

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING IN THE SUPERVISORS' AUDITORIUM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA ITV WHICH IS HELD AT 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, PAYSON, ARIZONA.** THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

WORK SESSION - TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

- 1 **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2 **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A Information/Discussion regarding the County Manager's Strategic Blueprint for 2014. **(Don McDaniel)**
 - B Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 14-01-05 requesting the United States Congress to restore Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding for FY 2014. **(Jacque Griffin)**
- 3 **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.

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

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Work Session

Meeting Date: 01/28/2014

Reporting Period: January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Submitted For: Don McDaniel Jr.

Submitted By: Don McDaniel
Jr., County
Manager,
County
Manager

Information

Subject

County Manager's Strategic Blueprint for 2014.

The County Manager will present a written 2014 Strategic Blueprint for Board consideration and discussion. The report will include the 2014 budget schedule and assumptions, classification and compensation study completion and implementation, performance appraisal and performance increases, merit system rules and policies re-write, county-wide policy manual completion, transportation tax continuation election, health insurance changes, county comprehensive plan, boards, commissions & committees, communication issues, county facilities security measures, long range facilities plan, county financial data transparency, and IT infrastructure upgrades.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion regarding the County Manager's Strategic Blueprint for 2014. **(Don McDaniel)**

Work Session

Meeting Date: 01/28/2014

Submitted By: Janice Cook, Administrative Services
Manager, Asst County
Manager/Library District

Department: Asst County Manager/Library District **Division:** Administrative Services

Information

Request/Subject

Resolution Requesting Restoration of PILT Funding for FY 2014

Background Information

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding is not currently included in the FY 2014 Federal Budget. PILT funding provides assistance to those counties within which federal lands are located but are unavailable for economic development or taxation. Further, counties are burdened with the costs of providing vital services upon those federal lands.

Evaluation

The federal government has, in the past, appropriated funding to counties within which federal lands are located but unavailable for economic development or taxation. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding contributes, but does not cover, the cost to counties of providing services on federal lands. The impact to Gila County of PILT not being restored to the federal budget will be approximately \$3.2 million.

Conclusion

The loss of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding in the federal 2014 budget will mean a loss to Gila County of \$3.2 million. By adopting Resolution 14-01-05, the Board of Supervisors is formally requesting the United States Congress to restore PILT funding for counties within which federal lands are located but are unavailable for economic development or taxation and to assist counties with the costs of providing vital services upon those federal lands.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 14-01-05 requesting the United States Congress to restore Payments in Lieu of Taxes funding in its 2014 federal budget.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 14-01-05 requesting the United States Congress to restore Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding for FY 2014. **(Jacque Griffin)**

Attachments

Resolution No. 14-01-05



RESOLUTION NO. 14-01-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FULL FUNDING FOR THE PAYMENTS-IN-LIEU-OF- TAXES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Payments-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Gila is comprised of 3,068,800 acres, of which 1,700,729 acres , 55.42%, is held by the federal government and unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona contains 113,417 square miles of land, with federally owned land, excluding tribal lands, comprising 42 percent of the land mass, while private land in Arizona comprises only 17 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the national average PILT payment in Fiscal Year 2013 was \$0.66 per acre, far below the amount federal lands would return through both value based taxation and economic development; and,

WHEREAS, Gila County is required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with tax-exempt federal public lands; and

WHEREAS, Congress failed to provide funding for the PILT program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, jeopardizing \$3.2 million in PILT funding for Gila County and causing great uncertainty about county finances and services in Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the back of Gila County tax payers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, failure to provide PILT funding to Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of Gila County, and substantially compromise its ability to provide essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gila County hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress provide full funding to the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 without delay, and find a solution for sustainable funding into the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gila County strongly urges Senator John McCain, Senator Jeff Flake, and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to appeal to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Chairwoman, Senator Stabenow (MI), and Ranking Member, Senator Cochran (MS), and to the House Committee on Agriculture Chairman, Representative Lucas (OK-3), and Ranking Member, Representative Peterson (MN-7), to include a renewal of the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 in the final Farm Bill conference report, and to advocate for sustainable funding into the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2014.

ATTEST:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard, Clerk

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Chambers
Deputy Attorney Principal