

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

Date: October 16, 2012

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

MICHAEL A. PASTOR
Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

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 (via ITV conferencing); Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and June Ava Florescue, 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. Michael Pastor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Joe Hittle of the Calvary Chapel in Payson delivered the invocation.

Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

2A. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a 12D Fund Request Application in the amount of \$27,012 being submitted by Gila Community College under the economic development category as the local trainer of workforce programs to the Mazatzal Casino.

Cathy Melvin, Coordinator of Grants and Special Projects for the Gila County Community College, requested the Board's approval and signature on a 12D Fund Request Application to be submitted to Mazatzal Casino for funds in the amount of \$27,012 for the purchase of equipment to be used at the college campus in Payson. The equipment intended to be purchased was outlined in the budget. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman's signature on a 12D Fund Request Application in the amount of \$27,012 being submitted by Gila Community College under the economic development category as the local trainer of workforce programs to the Mazatzal Casino.

2B. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 12-08 proclaiming October 30, 2012, as "Weatherization Day" in Gila County.

Malissa Buzan, Community Services, Housing Program Manager, requested that the Board adopt Proclamation No. 12-08, noting that this particular Proclamation would finalize the use of the stimulus funds (from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) that were received by the County. She stated that Gila County's initial allocation of stimulus funds was \$1.7 million; however, because that money was spent in an efficient and timely manner, the County was awarded an additional \$300,000. By utilizing those funds during the past 2-1/2 years, 249 homes for low-income families, seniors and the disabled were weatherized and there is still a 2-year waiting list. It is estimated that once a home has been weatherized, it will result in a utility savings of 35% for each residence. Ms. Buzan praised her staff for doing an excellent job in accomplishing these projects as well as providing jobs for local contractors. She played a short video for the Board to provide a better understanding of the weatherization program. Ms. Buzan advised that a home tour of some weatherized homes is scheduled on October 29, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. and she invited the Board to attend. Also attending will be invited members of the public, the press and members of the Arizona Corporation Commission—both sitting and running for office. Supervisor Pastor inquired as to the number of people on the 2-year waiting list to which Ms. Buzan replied there are approximately 85 families; however, some of those are not for just weatherization, but also repair and rehabilitation. She stated that when the funds allowed for the weatherization of 30 homes per month, they were able to go through the list quite rapidly; however, that number has been reduced to 15 homes per year, so it will be a couple of years for some of those families on the list. If there is an emergency Ms. Buzan can utilize emergency funds. If there is someone in need who is a senior citizen, disabled or extremely low-income and it's the time of the year that something must be repaired, then a "band-aid" type of work is done. Once those people get to the top of the list then a more comprehensive type of repair is done. Supervisor Pastor inquired whether those people are on their own once the repairs have been completed. Ms. Buzan replied that these families are kept on a list for a couple of years to check on their utility usage to ensure that things are going well for them. If they are senior citizens, in addition to the energy efficiency, also completed are safety precautions for their future such as removing a bathtub and installing a shower with bars, walking ramps, etc. Chairman Martin inquired as to the measures being taken by Ms. Buzan to promote "Weatherization Month." Ms. Buzan stated that in addition to having the home tour, she will also be putting information on the County's website and in the local newspapers. She added that the network teams in Payson and Globe are also promoting it and advising their clients. Ms. Buzan stated that even though the list is long, she tells people to get on the list so they can be educated in the meantime as to possible ways to save money by energy education and weatherization, about savings

using new equipment and how to maintain that equipment, how to use their thermostat, and advising them about the Arizona Public Service Company rebates, etc. to empower them. Chairman Martin thanked Ms. Buzan for her presentation. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 12-08 proclaiming October 30, 2012, as "Weatherization Day" in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

2C. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the submission of a State Housing Fund Application for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs to the Arizona Department of Housing in the amount of \$440,000 to be utilized for housing rehabilitation for fiscal year 2012 and to adopt related Resolutions Nos. 12-10-03 and 12-10-04, which are included as part of the application.

