

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

Date: July 12, 2011

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PRESENT: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via ITV conferencing); Shirley L. Dawson, Supervisor (via telephone); Don McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; John Nelson, Deputy County Manager/Clerk; and Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk. Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney, was unable to attend.

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. Chairman Pastor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – Information/Discussion regarding the Arizona Department of Transportation 2012-2016 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program and how the plan will affect Gila County along with surrounding counties.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, provided the Board with a copy of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) 2012-2016 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. He wanted to update the Board of Supervisors and management on what is accomplished when County staff attends the ADOT Board monthly meetings held all around the state. He advised that the meeting this month is going to be this Friday in Hayden and Gila County is hosting a dinner on Thursday night. The ADOT Board consists of 7 people who are appointed by the governor. County staff works with the ADOT staff, ADOT Director and ADOT Deputy Director to set the five-year plan according to the monies that are available. At this time money is very tight and ADOT has really tried to work with the County to make it stretch. Mr. Stratton advised that a couple of projects that came out of the first draft of this year's five-year plan were not good for Gila County. The first project, the Lion Springs section of Highway 260, was removed from the plan. The second project, the section of road from the Arboretum to the Kearny turnoff in Superior, is

actually two projects called the Silver King Section and the Superior Street Section. That project, originally scheduled for 2012, was moved to 2016 and it is estimated to be a \$62 million project. There was also a climbing lane from Devil's Canyon to Oak Flats scheduled; however, the County offered to defer some projects including the climbing lane and the widening of the railroad trestle on Highway 70 out by the Winkelman turnoff in order to try to get the Silver King-Superior Street Section back in the plan, even though these projects are located in Pinal County. Mr. Stratton showed a graph representing accidents on the Superior Road and noted that the blue line indicated the total number of accidents per year which peaked at 35 accidents. Then the Gonzales Pass project on that portion of the highway was opened and there was a dramatic fall in accidents since then, which probably saved many lives; however, it's started to climb again. Quoting Chairman Pastor's comment made at a public hearing in Phoenix, Mr. Stratton stated that road has now become a raceway from the Superior town limits to the Arboretum and there are some pretty dangerous passing zones in there and that's why the accidents are starting to climb again. He stated that after a lot of intense lobbying and working with members of the ADOT Board and also with the ADOT administration, in the final five-year plan, the ADOT Board has agreed to start the design on the Silver King and Superior Street Sections. Kimley Horn and Associates will be doing the design on the Silver King Section and Dibble & Associates will be starting the design on the Superior Street Section, which will take about 2 years to complete because of right-of-way issues and problems with wells, etc. The ADOT Board has agreed that although those sections of road are slated to be built in 2016, because of the magnitude of accidents and also the potential opening of Resolution Mine and the other statistics provided by the County, they will do the design and leave it in the plan for 2016 at this point. However, when the design is completed in 2014 and just before the five-year plan comes out, if the money is available those projects will be moved to 2014 and be built. Mr. Stratton stated, "So that's good for several reasons for us and the main reason will be the safety factor... and it's also good for economic development for this community because the closer it gets to being a freeway, the more economic development could happen." He advised that those 2 initial projects are estimated at \$62 million and the design and acquisition of right-of-way will cost another \$10 million. Mr. Stratton also advised that rather than defer the climbing lane from Devil's Canyon to Oak Flats, the ADOT Board moved that to FY2013 for the start of that project, which is another \$10 million project. The ADOT Board also decided to keep the railroad trestle overpass widening project in the plan for 2013, at an estimated cost of \$4.2 million. There is also a pavement preservation project of \$2.8M at Point of Pines and an entrance to the Arboretum, which is under Arizona State Parks, and that is going to be redone as a \$1.4M project. He stated, "So you can see the effects of working with the ADOT Board and administration is worth over \$80M to Gila County in this particular five-year plan. Mr. Stratton concluded his presentation by requesting that the Board and staff members who would be attending the ADOT dinner this Thursday to please express their gratitude to the ADOT Board members and also to the staff that will be in attendance.

Vice-Chairman Martin inquired when the ADOT Board would be putting the Lion Springs Project back in the plan. Mr. Stratton advised that the County is trying to get that project included in the next five-year plan for 2017. Mr. Stratton stated that he had talked to the ADOT administration before starting negotiations and he was told that project was not going to be in this plan because ADOT was already doing a lot of work in that area including a very costly project on I-15 up in the northwestern portion of the state. In the County's negotiations with the ADOT Board, the Board agreed that stretch of road really doesn't do anything for Arizona but rather for Utah and Nevada and should either be a tri-state project or a federal project and they are moving in that that direction. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the reason she was inquiring was because the pressure is beginning to build again regarding a truck route around Payson and it would connect into Lion Springs somewhere. She also inquired about any other projects in southern Gila County that needed to be done. Mr. Stratton stated that the Superior-Globe bypass project routes are also being reviewed and it has been narrowed down from eight different possibilities to two, which would be either north of Superior or south. ADOT is waiting for funds to finish the environmental portion of that to be able to then select the route. That project was in limbo for a while, but the County was successful in working with ADOT staff to get another \$500,000 allocated that was not in the five-year plan, but is other monies. That project is projected to be in the \$2 billion range. Mr. Stratton also advised that also regarding the Superior-Globe bypass project, ADOT did a large study on a Tucson bypass 3 years ago and had a tremendous amount of environmental problems in the San Juan Valley area. At the time, what Mr. Stratton suggested to them and lobbied for and ADOT agreed was to finish the Highway 191, which is a divided highway from I-10 into Safford. The projection for the Tucson bypass now is to turn off at that point from I-10 going into Safford, come across the San Carlos Indian Reservation to Globe and then on into the East Valley, which it is actually a shorter route than going through Tucson to Casa Grande and on. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that has always made sense to her to follow that route to get across there and that's what makes the Globe-Superior portion so important. Mr. Stratton stated that he believes the programming of that portion will hinge on whether ADOT will dedicate funding to a Tucson bypass and that will be when they decide to do the Globe-Superior portion. ADOT has to finish that now because the Superior Street Section project will dictate how that is designed to set up for the bypasses whether they will be north or south. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the County also needs to place some attention on the Payson/Pine/Top of the Rim guardrail because that road seems to carry more and more traffic and is more of a bottleneck in several places. When fatalities occur in that area, it's generally on that stretch of road. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the Bradshaw turnoff project was helpful, but she doesn't want to lose sight of that stretch because it's getting more and more dangerous. Mr. Stratton advised that the County would continue to monitor that road and get climbing lanes put in and the widening of the road done where possible. Vice-Chairman Martin advised that it needs guardrails, it needs widening and it needs to be redone through

