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the only figure she believes has changed was for the East Globe Sewer Expansion Project at a cost of \$3 million. The others appeared to be the same as discussed by the Board. She stated that if the amounts were changed after the motion was made, then the Board does need to take a new action on this item. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that it was not her understanding that the Board prioritized the top 3 items as 1, 2 and 3, but rather that these top 3 projects were to be of equal importance and the Board would leave it up to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick to decide what she could help the County with in regard to those top 3 projects, again because they were equally important. She stated that the only prioritization done by the Board was on the 4th item - the 3 roads. Chairman Dawson stated that the amount definitely was changed for the East Globe Sewer Expansion Project from what the minutes reflect and from the Board’s discussion. She stated that items B1, B2 and B3 (the 3 road projects) should be item 4 and then ranked as first, second and third. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that items A1, A2 and A3 shouldn’t have any ranking. Chairman Dawson stated that items A1, A2 and A3 should just be item A. Mr. Stratton stated, “On the East Globe Sewer Project, I will take the heat for that one. In consultation with the City of Globe’s engineer with the preliminary cost analysis that he had done, \$3M was the more accurate figure. I changed it although I understand I did not have the authority to do that. I did change it because of the match that was involved. If we had to commit a match at some point in time, there was a huge difference in 46% of \$5M and 46% of \$3M. It was my fault for changing that and my fault for not getting back to the Board and advising what I had done and why I had done it until Monday, yesterday, with the Chairman. I surely understand protocol and I surely understand the authority of the Board and I do apologize for that.” Chairman Dawson stated that the problem is, after consultation with anyone, nobody has the authority to make a change. It has to be brought to the Board to make a change and that’s the reason it’s on the agenda again. Supervisor Pastor inquired if the figures were now accurate and if the amounts need to be included in the

motion. Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that the motion should be read exactly as listed on the agenda unless the Board wishes to change the A's and B's, and to also include the amounts. Ms. Griffin inquired about the cost for item number B3, Improvements to the Control Road in the Tonto National Forest, because the minutes from the past meeting reflect a cost of \$2 million and the agenda item today reflects \$3 million and she was unsure what the letter to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick stated. It was noted in the minutes that Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the requested funding amount could be reduced from the \$7.5 million. Chairman Dawson requested that Janice Cook, Administrative Services Manager, bring a copy of the letters to the Board for review. Ms. Griffin stated that she did not want the Board to adopt wrong figures again and that the remaining numbers were correct. Mr. Stratton stated that his figures reflect \$2 million for the Control Road and Chairman Dawson agreed that was what her figures reflected.

While waiting for Ms. Cook to bring the letter to the Board, Chairman Dawson suspended discussion on agenda item 7 and returned to agenda item 5.

Item 5 - 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.

Item 6 - 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 Ms. Griffin presented information on current events.

At this time, the Board returned to agenda item 7 to continue the discussion.

Item 7- Information/Discussion/Action to prioritize a list of potential projects that will be submitted to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick as placeholders for FY 2011 federal appropriation funding, as follows:

A1) East Globe sewer expansion to accommodate the development of a sewer system for properties currently without sewer which are inside and outside the City of Globe incorporated limits and this would include a Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center - \$3M request.

A2) Study to determine the best short-term and long-term solution for flooding in Pinal, Pinto and Tonto Creeks - \$2M request.

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B1) Improvements to Houston-Mesa Road - \$2M request.

B2) Improvements to Forest Development Road #512 (Young-Heber) - \$3M request.

B3) Improvements to Control Road in the Tonto National Forest - \$3M request.

Chairman Dawson stated that the motion should read as follows:

Approval of the prioritization of a list of potential projects that will be submitted to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick as placeholders for FY 2011 federal appropriation funding, as follows:

- 1) 3 Projects of Equal Importance, as follows:
 - East Globe sewer expansion to accommodate the development of a sewer system for properties currently without sewer which are inside and outside the City of Globe incorporated limits and this would include a Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center – \$3M request.
 - A study to determine the best short-term and long-term solution for flooding in Pinal, Pinto and Tonto Creeks – \$2M request.
 - Hazardous fuel reduction in the Tonto National Forest – \$4.3M request.

Those are the Board’s 3 projects of top priority and of equal importance.

- 2) Road Improvements:
 - Road priority 1: Improvements to Houston-Mesa Road - \$2M request.
 - Road priority 2: Improvements to Forest Development Road #512 (Young-Heber) - \$3M request.
 - Road priority 3: Improvements to Control Road in the Tonto National Forest - \$3M request.

Chairman Dawson stated that would be the motion. She noted that the problem is that the Board’s discussion did reflect that the amount in the East Globe Sewer Expansion/Civilian Conservation Job Corps Center project was for \$5 million and the improvements to the Control Road in the Tonto National Forest were at \$2 million. Those amounts were changed by the administration and the letters have already been submitted to Ann Kirkpatrick through the lobbyist, Patti Power.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved the prioritization of the list of potential projects

that will be submitted to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick as placeholders for FY 2011 federal appropriation funding as presented by Chairman Dawson:

- 1) 3 Projects of Equal Importance, as follows:
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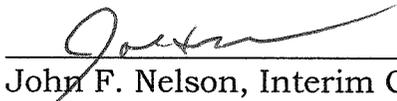
There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

APPROVED:



Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

ATTEST:



John F. Nelson, Interim County Manager/Clerk