

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

Date: February 16, 2016

MICHAEL A. PASTOR
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Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard,
Clerk

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Member

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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 County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief; and Marian E. Sheppard, Clerk of the Board.

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. Terry Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Ken Davidson of the Payson Church of Christ delivered the invocation.

Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Information/Discussion/Action to approve the donation of a mobile communications vehicle unit from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Michael O'Driscoll, Health and Emergency Services Division Director, requested that the Board vote to table this item to a future Board meeting agenda as there are some issues to be resolved regarding the contract. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously tabled this agenda item to a future Board meeting.

B. Information/Discussion/Action to approve Service Agreement No. 012616-1 with Elections Systems and Software, LLC for the purchase of voting equipment and associated software, training, licenses and maintenance fees for a total cost of \$364,623.64, plus estimated sales tax, not to exceed \$32,000.

Eric Mariscal, Elections Department Director, advised that the contract, as presented, will allow the Elections Department to purchase new and updated voting equipment and associated software, training, licenses and maintenance fees for a total cost of \$364,623.64, plus estimated sales tax, not to exceed \$32,000. Chairman Pastor wanted it noted in the record of these minutes that Jefferson Dalton, Deputy County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief, has issued some written comments regarding his concerns with the contract. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Service Agreement No. 012616-1 with Elections Systems and Software, LLC.

C. Information/Discussion/Action to approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. 123015 (Economic Development Grant) between Gila County and the Tonto Natural Resource Conservation District (Tonto NRCD), whereby the County will disburse \$30,000 to the Tonto NRCD for the term of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016, to assist in the money required to match the U.S. Forest Service monitoring funds for the continuation of the Reading the Range monitoring program in Gila County.

Jeff Hassenius, Finance Division Director, advised that a collaborative range-monitoring program called "Reading the Range" was established in 2002, with the University of Arizona (U of A) Cooperative Extension office in Gila County, Gila County Cattle Growers Association and the Tonto National Forest with the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He stated that Dr. Jim Sprinkle headed up this program; however, since his retirement from the U of A, the County has become more involved with the program. The program was originally funded from a variety of contributors with 46% being federal funding sources, 5% being state and local government funding sources, and 49% from private funding sources. Collaborators include ranchers, U.S. Forest Service, U of A College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Tonto Natural Resources Conservation District.

Vice-Chairman Martin advised that Terry Wheeler sits on the Tonto NRCD Board of Directors, so she asked him if he wanted to provide any comments. She also mentioned that if there are available funds in the Natural Resources fund for the County's current fiscal year budget, this expenditure would be an appropriate use of those funds.

Mr. Wheeler provided a brief history of the issues that have affected local cattle ranchers from 2002 to the present. In 2002, the U.S. Forest Service reduced the number of cattle allowed to graze on Forest Service land in Gila County and throughout the state. In 2004, due to lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Forest Service increased the number of cattle allowed to graze on the Tonto National Forest in Gila County to 60,000 head of cattle. Mr. Wheeler

stated that increase was conditioned upon the implementation of a range monitoring program. His hope is that the U.S. Forest Service will one day increase the grazing allotment in Gila County back to 93,000 head of cattle based upon the positive results of the Reading the Range program. Mr. Wheeler emphasized the importance of cattle ranching, especially in smaller communities, so he is grateful for any contributions to ensure the continuation of the Reading the Range program. Vice-Chairman Martin complemented Mr. Wheeler on his efforts and then Mr. Wheeler answered some questions pertaining to range management.

Vice-Chairman Martin made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. 123015 (Economic Development Grant) between Gila County and the Tonto Natural Resource Conservation District. She then amended her motion to add that as an option, the funds could be taken from the Natural Resources fund instead of the Economic Development Grant fund from this year's fiscal year budget. Supervisor Marcanti seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

D. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the advertisement of Invitation for Bids No. 011516-Mesa Del Cabello Caballo Streets Improvement Project.

Mr. Hessenius advised that the request is exactly as stated on the agenda item. He stated that Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Director, was available to provide information specific to the project. Chairman Pastor stated that it is his understanding that the project will be done in two phases, to which Mr. Sanders replied that currently staff are working out the details regarding the second phase of the project and that the project would begin in the spring.

Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of Invitation for Bids No. 011516. Vice-Chairman Martin noted that the word "Cabello" listed on the agenda item should be corrected to read "Caballo."

E. Information/Discussion/Action to consider a sealed bid for the purchase of tax parcel number 206-22-036.

Don McDaniel, County Manger, advised that the subject property is owned by the State of Arizona in care of the Board of Supervisors because the previous property owner was delinquent in paying property taxes for seven years. He advised that there is an individual who contacted the County to purchase this blighted property as he wants to fix it up. Mr. McDaniel advised that the Town of Miami has a lien on the property; however, the prospective buyer has stated that he will pay the lien due to the Town if the Board so chooses to sell the property to him. Mr. McDaniel also stated that there are provisions in the law

which allows the Board to sell the property for less than the lien amount and he stated that staff is recommending that the property be sold as it would be a “win-win” situation for the County to get the property back on the tax rolls and it would allow the property to be fixed up so as not to affect the value of other neighboring properties. Chairman Pastor asked Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board, to open the sealed bid envelope. Ms. Sheppard announced that Gary Leveque submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase the property. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously agreed to sell tax parcel number 206-22-036 to Gary Leveque for \$1,000.

Chairman Pastor asked for a motion to move Consent Agenda action items 3A and 3F to the Regular Agenda in order to discuss each item before taking a motion. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously voted to move Consent Agenda action items 3A and 3F to the Regular Agenda to be discussed and voted upon separately.

3A. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Contract No. KR16-0008 (which replaces Contract No. KR13-0132) between the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and the Gila County Board of Supervisors through the County School Superintendent for Title I, Special Education, and other associated funds in the amount of \$36,786 to support the Gila County Juvenile Detention Education Program effective upon the date of final signature through March 31, 2017.

Chairman Pastor advised that the amount of \$36,786 that is stated on the agenda item is incorrect; the number should be \$45,141, so he asked the Board’s motion to reflect the correct number. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Intergovernmental Agreement Contract No. KR16-0008 between the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Gila County Board of Supervisors through the County School Superintendent for Title I, Special Education, and other associated funds in the amount of \$45,141.

3F. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Contract No. 2016-AL-085 to accept GOHS grant funds in the amount of \$8,105 which will be used by the Sheriff's Office to purchase one Intoxilyzer unit to be installed in the regional DUI van to enhance DUI/impaired driving enforcement throughout Gila County.

Chairman Pastor advised that the Sheriff’s Office has requested the Board to table this item to a future Board meeting, and he asked for a motion on the request. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded Supervisor Marcanti, the Board unanimously tabled this agenda item.

Item 3 - 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.)

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B. Approval of a fee-waiver request submitted by the Southern Gila County Reserve Posse for use of the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall for the 2016 Sweetheart Dance that was held on February 13, 2016.

C. Approval of the following precinct committeemen appointments as submitted by the Gila County Republican Committee: Payson #3 - Timothy Wayne Grier, and Claypool #2 - Anne Kelly Stubbs.

D. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Contract No. 013015 with EPS Group to modify the scope of work in the original civil design for post design services, if needed and as requested by Gila County, for the Copper Administration Building at an additional cost of \$5,020 for a new total contract amount of \$59,386.85.

E. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement (Contract No. ADHS16-098369) with the Arizona Department of Health Services to include \$13,124 in funding for Children with Special Health Care Needs research into the "Healthy People Healthy Communities" grant fund.

~~**F. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Contract No. 2016-AL-085 to accept GOHS grant funds in the amount of \$8,105 which will be used by the Sheriff's Office to purchase one Intoxilyzer unit to be installed in the regional DUI van to enhance DUI/impaired driving enforcement throughout Gila County.**~~ The Board voted to move this item to the Regular Agenda.

G. Approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by the Gila County Rodeo Committee to serve liquor at the Gila County Sheriff's Sweetheart Dance that was held at the Gila County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on February 13, 2016.

H. Adoption of an Order designating polling places and the appointment of poll workers and election board workers for the purpose of conducting the March 22, 2016, Presidential Preference Election. (A copy of the Order is attached to the minutes.)

I. Authorization of the Chairman's signature on the Quit Claim Deed for the sale of Assessor's parcel number 207-15-041 to Gina Reyes-Yacko.

J. Acknowledgment of the December 2015 monthly report submitted by the Payson Regional Constable's Office.

K. Acknowledgment of the December 2015 monthly activity report submitted by the Payson Regional Justice of the Peace's Office.

L. Acknowledgment of the December 2015 monthly activity report submitted by the Recorder's Office.

M. Approval of the January 26, 2016, and February 2, 2016, Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes.

N. Acknowledgment of contracts under \$50,000 which have been approved by the County Manager for the weeks of January 04, 2016, through January 08, 2016; January 11, 2016, through January 15, 2016; and, January 18, 2016, through January 22, 2016.

Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda action items 3B through 3N with the exception of 3F.

Item 4 – 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 5 – 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 10:51 a.m.

APPROVED:

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board