Ms. Buzan stated that the \$440,000 will be used to rehabilitate approximately 8-11 units. Ms. Buzan advised that she hopes to increase the number of units by leveraging it with other funds such as those received from Arizona Public Service Company and Southwest Gas Company. She advised that most of the low-income housing within Gila County is extremely old and also in disrepair to a certain degree so the County's Housing Department will use these rehabilitation funds to address required code issues and then go in and weatherize the homes so that they end up being healthy, safe and also energy efficient. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously authorized the submission of a State Housing Fund Application for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs to the Arizona Department of Housing in the amount of \$440,000 to be utilized for housing rehabilitation for fiscal year 2012 and to adopt related Resolutions Nos. 12-10-03 and 12-10-04, which are included as part of the application. **(Copies of the Resolutions are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

2D. Information/Discussion/Action to approve an Agreement-Economic Development Grant between Gila County and Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Area Agency on Aging whereby the County will disburse up to \$21,500; and further the Board determines this is for the benefit of the public and will improve or enhance the economic welfare of the inhabitants of Gila County.

Don McDaniel, County Manager, stated that this is the County's annual grant in the amount of \$21,500 to the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Area Agency on Aging, which provides services to seniors throughout the County. Some of the types of services provided to senior citizens include the following: grandparents raising grandchildren, behavior health services, counseling services, legal services, mature work force development, senior centers and

home delivered meals. Upon motion by Supervisor Pastor, seconded by Vice-Chairman Dawson, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement-Economic Development Grant between Gila County and Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Area Agency on Aging whereby the County will disburse up to \$21,500; and further the Board determines this is for the benefit of the public and will improve or enhance the economic welfare of the inhabitants of Gila County.

2E. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board to remove Assessor's tax parcel numbers 205-19-015A, 205-19-015B, 205-19-015C, 207-15-140C, 304-61-131, 304-61-133, 304-61-134, 304-61-135, 304-61-136 and 304-61-137 from the December 4, 2012, BOS Property Tax Sale/Auction advertisement; proceed with the administrative process of selling the properties to Gila County, City of Globe, and Town of Payson for \$1 each; and issue quit claim deeds for said sales.

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that each year the County Treasurer issues Treasurer's Deeds whereby the ownership of certain private properties are transferred to the State of Arizona. This is due to the property owners not paying their property taxes for 7 consecutive years. There is an Arizona Revised Statute that allows the Board of Supervisors to sell these properties before its annual auction to a county, city, town or a special taxing district provided that the parcels are used for a public purpose related to transportation or flood control. The County has an internal process whereby the County Engineering Department reviews all of the properties that have been newly deeded and then advises Ms. Sheppard if any of the parcels should be offered to any of the qualified entities. Ms. Sheppard stated that this year 10 properties have been identified and she requested the Board's approval to sell them. She advised that 3 of the parcels would be sold to Gila County for \$1 each and each of the parcels comprise a portion of Sanders Drive, which is designated as a country dirt road so it is maintained by the County on a periodic basis. All 3 parcels would be used for transportation purposes. She further requested that 1 parcel be sold to the City of Globe for \$1 noting that Santee Street is located on a portion of this parcel and it would also be used for transportation purposes. The final request was to sell 6 parcels to the Town of Payson for \$1 each, which are common areas at Highlands at the Rim in Payson and she has been advised that they would be used for flood control (drainage) purposes. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Dawson, seconded by Supervisor Pastor, the Board unanimously authorized the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board to remove Assessor's tax parcel numbers 205-19-015A, 205-19-015B, 205-19-015C, 207-15-140C, 304-61-131, 304-61-133, 304-61-134, 304-61-135, 304-61-136 and 304-61-137 from the December 4, 2012, BOS Property Tax Sale/Auction advertisement; proceed with the administrative process of selling the properties to Gila County, City of Globe, and Town of

Payson for \$1 each; and issue quit claim deeds for said sales.

ITEM 3 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

3A. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Election Services between Gila County and the Hellsgate Fire District.

3B. Approval of an Interlock Agreement between the Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Payson (a disparate community) for the 2012 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award in the amount of \$10,102.

3C. Approval of the August 2012 monthly activity report submitted by the Recorder's Office.

3D. Acknowledgment of contracts under \$50,000 which have been approved by the County Manager for the weeks of September 10, 2012, to September 14, 2012; September 17, 2012, to September 21, 2012; September 24, 2012 to September 28, 2012; and October 01, 2012, to October 05, 2012.

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

3E. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of October 16, 2012.

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\$1,612,411.43 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 249580 through 249713. **(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 3A through 3E.

Item 4 - 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 5 - 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 10:32 a.m.

APPROVED:


for Shirley L. Dawson
Tommie C. Martin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Marian Sheppard
Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk