Present: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via ITV conference); Shirley L. Dawson, Supervisor; Don McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; John Nelson, Deputy County Manager; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney.

Item 2 - PRESENTATIONS:

2A. Presentation of information regarding the First Things First Gila Regional Partnership Council.

Hazel Chandler, Regional Director of the Gila Regional Partnership Council, stated that the First Things First (FTF) program began November 7, 2006, as the result of an initiative passed by the Arizona voters to provide a permanent funding source for setting up a system for early childhood education and health. The program is funded by the dedication of 80 cents per pack of tobacco tax money in Arizona. Since FTF is a voter-protected initiative, it can only be rescinded by the voters. The initiative was specific in the way it was set up so there is regional control because it was felt that the regions know better what the children need instead of another state bureaucracy. She stated that 31 regional councils have been set up in the state, some of which are geographic county councils and there are several within a county as well as 10 tribal councils. A new allocation was just received for FY2012, which starts July 1, 2011, and with that allocation for next year, the first 3 years brought approximately $2 million into the communities to serve the children. Ms.
Chandler advised that the system is designed to ensure that every child is ready to learn when they enter school and that they are healthy. It’s not designed to supplant other funding, but rather to build upon what was already in place. All of the programs have been set up through a competitive process known as a Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) process, and independent, non-staff people, council members and community members make the decision on what is funded and who is funded for the programs. Ms. Chandler then called on Sherry Moody to speak more specifically on what is being done locally. Ms. Moody stated that she has lived in the local community for 38 years and was recruited 2 years ago to be the faith-based member of the Gila Regional Partnership Council. FTF’s responsibility is to check out and support the many needs of children aged 0-5 in Gila County, and is based on a successful program from North Carolina known as Smart Start. She cited national statistics showing that children exposed to these programs between the ages of 2 and 4 are less likely to need special education programs after entering school, are less likely to commit a crime by the time they are 18, and that children from low income families are less likely to develop behavioral problems in their pre-teen years. She also provided statistics showing that Gila County is second in the state for teenage mothers and ranked low in those obtaining prenatal care, so this program will support those mothers with children and provide them the opportunity to meet the needs of the children and especially those who may have been born with disabilities. Ms. Moody also provided statistics on Arizona’s poverty rate as Arizona is number 2 behind Mississippi in the nation. Gila County also has a higher unemployment rate of 10-11% compared with the rest of the state at an average of 8%. Ms. Moody stated that she is the faith-based member of the FTF Council along with members from the business community, educators, health care providers, early childhood providers and members at large. The Council is currently engaging in 9 strategies and evaluates the grant applications received to see which programs will meet the needs of the children. It is known that small children initially need to be screened so the Gila County Health Department has awarded a grant in the amount of $56,650 dedicated to screenings for all children aged 0-5 in all of the communities within the County. If children are identified with developmental needs, there is a mentoring program provided where a staff member goes into the home and the family is given the opportunity to have mentoring services provided for the child with developmental delays and makes suggestions, provides books and information to the parents to help remediate the problem for the child. FTF staff will go into the home every 2 weeks and also work with the other children in the home to help prevent abuse and neglect. Funding has also been provided for the oral care of children; however, FTF has found it difficult to find providers that are willing to go to smaller communities and because children may be more difficult to work with. Ms. Moody stated that in regard to literacy skills, Ms. Griffin, the County Librarian, submitted a grant application that was awarded on July 1, 2010, to the Gila County Library District. All of the libraries in Gila County are partnered with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program,
which means that all children of families signed up will receive a free book monthly in the mail until the child turns 5. Another important part of that program is that staff will provide education to the families on what to do for their children as they come in to sign up for the program. FTF wants specialists to address children at risk, so $123,000 has been dedicated to attract speech and physical therapists, behavior and mental health specialists, etc. with a loan forgiveness program. Another program called Quality First works with the centers or homecare providers that are licensed and provides them with mentor tutoring, money for supplies, teach scholarships for people who are willing to work in early childhood over a 2-year period, and mental health consultants. Chairman Pastor thanked the women for their presentation and stated that he attended a check-awarding ceremony at Head Start in Miami yesterday and they received $631,000 for the budget next year. Supervisor Dawson expressed a concern that while FTF was being established, at the same time the State of Arizona was cutting funding to some very basic programs in the local community including Head Start, Tuffy Tiger Preschool and the Learning Center. Supervisor Dawson stated that it has been mentioned several times that FTF was supposed to build upon programs that were already established. However, she became very frustrated as she saw the bureaucracy step in with the FTF program and block the funding for the Learning Center, in particular. Supervisor Dawson and Ms. Moody were volunteers at the time that the Learning Center was initially established back in 1969-70 and had since served literally thousands of families. The staff for that program would go into the homes and had a working relationship with all of the local doctors and hospitals, and it served the community well. Supervisor Dawson stated, “And then I was appalled when the State Legislature was in financial trouble and struggling to balance its budget, which is still not balanced, and FTF stepped up and said, ‘We can loan you $300 million’ that FTF had in the bank, while programs like the Learning Center were struggling and others were closing their doors.” Supervisor Dawson stated that she attended one of FTF’s board meetings and became very frustrated with what was going on. Ms. Chandler stated that she could understand Supervisor Dawson’s frustrations and one of the challenges of FTF is to be timely and responsible to the communities. One of the things that has been done recently that will help new programs is that FTF will be providing $150,000 this year to fund some scholarships for children to attend childcare centers in the region and the Quality First program, which is designed to improve the quality of childcare programs, currently has 2 home care centers participating. She advised that there are other programs for which FTF will be recruiting that includes financial incentives for those facilities to be able to purchase necessary curriculum, supplies, toys, improved playgrounds and assistance in improving their quality and establish strong centers that will last. These new programs will not be required to go through the RFGA program, but will be selected through an internal process. Ms. Chandler stated that in reference to the bureaucracy, FTF was set up to be independent of the other departments of government and reports directly to the Governor’s Office. In the
startup process there have been some issues and problems that they are all working on to resolve and one of the main issues is how to take a state structure that is very challenging and bureaucratic, and work within the requirement by law to be innovative, creative and responsive in the way the program is handled. Ms. Chandler stated in response to the issue around money, “The evidence is clear that if we invest in kids when they are young and help families develop supportive relationships with their children, there is less need for ongoing support for special education and juvenile programs and prison systems, etc. However, in the state of Arizona, which I have observed over the past 35 years, a little bit of money is thrown toward a program, it just gets started in making a difference and then there is an economic downturn and the funding is gone.” This initiative requires FTF to set up a system that could be fiscally responsible for up to 10 years and allow time to build up money in a trust account that would allow not only the funding of next year’s allocation, but it would allow money to help stabilize the program as tobacco tax money declines. It would help stabilize the money going into the communities over a 10-year period; hence, the buildup of the trust fund that now has approximately $300 million. It is being doled out at approximately $150,000/year in grants, so the program has about double what it needs in funding; however, in the long-term forecast, that money will be needed going forward. She stated that FTF did go to the State Legislature and offer an interest-free loan with repayments starting in 2015, 2016 and 2017, to allow the State to have money to balance its budget, but if FTF got to the point where tobacco taxes were declining, they would not have to cut off programs going forward. Ms. Chandler stated that she understood Supervisor Dawson’s concerns about the budget and they are concerned as well, but she felt it’s very important to keep FTF in place so the programs can really make a difference on a long-term basis. Supervisor Dawson stated that she still has the concerns she expressed earlier. Vice-Chairman Martin inquired, “How do we measure outcome versus output? I would be interested in visiting with you about how do you measure success and is measuring more and more programs or is it measuring children that we have actually tracked and they are succeeding or families that we are tracking and they have succeeded?...I am interested in what we are doing that looks at real outcomes, not just that we are promoting more and more programs. To me that’s not a real measure of success. Lots of programs are not a measure of success; children succeeding are.” Ms. Chandler stated that she would be happy to sit down with Vice-Chairman Martin and talk about FTF. She stated that a contract grant has been issued to Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University, which is really the first time those 3 universities have worked together on a project, and they are doing a long-term study of children in Arizona and the impacts of the FTF program on those children. The program is just in its beginning stages and the 3 universities will be doing several different studies and one of them will be following a group of children for up to 5 years and possibly beyond that age. They have done some pre-FTF data and collection and are now starting to follow the children and the programs in
which they are participating. Ms. Chandler believes that will give FTF a real
strong foundation for understanding what works, what doesn’t work and how
the programs can be tweaked to be most responsive to the families and their
children. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Pastor thanked Ms. Chandler and
Ms. Moody for their presentation.

**Item 3 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**3A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 10-09
proclaiming October 2010 as "Disability Awareness Month" in Gila
County.**

David Caddell, Gila Employment Special Training (GEST) Program Manager,
presented a brief history of the GEST program, which began in 1975 with the
help of Edd Dawson. At that time, it was called the Demonstration Project, but
through the years, the program has slightly changed. Congress designated a
week in October as the “National Employee the Physical Handicapped Week” in
1945. In 1962, the word “physical” was removed to acknowledge the
employment needs and contribution of individuals with all types of disabilities.
In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to
“National Disability Employee Awareness Month.” Since 1945 America has
celebrated the contribution of workers with disabilities emphasizing the
contributions of people with all disabilities from all ethnic and racial groups.
He stated that one important fact beginning this year is that President Obama
has created changes for job seekers and workers with disabilities and he signed
a landmark executive order on July 26, 2010, that calls for all federal
government & executive departments and agencies to create goals and action
plans for increasing the number of people with disabilities hired and to improve
retention and return to work of federal employees with disabilities. October
20th of this month is called “Disability Mentoring Day,” which is a large-scale,
broad-based effort to promote career development for students and job seekers
with disabilities through hands-on career exploration and internship of
employment opportunities throughout the United States and also abroad. Mr.
Caddell stated that he invited some members of the local business community
to attend today’s meeting; however, they were unable to attend. He did,
however, recognize 3 of GEST’s local partners—McDonalds, as a best place to
work for many groups including people with disabilities as they truly care
about their employees in supportive programs like GEST; Wal-Mart, which has
been a partner with GEST since 1989, because Wal-Mart’s belief is that
business wins when everyone matters and that the true strength of diversity is
unleashed when each associate is encouraged to reach their full potential; and
Country Kitchen, where the general manager continues to be a great resource
for job opportunities for the GEST program. He concluded by stating that Gila
County has also hired some of the GEST individuals and this is a great
opportunity for GEST staff to share with the Board, the community and the
general public how well that this poster states: “Talent has no boundaries.” He
requested that the Board adopt the Proclamation. Each Board member thanked Mr. Caddell for the work that he does and the success of his program. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 10-09 proclaiming October 2010 as “Disability Awareness Month” in Gila County.  (A copy of the proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)

3B. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 10-10 proclaiming October 2010 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Gila County.

Carolyn Gillis, Contract Monitor/Program Supervisor, gave an update on the services provided by Horizon Human Services and the Gila County Safe Home, whose mission statement is to serve all people who experience domestic violence in their lives, whether victims or perpetrators, and to provide a comprehensive array of domestic violence services to improve the overall quality and living of all people residing within our community. The Gila County Safe Home program began by Horizon Human Services in 1999 and is funded by 2 yearly grants and donations. The dedicated staff of 4 includes Gwen Carroll, Supervisor of the Safe Home, who has devoted many years of service to this program. The staff is on call 24 hours/day and there is also a national 24-hour hotline. Some of the assistance provided to women and children is in the form of providing an 11-bed safe facility for women and children; helping women move from one safe home to another; education and training for both the women and children; advocacy support groups, including a weekly meeting at the Divine Grace Presbyterian Church in Miami every Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; and an information and referral system. The Safe Home is not able to provide housing for men, but they do have referrals and are able to send them to other places. Recently a grant application was submitted to the State and the Safe Home received a grant in the amount of $15,404. It was used to provide playground equipment at the Safe Home, new fencing for security, upgrading the security system and new beds. Ms. Gillis provided some statistics of the Safe Home for the past year, as follows: 344 crisis calls from after hours until the morning were received; 2,135 beds for domestic violence victims were provided; the total number of persons served was 71 and of that number 68% were Native Americans with the majority from San Carlos, 15% were Hispanic/Latino, and 17% were Caucasian. Transportation is also provided, which is the largest expense, and most other shelters do not provide transportation. Also provided by staff were 3,930 hours of individual support counseling and advocacy and 59 presentations were made within the community. The Safe Home has a network group that meets monthly in Gila County and the group consists of law enforcement, schools, faith-based churches, behavioral health providers, social services and community members to collaborate together to come up with the best way to approach domestic violence, whether it be physical or mental. She stated that the goal of the Safe Home is to build the strengths of our women
and children, help them live free of domestic violence and to know there is another positive way to live. Ms. Gillis concluded her presentation with the Safe Home’s vision, which is to eliminate violence in the citizens’ lives, where all people will feel safe from physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuses. She requested that the Board adopt this Proclamation. Supervisor Dawson questioned the transportation between the Safe Home and San Carlos. Supervisor Dawson advised that through Bernadette Kniffen, who runs the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, there are now 5 vans transporting people between San Carlos and the Globe-Miami area and suggested that Ms. Gillis contact Ms. Kniffen and also contact the director of First Things First for a possible grant. Chairman Pastor also recommended contacting Ms. Kniffen. Ms. Gillis has made contact and will follow up on same. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that in northern Gila County, they have a Time-Out Shelter, which is very active, and from reports, it seems that the number one crime up there is domestic violence. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 10-10 proclaiming October 2010 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Gila County. Ms. Gillis also left some posters and pamphlets for the Board to review. (A copy of the proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)

3C. Information/Discussion/Action to approve an amendment to the "Gila County 2010 Tax Levies and Tax Rate Tables" (including Resolution No. 10-08-04), which were approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 16, 2010, in order to correct the primary tax levy, net assessed value and tax rates for the Globe Unified School District #1. In addition, the Board does hereby direct the Gila County Treasurer to make corresponding changes in the affected tax bills with the understanding that the Globe Unified School District #1 has agreed to reimburse Gila County for the expenses incurred for calculating, printing and sending revised tax notices.

Joe Heatherly, Finance Director, stated that a week ago it came to his attention that there was an error in the calculation for the property tax for the Globe Unified School District. Mr. Heatherly stated that since that time, it has been a major project for the County Treasurer, Globe School District, School Superintendent’s Office, Arizona State Department of Education, County Manager, County Attorney’s Office and himself to figure out what needed to be done to correct the error. Mr. Heatherly stated that the error was identified and the taxes recalculated and he requested that the Board approve an approximate 50% reduction in the rate. If approved, the County Treasurer will then send out revised tax notices to the people residing within the Globe School District. Either refunds or credits will be made to the second half payments, whichever is applicable. He advised that this was a learning process and even though the budgeting process is a long one, the County needs to take some responsibility in reviewing the figures received from other parties and will do so in the future. He noted that the error occurred with the State and not the
County, although it doesn’t really matter where it originated at this point. Supervisor Dawson stated that this was unfortunate for the Globe School District because this will take more money away from the education process. Each Board member complimented those involved in working together and coming to a quick solution. Chairman Pastor inquired about a timeline for sending out new tax bills. Debora Savage, Treasurer, stated that upon approval by the Board, information will be provided to the public and the new tax bills would be mailed out within 2 weeks. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to the "Gila County 2010 Tax Levies and Tax Rate Tables" (including Resolution No. 10-08-04), which were approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 16, 2010, in order to correct the primary tax levy, net assessed value and tax rates for the Globe Unified School District No 1. In addition, the Board does hereby direct the Gila County Treasurer to make corresponding changes in the affected tax bills with the understanding that the Globe Unified School District No. 1 has agreed to reimburse Gila County for the expenses incurred for calculating, printing and sending revised tax notices.

3D. Information/Discussion/Action for approval to begin the process to dispose of an unnecessary public roadway shown as a portion of Evalinda Drive in the King Addition Subdivision.

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Deputy Director, stated that the Public Works Division received a petition from a homeowner in the King Addition Subdivision, which is a small subdivision within the East Verde Subdivision north of Payson, to begin the process to abandon a public roadway. He advised that the road serves no purpose to the County and it ends at this homeowner’s property and beyond that is the Tonto National Forest. The road could not be built because it would run into a hillside and is currently only used by the homeowner. He advised that this does not abandon the road at this point; this just starts the process of abandonment should the Board choose to move forward. He stated that staff recommends that the County move forward. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the beginning of the process to dispose of an unnecessary public roadway shown as a portion of Evalinda Drive in the King Addition Subdivision.

3E. Information/Discussion/Action to review all bids submitted for Request for Sealed Bids No. 062910-1 for the purchase of a used 928Hz wheel loader; award to the lowest, responsible and qualified bidder; and authorize the Chairman’s signature on the award contract for the winning bidder.

Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director, stated that only one bid was received from Caterpillar (Empire Southwest, LLC) at a price of $103,900 after a trade-in of $22,000. The proposed used loader has 382 hours on it and if it
were new it could cost $169,000. He advised that this has been in the Caterpillar rental or lease fleet and they take very good care of their equipment. Mr. Stratton stated that the County has purchased other equipment from this fleet and he recommended award of the contract to Empire Southwest, LLC. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously awarded Request for Sealed Bids No. 062910-1 to Empire Southwest, LLC in the amount of $125,000 less a $22,000 trade-in for a total contract amount of $103,900 for the purchase of a used 928Hz wheel loader and authorized the Chairman’s signature on the award contract. Mr. Stratton advised that a portion of the cost will be financed. He stated, “The number we are financing is not arbitrary. We didn’t want to go down any further because the interest rate got higher. We did want to save as much money in our Solid Waste Department as we can for its expansion.”

Item 4 - CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

4A. Approval to certify the “Fill the Gap” funds per A.R.S. §42-2421 (G) for the Treasurer’s Office FY 2009/2010 annual collections by the following: Superior Court $811,904.01; Payson Regional Justice Court $720,505.52; and Globe Regional Justice Court $909,459.41 for a total of $2,441,868.94. The 5% Proportion T-895 is $111,172.09.

4B. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Contract #HG852277 between the Gila County Division of Health and Community Services and the Arizona Department of Health Services to extend the contract through the period of December 31, 2011, in order to provide HIV counseling and testing to citizens of Gila County.

4C. Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. HP652141-001 between Gila County Division of Health and Community Services, Health Department, and the Arizona Department of Health Services to increase the price sheet from $58,523 to $62,146 for services provided to HIV-positive persons for the period August 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011.

4D. Approval of the FY11-LE-11031200-007 Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Gila County Sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Tonto National Forest.

4E. Approval of the Chairman’s signature on additional forms required by the United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, which pertain to a grant application that was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 23, 2010, and submitted for 2008-2011 Secure Rural Schools Public Law 110-343 Title II funds to be used for the maintenance/paving of Forest Development Road 512.
4F. Approval of an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Tamara L. Morken to temporarily extend the patio area of the Rimside Grill in order to serve liquor in the permitted area and the extended area for the date of October 16, 2010.

4G. Approval of an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by Fred Bridges to temporarily extend the patio area of the Punkin Center Bar in order to serve liquor in that extended area for a Halloween party on October 30, 2010.

4H. Accept Governor Janice K. Brewer's proclamation for the November 2, 2010, General Election and set the publication date for the proclamation of October 20, 2010.

4I. Approval of the August 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Payson Justice Court.

4J. Approval of the August 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Constable.

4K. Approval of the August 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Constable.

4L. Approval of the August 2010 monthly departmental activity report submitted by the Globe Regional Justice of the Peace.

4M. Approval of personnel reports/actions for the weeks of September 28, 2010, and October 5, 2010.

**September 28, 2010**
Departures from County Service:

Hires to County Service:
2. Cate DeLaTorre – Recorder – Recorder’s Clerk – 09/20/10 – General Fund – Replacing Angelina Thompson

End Probationary Period:
4. Laura Bryant – Assessor – Property Appraiser II Senior – 09/15/10 – General Fund
5. Sherri Miller - Health and Community Services – Staff Nutritionist – 8/30/10 – WIC Fund
6. Lisa Wilckens – Assessor – Property Appraiser – 09/15/10 - General Fund

**SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**
Departures from County Service:
7. Aaron Villegas - Sheriff’s Office - Detention Officer – 09/14/10 - General Fund – Failure to complete probationary period

Position Review:
8. Christopher Bender - Sheriff’s Office – Deputy Sheriff – 09/13/10 - General Fund - Reinstatement

October 5, 2010
Departures from County Service:

Hires to County Service:

Temporary Hires to County Service:

Departmental Transfers:

SHERIFF’S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS
Departures from County Service:
10. Wayne Hubble - Sheriff’s Office - Detention Officer – 11/25/10 - General Fund – DOH 11/21/05 - Resigned

4N. Approval of finance reports/demands/transfers for the weeks of September 28, 2010 and October 5, 2010.

September 28, 2010

$605,862.94 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 230886 through 231032.
October 5, 2010

$2,122,769.62 was disbursed for County expenses by check numbers 231033 through 231219. (An itemized list of disbursements is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors’ Office.)

40. Approval of the June 8, 2010, and June 15, 2010, BOS meeting minutes.

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

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 Don McDaniel, 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 11:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk