

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

Date: June 5, 2012

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PRESENT: Tommie C. Martin, Chairman (via ITV conferencing); Shirley L. Dawson, Vice-Chairman; Michael A. Pastor, Supervisor; Don McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; John Nelson, Deputy 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 a regular session at 10:00 a.m. this date in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. Shirley Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Bart Campbell of the Church of Christ in Globe delivered the invocation.

Item 2 – PRESENTATIONS:

2A. Update on the activities of the County Supervisors Association (CSA) by Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director, including a discussion of recent legislative activities.

Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update of the activities of the recent Arizona legislative session. Some of the highlights reviewed included the following: County directives that were given to CSA staff at the 2011 CSA Summit, which included repealing the triggered prison shift from state prisons to county jails, eliminating the mandated county contributions, and freezing or restoring HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) shifts to the Department of Public Safety and the Motor Vehicle Division; advancing client-initiated CSA-sponsored legislation; and engaging legislation that impacted county resources, services or authorities. Mr. Sullivan also spoke about state budget mobilization efforts and county mobilization efforts that achieved early results with the governor responding to county concerns. This was followed by a brief review of the Enacted FY2012-2013 State Budget that contains \$43 million in county impacts, \$50 million

less than FY 2012 and that will impact Gila County by \$771,002, plus lingering effects of eliminated revenue streams of \$550,035 for a total impact to Gila County of \$1.3 million. The current state budget was then compared to past budgets from FY2008 to the present. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the FY2013 state budget, which is a one-year budget with a three-year outlook, noting that the Legislature had not previously reviewed budgets looking into the future, but had only reviewed the present budget. He also noted that the state has now set aside a rainy day fund for FY2013 in the amount of \$450 million, which is good news for counties so the state possibly won't continue to shift costs to the counties. Mr. Sullivan reviewed CSA's sponsored legislation including bills that were enacted into law, vetoed, or did not advance through the process; bills from other organizations that were supported by CSA; legislation amended by counties; and legislation opposed by CSA, which included 15 bills that were defeated; and legislation opposed by the counties. He stated that 2 of the bills opposed became law, which included HB 2826, consolidated election dates, and SB 1040, county highways. Supervisor Pastor inquired if there will be efforts in the next legislative session to make changes to the new law on the consolidation of elections because the County's Election Department is concerned about it not being cost effective. Mr. Sullivan stated that it's still too early for him to determine whether CSA will be able to advance some fix-it solutions, but he does know that there is ongoing dialog, and CSA is looking to the election directors to provide good input in that regard and he's also requesting that management help with the financial side. Mr. Sullivan also wanted to make it clear that the governor was very friendly to counties this year and she not only secured the main items in the budget and provided leadership on that, but she vetoed 4 bills at the request of the counties including the firearms bill that was of grave concern because of its allowance of firearms in court buildings and other areas or requiring very expensive security measures. Vice-Chairman Dawson stated that she believes the bill on firearms regulation is going to come back again and since it got through both houses she thinks that it's really important that there be some energy expended on the fact this was such extreme of what is our right to bear arms. She said "Saying that firearms are a right that should be allowed anywhere and everywhere is just insanity at its best." She requested that CSA have a committee that is balanced and that is looking at this ahead of time before the bill is introduced again. Mr. Sullivan replied that the entire CSA membership of county boards was unanimously opposed to this measure and CSA will do everything it can in preparation for the next consideration of this bill. Mr. Sullivan then reviewed CSA's next steps, which will include evaluating changes to the political landscape; evaluation of the state and federal situation; analyzing potential for achieving additional fiscal objectives; and connecting with counties, stakeholders and legislators in preparation for 2013. Mr. Sullivan concluded his presentation by reviewing the redistricting of the Legislative and Congressional District Maps, which showed that Gila County includes 3 Legislative Districts 6, 7 & 8 and Arizona now has 9 Congressional Districts. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the County's legislative proposals for the upcoming legislative session are due to CSA by August 15, 2012. Also, the

CSA Legislative Session Policy Summit will be hosted by Cochise County in Sierra Vista on October 1-3, 2012. Chairman Martin stated that for many years, the eastern counties have enjoyed 3 legislators and now there will be 12 to tell our story and she requested that the other board members assist her in contacting them all to discuss our rural issues because they are not necessarily going to be rural folks. Vice-Chairman Dawson expressed a concern about the payment of judges' salaries by the counties. She also stated that in regard to the shift of prisoners to the county jails, the counties need to stay alert on that issue and tell the state that they can't do that and it needs to be state financed. Each Board member thanked Mr. Sullivan and staff for the presentation and for all of the great work they do on behalf of the counties.

2B. Presentation of the University of Arizona's Gila County Cooperative Extension Office Annual Report and 2012-2013 fiscal year budget request to be considered for approval during Gila County's regular budget process.

Lani Hall, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development Agent, speaking on behalf of Jim Sprinkle, Ph.D., University of Arizona (U of A) Area Extension Agent, Animal Science and Gila County Cooperative Extension Director, who was unable to attend, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the U of A, Gila County Cooperative Extension Office's 2011 Annual Report. She explained how land grant colleges were established by Abraham Lincoln through the Morrill Act 150 years ago to make education more widely available. For almost 100 years, cooperative extension has helped disseminate knowledge from the university and experimental stations to the local communities. Cooperative extension has helped preserve ranching in Gila County and after 10 years of the "Reading the Range" program, 50% of the ranches in Gila County are now using range monitoring science to assist in management and National Environmental Policy Act documents. Other programs also address critical issues in Gila County including forest health/fire wise, noxious weeds, climate education and water/watershed education. Ms. Hall also briefed the Board on ways the Cooperative Extension offices are preparing youth in Gila County through various programs such as 4-H Youth Development, "Launch into Life," which was a program taught to all 9th graders at Payson High School last year and a program on "Healthy Foods/Healthy People," which included a starting a farmer's market in Globe and the "People's Garden Project" funded by the United States Department of Agriculture on the San Carlos Reservation. A request was made of the Board of Supervisors for continued support in the amount of \$66,500 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which is an increase of \$6,500 over the last 4 years' requests. Each Supervisor complimented the efforts and accomplishments of Dr. Sprinkle, Ms. Hall and the other staff members. The official budget request will be considered by the Board of Supervisors during the County's regular budget process.

2C. Presentation of Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum's activities and request for a \$25,000 economic development grant to be considered

for approval during Gila County's regular budget process.

Joe Sanchez, President of the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum, stated that he and others were present to request a \$25,000 economic development grant to be considered for approval by the Board. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum located in the former Bullion Plaza School in Miami. He also introduced Tom Foster, Director of the Museum, and Paul Licano, a board member. Mr. Sanchez provided background history on the former Bullion Plaza School, which was built in 1923 as a grammar school for Mexican-American children, was eventually closed by the Miami School District in 1994, was acquired by the Town of Miami in 1997 and then leased to the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum in 1999. He then read aloud the Museum's mission statement. Tom Foster then explained the many special displays it houses, which include the following: mining exhibits, tile exhibit, mineral collections, former Arizona Governor Rose Mofford collection, military heritage exhibit, Slavic cultural center, Cox Room/ranching exhibit, Miami history exhibit, Hispanic heritage exhibit, local, state & national dignitary room, Inspiration wing and a research room. Mr. Sanchez concluded the presentation by reading aloud the objective statement. He thanked Supervisor Pastor and the many volunteer members of the community who have been involved with the ongoing work at the Museum. Each Board member thanked Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Foster for this presentation and their efforts and hard work in establishing this Cultural Center/Museum. This official budget request will be considered by the Board of Supervisors during the County's regular budget process.

ITEM 3 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

**3A. (Motion to adjourn as the Gila County Board of Supervisors and convene as the Gila County Board of Deposit.)
Information/Discussion/Action to review all bids submitted for Request for Proposals No. 011312-1 Primary Banking Service for the Gila County Treasurer; award to the lowest, responsible and qualified bidder; and authorize the Chairman's signature on the award contract for the winning bidder.**

(Motion to adjourn as the Gila County Board of Deposit and to reconvene as the Gila County Board of Supervisors.)

Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board adjourned as the Gila County Board of Supervisors and convened as the Gila County Board of Deposit.

Debora Savage, Treasurer, stated that after extensive review by 4 staff members of the proposals received from 3 different banks, the recommendation was to award a contract to the lowest bidder, JPMorgan Chase Bank. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board reviewed all bids submitted for Request for Proposals No. 011312-1 Primary

Banking Service for the Gila County Treasurer and unanimously awarded a contract to JPMorgan Chase Bank for a term of 36 months with the option to renew for 2 additional 12-month terms and authorized the Chairman's signature on said contract.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board adjourned as the Gila County Board of Deposit and reconvened as the Gila County Board of Supervisors.

3B. Information/Discussion/Action to review all bids submitted for Request for Proposals No. 103111-2 for the Sheriff's Office tower installation and radio equipment relocation; award to the lowest, responsible, responsive, and qualified bidder; and authorize the Chairman's signature on the award contract for the winning bidder.