there. Mr. Stratton stated that one of the things that is unique in Gila County is that the County has to work with 2 separate ADOT districts. The Globe District goes from Show Low/Snowflake and those areas all the way down to Apache Junction and to the 188-87 junction, and the Prescott District takes over from that point. Mr. Stratton stated that the new ADOT Globe District Manager has quite a large district to cover and he is doing a very good job. Each member of the Board thanked Mr. Stratton and staff as well as Sheldon Miller, County consultant, for their continued work with ADOT and in making Gila County's roads safer. Mr. Stratton stated that the railroad overpass was a project that Ingo Radicke, a former County consultant, started and he was pleased that the project was finally getting done. Also, in reference to the Gonzales Pass project, Mr. Stratton stated that about a month ago, he was interviewed by Landscape Architecture Magazine out of Santa Fe, New Mexico, because that project won a lot of awards for landscaping. ADOT referred the magazine staff to Mr. Stratton for an interview and that interview will be in the August edition of the magazine.

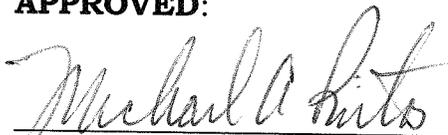
Item 3 - Presentation/Discussion regarding the Boards, Commissions, and Committees (BC&C) Report and an analysis and evaluation of each BC&C's current status of compliance with applicable statutes, laws, policies and procedures.

Don McDaniel, County Manager, provided the Board with a report regarding the status of the Gila County boards, commissions and committees (BC&Cs) and compiled a list of staff liaisons for each BC&C, etc. He then spoke about the process the Board has been through in work sessions during the past few months reviewing each of the BC&Cs and noted that this will conclude those Board work sessions. Obviously as things come up or if Board members have concerns or interests in one or more committees those can be brought back for review. He reminded the Board that the review of these BC&Cs came about because there was some concern that there were various BC&Cs in the County that the Board wasn't fully aware of and there were questions about membership, terms of office, the legal responsibilities, what the assigned responsibilities by the Board were, etc. Staff began the task of researching and identifying all of the BC&Cs it could within the County, which was a process that took about 6 months. Mr. McDaniel stated that he believes all BC&Cs have now been identified and all of the basic data reported on each one. He has reviewed each one with the Board using a compliance checklist to review all of the vital data that was available, although all of the data has not been available for each one, but research is ongoing and will be provided as it becomes known. He believes one of the most important things that has occurred through this process was to create a public record and it is now identified in one place in the form of a notebook or central file that will be maintained in the Clerk of the Board's Department. The Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board has been assigned to be the coordinator of all the matters regarding these BC&Cs. Also, each BC&C has been assigned a County staff liaison so that staff will be kept apprised and up to date on the activities of each BC&C

that person has been assigned. The Board will be notified in advance on all membership issues, reappointments, etc. so those issues don't slip through the cracks. Going forward, any actions that are required as a result of new appointments of members, changes in duties or responsibilities, etc. that would require Board action will be brought to the Board for approval. Mr. McDaniel stated that the staff liaisons will coordinate any written or verbal reports. He would like each one of these BC&Cs to report to the Board on a regular basis, not monthly, quarterly or annually because it will vary depending on the structure of each BC&C and it will also depend on that particular BC&C's needs and maybe its statutory requirements. The Board will be kept abreast of what's going on with all BC&Cs. Also any major changes or new committees that are appointed by the Board will be added to the public record in the notebook and be kept up to date. He stated that the new attachment in the back of the report is a specific listing of the BC&Cs that the Board has reviewed along with the identified County liaison that will be coordinating with that group and reporting to the Board through the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board. Supervisor Dawson stated that she thinks the Board still has a long way to go on this, but she appreciated the work that has been done by several staff members in getting the report to this point. Vice-Chairman Martin was also appreciative of the reports. She inquired if the Board would be receiving a spreadsheet listing when member's terms were due for reappointment or expiration. Mr. McDaniel replied in the affirmative. Chairman Pastor stated that those duties have been assigned to the Chief Deputy Clerk's area of responsibility and she will contact the liaisons of each of the committees as to what is needed. Chairman Pastor stated that he didn't know when Ms. Sheppard was going to be able to do that with the workload her department is dealing with, but he was sure she would be able to manage through it. He also stated that the County no longer has a Gila County Horse Racing Commission, which was confirmed by a letter from Mr. Livingood, so that Commission is listed in the report and if the need arises to revive it, the information will be there.

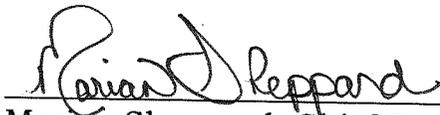
There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Pastor adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:



Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk