

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

Date: April 30, 2013

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Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer  
Executive Assistant

**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, Supervisor; Don McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/Librarian; Marilyn Brewer, Executive Assistant; Laurie Kline, Deputy Clerk, and Bryan Chambers, Deputy Attorney Principal.

**Item 1 - Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. this date in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. Bryan Chambers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 2 - REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Presentation of information by the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce to bring the concept of "Go Wild" to southern Gila County, in order to promote nature tourism.**

Ellen Kretsch, Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce Manager, introduced Rosalie Ayala of Noftsger Hill Inn and William Herrera, Director of the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation, who are two members of this committee. Ms. Kretsch stated that she was not making a request for any funds; this was just an informational presentation. She stated that the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is conducting this pilot program known as "Go Wild" because it is sitting on a gold mine in terms of hiking, biking, birding, and anything outdoor related. This program is being conducted in conjunction with the Arizona Office of Tourism, Arizona Game & Fish, the Arizona Watchful Wildlife Tourism Association, the Bureau of Land Management, the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation, the U.S. Forest Service and the Chamber. It is being promoted

through the local governments in the present phase along with several individuals. A package of information was provided to the Board, which is also available on the Chamber's website that shows where cycling, hiking, camping, rest areas, etc. are located around the Globe-Miami area. As areas are added, the website will contain all of the updated details. Ms. Kretsch stated that birding and watching the wildlife programs can bring in big money and she requested that Gila County support this program as it goes forward in terms of allowing brochures to be placed at the courthouse. The Chamber wants to ensure that all local business merchants are educated about this program, especially restaurants, gas stations, sporting goods stores, etc. so they can assist visitors coming into the area and particularly on providing directions to the Pinal Mountains. She stated that approximately 1.3 million people (1 million in state and 300,000 out of state) enjoy watching wildlife and do birding including photographers. According to 2006 numbers, these people spend \$840 million/year, which brings in additional employment of \$366 million, federal and state taxes, etc. for a total economic output of \$1.2 billion. Ms. Kretsch wanted to emphasize that this program is not anti-hunting and fishing as it all works together. She then provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, with included additional photographs, details and information. At the conclusion, she stated that the program will be expanding outside of the Globe-Miami area into Young and other areas. Eventually, it will be a countywide program. Each Supervisor commented that this program would be a great asset to the community. Supervisor Marcanti inquired if there is a similar program in Payson because it relies on tourism as a big part of the economy. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that Payson does have a smaller program called the Payson Area Trail System which includes a wildlife component. Vice-Chairman Martin stated that she believes all of the tourism-based efforts are recognizing how important this is to people. Chairman Pastor thanked Ms. Kretsch for her presentation.

**B. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 13-04-03, the Gila County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011, for a period of 5 years from September 2011, through September 2016, for the purpose of supporting hazard mitigation planning activities in Gila County.**

Debra Williams, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board entitled "2011 Gila County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan," which she noted is an update to the 2006 Mitigation Plan. The Robert Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act was created by Congress to provide a means of assistance by the federal government to aid state and local governments to alleviate the impact of disasters on the population by identifying risks and hazards, developing and implementing comprehensive plans that improve preparedness, response,

recovery and mitigation activities and reducing or eliminating damage or loss to life, property and the economy. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was an amendment to the Stafford Act that defines requirements for all local, county and tribal governments to develop a hazard mitigation plan for their respective communities in order to be eligible to receive certain federal mitigation funds. The project is sponsored by the Arizona Department of Emergency Management with a matching grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It was created in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The project resulted in single Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plans for Gila County, the City of Globe, the Town of Payson and the Town of Hayden and were approved by FEMA in September 2006 and remained valid for 5 years. Ms. Williams stated that there were other jurisdictions that either didn't finish their plans on time or chose not to participate, which was an option and still is an option. Supervisor Marcanti inquired if that eliminated those jurisdictions from part of the process because he didn't see Winkelman or Star Valley included in the plans. Ms. Williams replied that it didn't eliminate them and this document can be updated at any time should any jurisdiction choose to build its own risk analysis and ask to have it adopted into this Plan. She stated that Star Valley did a plan, but it wasn't completed until 2007, so their plan is good until 2014 and that's why it is not included in the current update. The Town of Miami also has an active and current plan. Ms. Williams continued with the presentation stating that the 2011 Update was also sponsored by the Arizona Department of Emergency Management and was created as a Multi-Jurisdictional Plan with all jurisdictions being invited to participate in one plan. Letters of commitment to the plan were provided by Gila County, the City of Globe, the Town of Payson, the Town of Miami and the Town of Hayden. She stated that over the past 12 months, a planning team that included local, state and federal stakeholders held multiple agency meetings; public input was solicited; the completed plan was submitted to FEMA for preliminary review; and in 2012 FEMA returned a final determination of plan eligibility pending adoption by Gila County and all participating jurisdictions. Ms. Williams concluded her presentation by stating the benefits of participating in the plan, which included the following: 1) It is a whole community analysis of community hazards and risks; 2) it encourages whole community participation in preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities; and 3) the adoption of the plan maintains eligibility for certain federal and state mitigation funds that can assist with whole community activities. Upon inquiry by Chairman Pastor about mitigation funding, Ms. Williams stated that by having this plan in place, the jurisdictions are eligible to apply for hazard mitigation funding. Ms. Williams stated that she would be sending this plan to FEMA if the Board adopted the Resolution and noted that all of the other participating communities had passed it by their boards/councils as well. Vice-Chairman Martin requested a printed copy of the finalized plan so it would be available in her office for those residents who

did not have internet service. Ms. Williams agreed to provide a printed copy of the plan. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13-04-03, the Gila County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011, for a period of 5 years from September 2011, through September 2016, for the purpose of supporting hazard mitigation planning activities in Gila County. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office)**

**C. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Proclamation No. 2013-04 to proclaim May 2, 2013, as the National Day of Prayer in Gila County.**

Jerry Green, a resident of Payson, thanked the Board for the privilege of coming before it to request the adoption of this Proclamation on behalf of the National Day of Prayer for 2013. He stated that May 2, 2013, will be the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Day of Prayer and the theme will be "Pray for America." The National Day of Prayer was officially approved by Congress in 1952 and later President Reagan signed a Proclamation proclaiming the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer across the nation. Mr. Green reviewed the individual events that would be held in Payson, Pine, and the Globe-Miami area, which will provide numerous opportunities within the county for people to celebrate this National Day of Prayer. He noted that the events he mentioned are all Christ-centered events, but people of any faith can have their own events as well. Each Board member thanked Mr. Green for continuing this yearly event. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously adopted Proclamation No. 2013-04 to proclaim May 2, 2013, as the National Day of Prayer in Gila County. **(A copy of the Proclamation is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office)**

**Item 3 - 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(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to responding to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board of Supervisors, may ask staff to review the 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 requests to speak from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors,  
Chairman Pastor adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board