Tom Melcher, Chief Deputy Sheriff, explained that this item is in regard to the construction of a radio tower next to the new Sheriff's Office Communications Center. Due to a lack of funds at the time the center was built, the tower was unable to be built or the radio equipment relocated so it continues to be a major problem for radio transmitting. A grant application was then submitted and later a grant was awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$50,000; however, when the requests for proposals were advertised, none of the bids received were under the \$50,000 cap and had to be rejected by the Board due to the need to change the scope and specifications. Another request for proposals was sent out removing the \$50,000 cap and requesting a "Proposal Clarification, and Best and Final Offer." These "Best and Final Offers" were received on April 30, 2012, and the conclusion after detailed technical and cost review was that the lowest offer did not meet all requirements set forth in the bid. The low bidder did not provide a total cost for project completion as requested and the bid states that the contractor would be responsible for permits, licenses, fees and taxes; however, the contractor projected those costs onto the County. Mr. Melcher stated that the second lowest bidder met all requirements and provided a best and final cost for the project. He stated that after review with the County Attorney's Office, it is recommended that the Board award the bid to the second lowest bidder, CMC Communications, LLC, with the selection of a used tower at a cost of \$77,671.65. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board reviewed all bids submitted for Request for Proposals No. 103111-2 for the Sheriff's Office tower installation and radio equipment relocation and unanimously awarded a contract to CMC Communications, LLC, in the amount of the \$77,671.65 and authorized the Chairman's signature on said contract.

3C. Information/Action/Discussion to approve the Gila County Elections Security and Integrity Policy.

Linda Eastlick, Elections Director, advised that the Elections Department has been working for awhile on this Elections Security and Integrity Policy. The Recorder's Office and the Elections Department have the responsibility of ensuring election and ballot security and most of the procedures are well grounded in the Arizona Revised Statutes or in the Elections Policy and Procedures Manual set forth by the Secretary of State's Office. This policy has been put together to recognize that the Recorder's Office and the Elections Department have those policies and procedures and that they are practiced in Gila County. She requested approval in order to add this particular policy to the Gila County Policy Manual. Vice-Chairman Dawson noted that the policy states that "authorized individuals are allowed access to critical election spaces" and questioned who has the right to determine who those "authorized individuals" are? Ms. Eastlick replied that she, as the Gila County Elections Director, has the authority to designate who has access in the Gila County Elections Department. She stated that specifically the reason that different terminology was used stating "persons" rather than "personnel" is because of those instances when early ballots are processed by volunteers from the community, who are paid minimum wage, who come in and assist in processing early ballots. Those individuals have the authority to go inside of the rooms where the ballots are being processed and to go into the areas where the ballots are secured in the vault. The process of tabulating early ballots is recorded by live video so all present are monitored at all times and that recording is fed down to the Secretary of State's Office and is shown online. The public is not allowed in those rooms. Political parties are invited to come in as observers, but they are not allowed to touch ballots or interfere with the process. It is preferred that they monitor the tabulation process outside of a window if coming in on election night. Vice-Chairman Dawson then inquired if the Elections Department handles or receives the provisional ballots. Ms. Eastlick replied that when the provisional ballots come from an election site/polling place, they come in a sealed bag and are received in the Elections Department. The sealed bag is then transferred to the Recorder's Office. The Recorder's Office opens the sealed bag and then proceeds to verify the signatures that are on the provisional ballots as well as the voters themselves and makes a determination as to whether or not that ballot should be processed further for tabulation depending upon whether the individual was properly registered and if the signature is correct; however, they do not open the ballots or tabulate them. The Recorder's Office then transports those provisional ballots to the Elections Department and again with the aid of these volunteers from the community the provisional ballots are processed and tabulated. Vice-Chairman Dawson stated that under Ballot Processing VII, it states that under no circumstances is the public, including any candidate, allowed behind counters or inside rooms and she inquired if that only pertained to the Election Department or also to the Recorder's Office and whether those are in the Arizona Secretary of State's rules and regulations. Ms. Eastlick replied that to her knowledge that specific language is not in statute; however, it is understood that the ballots will be handled in a secure manner. It doesn't state they can't go behind counters. She noted that this

policy was specifically written only for the Elections Department because the Recorder has determined she prefers to write her own Office's policy. Ms. Eastlick stated that she does not believe that the Recorder has presented the Board with her policy, but she did know that the Recorder was working on one. Vice-Chairman Dawson stated, "I have not seen anything from the Recorder that would exclude a candidate from being behind the counter other than her statement that didn't happen and my challenge (is) that it did happen and it won't happen without a sheriff's deputy at least being called this election." Chairman Martin inquired about the process again and Ms. Eastlick explained that there are 2 processes, one for early voting ballots by mail and one for provisional ballots and she proceeded to explain the differences. Supervisor Pastor inquired for clarification if this particular policy is a complete policy for elections. Ms. Eastlick stated that it does not include the Recorder's Office functions. Supervisor Pastor inquired of the County Manager if the Board would be receiving a policy on elections from the Recorder's Office. Don McDaniel, County Manager, stated that the Recorder has not reported any further than what was reported to the Board when this was discussed in a public work session of the Board of Supervisors where she was developing or had developed a policy, but it has not been submitted to him or the Board for review and/or approval. Chairman Martin inquired as to the period of time the Recorder's Office actually has physical possession of these either early or provisional ballots. Ms. Eastlick replied that the Elections Department actually transports live ballots to the Recorder early enough in the election season that they can begin mailing them out. The Recorder's Office then has control over live ballots in their office during the entire election season so that people can go in and vote there. When the ballots that are mailed out are returned back by the voter, then the Recorder's Office has control over them until they are processed and processing times can vary although there is a provision in state law for how long the Recorder can hold those ballots. Ms. Eastlick was not sure of the time as to how long the Recorder can hold those ballots. Vice-Chairman Dawson requested that the County Manager contact the Recorder about when her Security and Integrity Policy will be provided to the Board. Mr. McDaniel stated that he would follow up on that request. Supervisor Pastor inquired as to the deadline for processing early ballots. Ms. Eastlick stated that they have to be processed prior to Election Day. Supervisor Pastor inquired of Eric Mariscal, the Recorder's Office representative, whether he was aware of the deadline for the Recorder's Office to provide the ballots to the Elections Department. Mr. Mariscal replied that, according to Arizona Revised Statutes, they must be turned over to the Elections Department so many days before the actual tabulations that the Elections Department does on the Saturday prior to the election. Chairman Martin inquired if the ballots are sent from the Recorder's Office to the Elections Department throughout the voting period or whether the Recorder holds them and turns them all in at the end. Mr. Mariscal stated that it's a coordinated effort between both parties as to the number of ballots received at particular times—many ballots are usually received back right after they are mailed out, then the influx drops and then another high volume is received from voters at the last minute. Chairman

Martin was inquiring so she could get a feel for what she would expect to be reflected in the Recorder's policy. Ms. Eastlick concluded by stating that the Elections Department tries to get them as early possible following processing by the Recorder's Office because she couldn't get enough people in a room to process them all on the Friday before an election and she tries to schedule it so that the early board workers can make plans to be available. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously approved the Gila County Elections Security and Integrity Policy.

3D. Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Order adopting changes to the Young and Carrizo election precinct boundaries to conform to the Legislative District #6 and Legislative District #7 boundaries.

Ms. Eastlick stated that the County went through many months of redistricting and in October 2011, the Board adopted an Order approving of the new Redistricting Plan and precincts that were established during the redistricting process. Subsequent to that, the state has completed its legislative and congressional redistricting. All of the County's precinct boundaries conform to the state's legislative and congressional plans with the exception of one small area on the far-east side of the Young precinct, which is actually the reservation boundary. Ms. Eastlick stated that there are no people contained in this small segment of territory and she requested that the Board approve this Order so that the small segment of reservation land could be moved into the Carrizo Precinct. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously approved an Order adopting changes to the Young and Carrizo election precinct boundaries to conform to the Legislative District #6 and Legislative District #7 boundaries.

3E. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the Public Works Division to send out 5 Offer Letter packages to property owners for acquisition of Right-of-Way based upon the appraised value as determine by the consultant appraiser so the Tonto Creek Bridge Project can move forward to design completion.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, stated that there are 5 private properties the County is dealing with in regard to the Tonto Creek Bridge project. He stated that before the Arizona Department of Transportation will approve a 100% set of plans and prepare the documents, the County has to acquire the right-of-way through the Uniform Relocation Act, which is a very involved and lengthy process. The County's consultant and sub-consultant dealing with the right-of-way issues have put together 5 offer letters based on the appraised values of the properties. He advised that the appraised values range from \$704 to \$137,800 and the total cost of all 5 of the properties is \$271,669, which has been budgeted. All of the residents have been contacted previously when the appraiser had to go on site and do the actual appraisals so they are aware of this; however, the County hasn't been directly involved with them on any other aspects in order to be in compliance with the Uniform

Relocation Act. All property owners were given the opportunity to follow the appraiser while he was on their property and one owner did meet with the appraiser, but none of the others responded. Mr. Sanders requested that the Board authorize the Public Works Division to simply send out the offer letters to make the initial contact with the appraisal package. He also added that right now is a critical period as the County is also 90 days into the request for a 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and hasn't received a response back from them at this time, but the County was told initially that it would be about a 90-day review. So hopefully within the next 30 days the County will have its permit in place from the Corps, these right-of-ways will move forward and by the end of summer a set of plans will be ready so the County can actually start going after some money to build the bridge. Supervisor Pastor inquired if Mr. Sanders foresees any problems with the 5 property owners. Mr. Sanders replied that he didn't believe there would be any opposition; however, he would be willing to sit down with the owners and go through the logistics. Supervisor Pastor inquired as to the company that conducted the appraisals. Mr. Sanders stated that Dennis Lopez & Associates, the sub-consultant to the County's consultant, is the real estate firm that did all the appraisals and put all the packages together. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously authorized the Public Works Division to send out 5 Offer Letter packages to property owners for acquisition of Right-of-Way based upon the appraised value as determined by the consultant appraiser so the Tonto Creek Bridge Project can move forward to design completion.

3F. Information/Discussion/Action to approve the distribution of Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF II) to senior centers and other entities for their continued transportation operations.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated the LTAF funding (lottery money) will no longer be forthcoming from the state; however, there may now be a possibility of it coming back some time, but this distribution would deplete the current fund. He stated that Diana Jones, Management Analyst, has provided 2 scenarios to equally divide the remaining funds. One scenario (Column B) includes the San Carlos Apache Tribe (Tribe) and the other one (Column A) does not because the County is still trying to get an agreement with the Tribe from the last distribution of LTAF funds. Mr. Stratton advised that if the Board opts to distribute according to Column B, which includes the Tribe, then the County will still have a problem of depleting this fund because the funds are required to be spent within 2 years. He stated that had the Tribe responded and had an agreement been in place, then obviously the County would want to include them in this distribution also. However, if the Board does select Column B, it could create further problems down the road and he would just have to come back to the Board and request a redistribution of the funds. Vice-Chairman Dawson stated, "I have not been asked for assistance in getting this response from San Carlos and I think I could get a response from them, so I don't see basing our decision on that. I would like to recommend

that we use column B and that you said we have 2 years for this distribution?” Mr. Stratton replied that the County had 2 years from the time of receipt of the funds, but that timeframe is closing quickly although he was not sure of the exact date. Vice-Chairman Dawson made a motion that the LTAF II funds be distributed based on Column B to senior centers and entities for their continued transportation operations. Supervisor Pastor inquired if the Board wanted to include in the motion a restriction on how soon to expect an answer from the Tribe. Vice-Chairman Dawson amended her motion to state that the LTAF II funds be distributed based on Column B to senior centers and entities for their continued transportation operations and that within 2 weeks there be a response from the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. Chairman Martin inquired if the Board wished to discuss what should be done if there isn’t a response from the Tribe within the 2 weeks. Mr. Stratton suggested that if the County does not get a response, he will bring the remaining balance back to the Board for redistribution, which was agreeable to the Board.

3G. Information/Discussion/Action to direct the Public Works Division to investigate the possibilities of accepting Copper Hills Road into the Gila County Maintained Roadway System as a public road.

Mr. Stratton stated that he, the County Manager and the County Attorney met with representatives of the Homeowners Association of the Copper Hills Subdivision. The Association presented sufficient evidence, which Mr. Stratton believes warrants investigation into bringing Copper Hills Road into the County system as a public road. Mr. Stratton stated that in reviewing the statutes, before he can spend restricted funds for reading legal descriptions and sending surveyors out, etc. he needs the authorization of the Board. He recommended that the County investigate bringing Copper Hills Road into the County Maintained Roadway System as a public road. Upon inquiry by Supervisor Pastor if this is a continuation of the road that the County currently monitors, Vice-Chairman Dawson explained that the County maintains a section of the road to a certain point, then skips a section and then per a service agreement maintains the Forest Service road. If this portion of the road is brought into the County’s Maintained Roadway System, then the entire road would be maintained. Mr. Stratton clarified that this would only be to maintain the main road and would not include any offshoots or side streets, etc. Mr. Stratton stated that there were a couple of representatives from the Homeowners Association and he wanted to make a couple of points clear to them and to the Board that if the Board decides to bring the entire road into the County’s System, all of the signage would have to be in accordance with the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) as adopted by AASHTO (American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials) as well as all of the regulations the County has for roadways. He noted that there are quite a few signs out there that do not meet those standards at this time and they would have to be removed. Vice-Chairman Dawson stated, “I was here when this subdivision was approved by, not this board, but a board of the past

and at that time I suggested this day would come. When you decide that realtors and developers can wheel and deal without putting in improvements, it's those subsequent homeowners who end up complaining and being unhappy. I don't blame them, but I blame the people who didn't take the time at the initial step and take the heat of saying that road has to be brought to standards and it should have been brought to standards and then it could be a paved highway—county roadway.” Supervisor Pastor clarified that it would not be a paved road, but rather maintaining a dirt road to County standards to which Vice-Chairman Dawson and Mr. Stratton agreed. Supervisor Pastor inquired about the length of this portion of road. Mr. Stratton replied that it was a little over a mile. He further advised that yesterday the County just completed putting millings on the portion of road it currently maintains and will then chip seal it. If approved, the County would maintain the entire road as often as it maintains the U.S. Forest Service road. Chairman Martin inquired whether the road is currently up to County standards with the exception of the signage. Mr. Stratton replied that it appears that the width is okay, but there are some drainage issues and that is the one reason he doesn't want to consider it as a county highway, but just as a public road. The biggest component will be to send the crews out to survey and review the legal descriptions to ensure they are accurate. Mr. Stratton stated that he has advised the president of the Homeowners Association that it could be December before this process is completed. He further stated that if the County is going to bring this road in, it will be done by the end of December so that the County can receive HURF dollars for it beginning July 2013. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously directed the Public Works Division to investigate the possibilities of accepting Copper Hills Road into the Gila County Maintained Roadway System as a public road.

3H. Information/Discussion/Action to consider a sealed bid for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 206-12-172.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that the County has in place a process to review bids for the purchase of state-owned land that has been deeded by the County Treasurer to the State of Arizona for non-payment of taxes. These are properties that didn't sell at the Board's previous annual tax deeded land auctions. Ms. Sheppard stated that she received a sealed bid for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 206-12-172, which is a vacant piece of land located in upper Miami on a hill off of Sunnyslope Avenue. The total lien amount on this property is \$308.87. Ms. Sheppard opened the sealed bid and stated that the bid received was from Frank E. Chavez in the amount of \$308.87, the total lien amount. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously accepted the bid of \$308.87 from Frank E. Chavez for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 206-12-172.

3I. Information/Discussion/Action to consider a sealed bid for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 302-14-160A.

Ms. Sheppard stated that she also received a sealed bid for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 302-14-160A, which is a vacant piece of land located in Geronimo Estates, Unit Two Subdivision, in the Payson area. The total lien amount is \$3,088.10. Ms. Sheppard opened the sealed bid and stated that the bid received was from Philip William Orstrom in the amount of \$836.60. She stated that on this particular property, part of the County's policy states that if a person can prove they own adjoining land at the time the sealed bid is submitted, the Board may consider a bid that is less than the total lien amount. In this case Mr. Orstrom does own a piece of adjoining land. She further noted that this property has been reviewed by both the Treasurer and the Assessor, of which they have no objections to the sale. The Board then reviewed a map of the parcel and Ms. Sheppard provided information about the surrounding parcels and owners and she advised that there were no bidders at the time of the Board's auction in 2006. After discussion by the Board, Vice-Chairman Dawson stated, "When we first came on this board, the usual thing was people would come in and offer \$25 or a minimal amount and at that time is when we said at least pay the back taxes. We have seldom had to make exceptions, but I don't see any reason not to go ahead with this sale." Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously accepted the bid of \$836.60 from Philip William Orstrom for the purchase of Assessor's tax parcel number 302-14-160A.

ITEM 4 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

4A. Approval of Contract No. ADHS12-022009 between the Gila County Division of Health & Emergency Services, Health Department, and the Arizona Department of Health Services in the amount of \$51,160 annually to continue the funding of the Prop 201 Smoke-Free Arizona Program for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017.

4B. Approval of the appointment of the following precinct committeeman as submitted by the Gila County Republican Committee: Globe #1 Precinct - Todd J. Wheeland.

4C. Ratification for approval of the Chairman's signature on a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Pinal Mountain Elks Lodge #2809 to serve liquor on May 26, 2012, for a wedding that was held at the Gila County Fairgrounds.

4D. Approval of an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Albert Keehn to temporarily extend the premises where liquor is permitted to be served at the Sportsman's Chalet on July 1, 2012, for a special event.

4E. Approval of an Application for Fireworks Display submitted by Fireworks Productions of Arizona on behalf of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.-Miami Operations to provide a fireworks display on July 4th at Freeport-McMoRan's minesite.

4F. Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement (Contract No. 07012012-13) between the Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA) and the Gila County Division of Community Services, Community Action Program, whereby ACAA will provide funding in the amount of \$45,307 to provide utility deposits, repair and replacement work and bill assistance to eligible citizens residing in Gila County for the period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

4G. Approval to adopt Resolution 12-06-01 to name a previously unnamed section of road in Tonto Basin to be called N. Chaparral Trail. (A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)

4H. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 080310-1 between Gila County and Tyler Technologies for additional Treasurer's Office staff training on the General Ledger Treasurer's Banking Software in the amount of \$5,600.

4I. Approval of the April 2012 monthly activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Constable's Office.

4J. Approval of the April 2012 monthly activity report submitted by the Recorder's Office.

4K. Approval of the April 2012 Monthly Activity Report submitted by the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace.

4L. Approval of the April 2012 monthly activity report submitted by the Clerk of the Superior Court.

4M. Approval of the Human Resources reports for the weeks of May 1, 2012, May 8, 2012, May 15, 2012, May 22, 2012, and May 29, 2012.

May 1, 2012:

Departures from County Service:

1. Martin Feldhake – Probation – Juvenile Detention Officer – 04/25/12 – General Fund – DOH 01/10/11 – Resigned
2. Richard Kruger – Public Fiduciary – Fiduciary Services Specialist – 04/27/12 – General Fund – DOH 01/24/05 – Resigned
3. Rachel Wright – Superior Court Division One – Temporary Judicial Assistant – 04/04/12 – Superior Court Cost of Prosecution Fund – Completed job

Hires to County Service:

4. Herman Tijerina – Court Information Systems – IT Administrator and Support Specialist – 05/07/12 – General Fund -Replacing Dennis Hanson
5. Thomas Dando – Public Works Recycling and Landfill Management – Solid Waste Services Worker – 05/07/12 – Facilities Management Fund – Replacing Mitchell Wilson
6. James Gibson – Public Works Recycling and Landfill Management – Solid Waste Services Worker – 05/03/12 – Facilities Management Fund – Replacing Vernon Davis
7. Stephanie Gibson – Health and Emergency Services – Breast Feeding Peer Counselor – 05/21/12 – WIC Fund – Replacing Katie Meredith

Volunteers to County Service:

8. Darrell Stubbs – Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
9. Darlene Medina - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
10. Regina Moltz - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
11. Rex Williams - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
12. Debra Hammer - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
13. Denise Hansen - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12
14. Violet Williams - Health and Emergency Services – Volunteer – 05/01/12

Departmental Transfers:

15. Jay Boyer – Probation – From Deputy Probation Officer 2 – To Deputy Probation Officer Supervisor – 05/07/12 – From 100% Diversion In Take Fund - To 60% Diversion In Take Fund – 40% General Fund

End Probationary Period:

16. Judith Moss – Globe Regional Justice Court – Court Clerk – 01/29/12 – General Fund
17. Ginger Horta – Administrative Services – Administrative Clerk – 05/16/12 – General Fund
18. Larry Dooly – Public Works Facilities and Land Management – Building Maintenance Technician Sr. – 05/07/12 – Facilities Management Fund

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

Hires to County Service:

19. Ashley Henry – Sheriff’s Office – Detention Officer – 05/07/12 – General Fund – Replacing Peter Beesley

End Probationary Period:

20. Jacob Delecki – Sheriff’s Office – Deputy Sheriff – 04/11/12 – General Fund

May 8, 2012:

Departures from County Service:

1. James Anderson – Public Works Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 04/17/12 – Public Works Fund – DOH 11/10/08 – Resigned
2. Christopher Beamon – Probation – Juvenile Detention Shift Supervisor – 05/12/12 – General Fund – DOH 07/06/09 – Resigned

Hires to County Service:

3. Penny Miller – Community Services – Career & Employment Specialist –

05/10/12 – WIA Fund – Replacing Angela Lara

Temporary Hires to County Service:

4. David Oropeza – Board of Supervisors – Temporary Laborer – 05/14/12 – Constituent Services II Fund
5. Malin Busby - Community Services – Temporary Mobile Crew – 05/10/12 – GEST Fund

Position Review:

6. Paula Horn – Health & Emergency Services – From Health Programs Manager – To Deputy Director of Prevention Services – 04/02/12 – Various funds – Reorganization
7. Earl LaForge – Public Works Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Automotive Mechanic – 07/01/11 – Change in funds
8. Nathaneal Cutter - Public Works Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Automotive Mechanic – 07/01/11 – Change in funds

Request Permission to Post:

9. County Attorney – Legal Secretary – Vacated by Lana Dever

May 15, 2012:

Departures from County Service:

1. Delia Benavidez – Globe Regional Justice Court – Justice Court Lead – 05/03/12 – General Fund – DOH 03/07/94 – Separated without prejudice

Position Review:

2. Angelo Cutter – Human Resources – From Human Resources Assistant Sr. – To Deputy Human Resources Director – 05/17/12 – General Fund

Request Permission to Post:

3. Payson Regional Justice Court – Justice Clerk Associate – Vacated by Michelle Duarte

May 22, 2012:

Departures from County Service:

1. Ronnie McDaniel – Payson Regional Courts – Pro Tempore Judge – 04/09/12 – General Fund – DOH 07/01/07 – Resigned
2. Janice Zittle – Payson Regional Constable’s Office – Temporary Clerk of the Constable – 05/03/12 – General Fund – DOH – 06/11/07 – Temporary services no longer needed
3. John Geer – Public Works Consolidated Roads – Road Maintenance/Equipment Operator – 05/15/12 – Public Works Fund – DOH 09/12/11 – Resigned
4. Ursula Donovan – Health and Emergency Services – Nutrition Services Manager – 06/15/12 – 99% WIC Fund – 1% Commodity Supplement Food Program Fund - DOH 01/02/07 – Resigned
5. Misti Williams – Finance – Account Clerk Senior – 05/04/12 – General Fund – DOH 01/28/91 – Resigned

Hires to County Service:

6. Christopher Heath – Public Works Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Automotive Service Worker – 05/24/12 – Public Works Fund – Replacing Max Coombs

7. Christopher Mooney – Public Fiduciary – Public Fiduciary Services Specialist – 05/29/12 – General Fund – Replacing Richard Kruger

Departmental Transfers:

8. Jo Anna McDaniel – Public Fiduciary – From Public Fiduciary Assistant – To Public Fiduciary Services Specialist – 05/24/12 – General Fund – Replacing Kimberly Aguilar

Request Permission to Post:

9. Public Works Consolidated Roads – Administrative Assistant – Position vacated by Cecilia Wentz
10. Health and Emergency Services – Staff Nutritionist – Position vacated by Sherri Miller
11. Health and Emergency Services – Health Programs Manager – Position vacated by Paula Horn

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS:

Departures from County Service:

12. Ashley Henry – Sheriff’s Office – Detention Officer – 05/08/12 – General

Fund – DOH 05/06/12 – Unsuccessful completion of probationary period

13. Anjanette Bolinger – Sheriff’s Office – Public Health Nurse – 05/06/12
General Fund – DOH 07/19/10 – Resigned

May 29, 2012:

Departures from County Service:

1. Kristin Klee-Martinez – County Attorney – Legal Secretary – 05/24/12 – Attorney’s Justice Enhancement Fund – DOH 11/26/07 – Resigned
2. Kevin Moran – Public Works Auto/Equipment Maintenance – Vehicle and Equipment Mechanic – 05/25/12 – Public Works Fund – DOH 03/15/10 – Resigned

Departmental Transfers:

3. Susan Williams – From Superior Court – To Globe Regional Justice Court – From Calendar Administrator – To Justice Court Clerk Associate (underfill) – 06/04/12 – General Fund – Replaces Ruben Mancha

Position Review:

4. Ramai Alvarez – County Attorney – Deputy County Attorney Senior – 07/01/12 – General Fund – Change in number of hours
5. Karen Miller – Public Fiduciary – From Fiduciary Services Specialist – To Fiduciary Services Specialist Senior – 05/21/12 – General Fund

Request Permission to Post:

6. Board of Supervisors – Temporary Laborer
7. Health and Emergency Services – Nutrition Services Manager – Position Vacated by Ursula Donovan

4N. Acknowledgment of contracts under \$50,000, which have been approved by the County Manager for the weeks of May 5, 2012 to May 11, 2012, and May 12, 2012, to May 18, 2012

Copies of the contract reports are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.

40. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the weeks of May 29, 2012, and June 5, 2012.

May 29, 2012

\$1,930,010.22 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 245885 through 246076.

June 5, 2012

\$495,157.38 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 246077 through 246194. **(An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 4A through 4O.

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.

Don Ascoli, a resident of Payson and Chairman of the Gila County Planning and Zoning Commission, stated that he has taken an interest in a section of land near Roosevelt Lake known as Lakeview Park, where the full-time and part-time residents of 160 trailers/mobile homes have been trying to come to a resolution with the U.S. Forest Service on keeping their property. He has been working with the residents and in communication with Supervisor Pastor. He advised that the residents of the homeowners association have been working on a video to try and tell their story. Mr. Ascoli stated that he understands at least one meeting has been held with the U.S. Forest Service to try to resolve the issue. He inquired if the Board could provide an update on this issue. He also extended his appreciation for the County's efforts towards resolving this issue and helping these residents and participators in Gila County, and "the impact they have in not only our economy, but just the fact that they are good neighbors and good citizens."

Item 6 - At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(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 the County Manager presented information on current events.

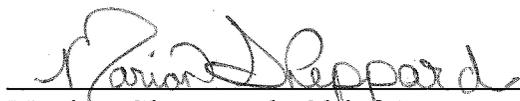
There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Tommie C. Martin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk