

GILA COUNTY

**TRANSPORTATION TAX CONTINUATION
CITIZENS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 20, 2014 - 3:00 TO 5:00pm

**By Interactive Television (ITV) between:
Board of Supervisors Conference Room**

610 E. Highway 260
Payson, AZ

And

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, AZ

Minutes

(Revised 02/28/14)

I. WELCOME – CHAIRMAN RICK POWERS

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Andress, Ascoli, Carpenter, Dalley, Hinshaw, Malkovich, Miller, Mundy, Nye, Palmer, Petroff, Potts, Power, Sanchez

Absent: Bleyl, R. McDaniel

III. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN POWERS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mitch Malkovich moved and Gary Andress seconded to approve the minutes. The committee unanimously approved the January 28, 2014, meeting minutes.

V. STAFF REPORT: 1) OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING, AND 2) PROPOSED METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION OF ANTICIPATED REVENUE.

County staff referenced the feedback from other counties on the distribution of the revenue, state response on the amount of tax collected by location and the methods of distribution agreed upon by the city and town managers.

The committee entered into a lengthy discussion regarding the distribution of the funds and who monitors how and where the funds are spent. The committee

recognized that this matter was not within their purview but felt that a complete understanding was important in making the decision as to whether or not to call for an election. Committee members mentioned that the revenue is not county revenue distributed to the cities and towns but rather revenue the cities and town will receive directly from the collection of the tax; further that the state auditor monitors how the funds are spent by all jurisdictions.

There was considerable discussion on the fact that the funds are not prioritized by project, that they can be carried over year to year and that labor costs should not be included as an allowable use of the funds. These issues will be addressed in the ballot language to be drafted by others. Staff was unclear but will research what was included in "indirect costs" as a part of the past expenditure of these funds.

VI. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION TO RECOMMEND THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION PROVIDING FUNDING TO BE USED SOLELY AND ONLY FOR HIGHWAY AND STREET PURPOSES AND CONTINUING THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION EXCISE TAX TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR SAID PURPOSES.

Chairman Powers called for a motion.

Cliff Potts moved, seconded by Melvin Palmer to recommend the Gila County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution calling for a November 4, 2014 election providing funding to be used solely and only for highway and street purposes and continuing the existing transportation excise tax to provide money for said purposes.

The committee discussed several issues at length, including who would draft the language on the Board of Supervisors Resolution calling for the election, who would draft the ballot language, how is the Campaign Committee formed. The Board of Supervisors staff, County Attorney, and outside counsel will draft the resolution and ballot language. The Campaign Committee cannot be established by any portion of County government and must form on its own.

In the discussion, the committee summarized that the Citizens Committee simply recommends whether or not to call for an election to continue the excise tax, the Committee is disbanded by the Board of Supervisors, and a Campaign Committee forms on its own as a Political Action Committee (PAC) to promote the continuation of the tax. Those interested in the specific language of the ballot, how its enforced, where the money goes and the arguments pro and con should contact County management.

The Chair called for the question: All of those in favor say aye, all of those opposed say no; **motion passed unanimously.**

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public is held to provide individuals the opportunity to address the Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee and for the Committee to hear issues of interest or concern from members of the public in attendance. Committee members cannot discuss items that are not specifically identified on today's agenda and they are therefore prohibited from discussing or taking any action on issues raised during the call to the public at this meeting. The Committee, by majority vote, may ask staff to review a matter and report back to the Committee at a later date or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

Chair: I don't see any public present in Globe; any public present in Payson?

Jacque: None.

VIII. DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING IF NECESSARY

Chair: Item 7, location of next meeting. Dead issue, no next meeting. The only thing is staff will let us know when it will be on the BOS for presentation of recommendation to the committee.

In response to a question about the content of the communication of the committee's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, staff indicated the motion and condensed minutes of the committee meeting would be transmitted to the Board and that the Committee would be invited.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair: Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Mitch Malkovich: I move we adjourn. Mickie Nye: I second. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.