

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

Date: May 17, 2016

**MICHAEL A. PASTOR**  
Chairman

**MARIAN E. SHEPPARD**  
Clerk of the Board

**TOMMIE C. MARTIN**  
Vice-Chairman

By: Laurie J. Kline  
Deputy Clerk

**JOHN D. MARCANTI**  
Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via ITV); John D. Marcanti, Member; Don E. McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; Jefferson R. Dalton, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief; Marian E. Sheppard, Clerk of the Board; and, Laurie J. Kline Deputy Clerk

**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. Margie Chapman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Dave Barber of the Star Valley Baptist Church (via ITV) in Payson delivered the invocation.

**Item 2 – PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Public recognition of three employees for May's "Spotlight on Employees" Program, as follows: Margie Chapman, Diane Buechner and Misty Allinson.**

Erica Raymond, Human Resources Assistant Senior, read aloud the “Spotlight on Employees” nomination form for each of the employees listed above. A summary is as follows: Scott Buzan, Community Development Division Chief Building Official, nominated Margie Chapman, Community Development Division Code Enforcement Supervisor, (present in Globe) who has been employed with Gila County for 14 years. The nomination form stated that “Margie is a true professional who understands customer service.” Deborah Hughes, Assessor, nominated Diane Buechner, Assessor’s Aide, (present in Payson) who has been employed with Gila County for 11 months. The nomination form stated that “She [Diane] takes the extra steps to help the taxpayer to not have to go somewhere else for help. She will call the other offices or do whatever needs done to make it a pleasant transaction.” Sarah White, Sheriff’s Office Chief Administrative Officer, nominated Misty Allinson,

Sheriff's Office Records Supervisor, (not present) who has been employed with Gila County for 7 years. A letter from a member of the public stated that "Ms. Allinson is very nice, polite and helpful, she fulfilled my request completely. You have a real winner on your hand." Each of the Board members thanked and congratulated the employees and commented favorably.

**Item 3 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Information/Discussion/Action to approve the distribution of \$1,358,182.41 of Gila County's share of Federal Year 2015 Secure Rural Schools Act funds, as authorized through section 24 of P.L. 114-10, for FY2015-16 as follows: \$46,000 to Roads and \$1,312,182.41 to Gila County School Districts.**

Linda O'Dell, Gila County School Superintendent, stated that Gila County is again fortunate to be in a position to distribute the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) funds. Secure Rural Schools and Communities funding is intended to provide assistance to rural counties negatively affected by unrealized revenues from publicly held lands. Funds generated by Title I of the SRS Act have been used for schools and roads which will help create employment opportunities, maintain current infrastructure and improve the health of watersheds and ecosystems. Twenty percent of Gila County's total allocation goes to a resource advisory committee for distribution. The remaining eighty percent of the Title I funds are allocated to the Board of Supervisors for distribution and use on roads and school districts in Gila County. She added that County Administration supports using the same general distribution formula for Gila County school districts that has been used for the past five years. The proposed distribution schedule was provided to the school superintendents and feedback was favorable. The allocations to the school districts are based on three factors: 1) a base amount that is stable and the same for each, 2) the percentage of forest that is in the boundary of the school district, and 3) the average daily membership to the school district. Dr. O'Dell added that the school districts are very grateful for any funding that they receive. Chairman Pastor stated that the National Association of Counties, and the County Supervisors Association are advocates for continuing this funding and are hoping to make this a five-year funding plan. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously approved the distribution of \$1,358,182.41 of Gila County's share of Federal Year 2015 Secure Rural Schools Act funds, as authorized through section 24 of P.L. 114-10, for FY2015-16 as follows: \$46,000 to Roads and \$1,312,182.41 to Gila County school districts.

**B. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 2016-04 proclaiming April 2016 as Fair Housing Month in Gila County.**

Malissa Buzan, Community Services Division Director, stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designates April of each year as Fair Housing Month in the United States to commemorate the passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, which prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and family status. The theme for this year's Fair Housing Month is "Shared Opportunity in Every Community." Ms. Buzan stated that training is provided for landlords providing housing for clients in the Housing Choice Voucher Program - Section 8. She stated that Gila County employees also attend trainings relating to HUD, and that the Fair Housing Month proclamation is adopted annually in Gila County. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 2016-04. **(A copy of the proclamation is attached to the minutes and permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**C. Information/Discussion/Action to accept a donation from Capstone Mining Corp. - Pinto Valley Operations to the Gila County Recycling & Landfill Department in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase parts for the County's Refurbished Bike Program.**

Sharon Winters, Recycling & Landfill Department Manager, stated that Capstone Mining Corporation-Pinto Valley Operations very generously provided a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to assist Gila County with the "Refurbished Bike Program." She added that she hopes to be able to distribute over a hundred bikes to deserving children in Gila County at Christmas time. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously accepted a donation from Capstone Mining Corp.-Pinto Valley Operations to the Gila County Recycling & Landfill Department in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase parts for the County's Refurbished Bike Program.

**D. Information/Discussion/Action to approve a Grant of Easement whereby the County will grant a natural gas pipeline easement to Southwest Gas Corporation.**

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Director, provided information that Rose Mofford Way and Besich Boulevard do not have established right-of-ways as the County owns the surrounding land. Southwest Gas Corporation plans to install a natural gas pipeline beginning at the intersection of Russell Road and Rose Mofford Way. The pipeline will follow Rose Mofford Way and Besich Boulevard and terminate at the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center. He added that the Board recently granted a right-of-way easement to Arizona Water Company; Southwest Gas Corporation is also requesting a right-of-way easement. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved a Grant of Easement whereby the County will grant a natural gas pipeline easement to Southwest Gas Corporation.

**E. Information/Discussion/Action to approve Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Small Enterprise License Agreement, County and Municipality No. 308049 in the amount of \$160,800 effective May 17, 2016, through May 16, 2019.**

Jeff Hassenius, Finance Division Director, stated that this agenda item is a request to renew an annual maintenance contract with Environmental System Research Institute which provides GIS (geographical information system) graphical mapping services software access to the County. The software is utilized by several areas of the County. Leadership within the Assessor, Recorder, Treasurer and Sheriff's Offices, as well as Public Works, Community Development, Health and Emergency Services, and Elections Divisions/Departments recognize the benefits and needs and are willing to enter into cost sharing to cover the initial annual cost of the contract. The Board members commented favorably. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously approved Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Small Enterprise License Agreement, County and Municipality No. 308049.

**F. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 16-05-02 supporting completion of the improvements to Highway 260 in the area of Lion Springs in Gila County.**

Don McDaniel, County Manager, stated that staff and Supervisor Marcanti were recently notified by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) that the Lion Springs portion (which is east of Payson and Star Valley) of the Highway 260 Improvement Project was to be removed from ADOT's Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. He added that Supervisor Marcanti requested that staff develop a resolution, which is attached to this agenda item, for Board approval. Supervisor Marcanti stated that he received a letter from ADOT stating that there had been no public comment received regarding the Highway 260 Improvement Project. In 2013, the Board adopted a similar resolution (Resolution No. 13-05-01) in support of this project and, at that time, it was included in ADOT's 5-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. Supervisor Marcanti expressed concern regarding the auto accidents and fatalities which occur on this area of Highway 260 each year. He stated that the Highway 260 Improvement Project needs to be completed. He is pleased that Vice-Chairman Martin will be attending a meeting with ADOT in Flagstaff on Friday, May 20, 2016, at which time she will present the resolution. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she also is looking forward to presenting Gila County's resolution at the upcoming meeting with ADOT. Chairman Pastor also commented on the importance of getting this project back into ADOT's Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 16-05-02. **(A copy of**

**the resolution is attached to the minutes and permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

**Item 4 – CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS: (Any matter on the Consent Agenda will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and voted upon as a regular agenda item upon the request of any member of the Board of Supervisors.)**

**A. Acknowledgment of the Gila County Drug, Gang, and Violent Crimes Task Force Fiscal Year 2016 Quarterly Report for October through December 2015.**

**B. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on the Quit Claim Deed for the sale of Assessor's tax parcel number 207-10-017C to Silver Nickel Mining Company.**

**C. Acknowledgment of the March 2016 monthly activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace's Office.**

**D. Acknowledgment of the April 2016 monthly activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Justice of the Peace's Office.**

**E. Acknowledgment of the March 2016 monthly activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Constable's Office.**

**F. Acknowledgment of the April 2016 monthly activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable's Office.**

**G. Approval of the May 3, 2016, Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes.**

**H. Acknowledgment of contracts under \$50,000 which have been approved by the County Manager for the weeks of April 18-22, 2016, and April 25-29, 2016.**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 4A - 4H.

**Item 5 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address the Board of Supervisors on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a**

**matter be put on a future agenda for further discussion and decision at a future date.**

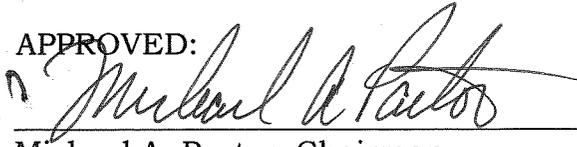
There were no comments from the public.

**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 County Manager may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on information 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 Pastor adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:



Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board