

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

Date: May 31, 2016

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PRESENT: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; John D. Marcanti, Member; Don E. McDaniel, Jr., County Manager; Jefferson R. Dalton, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief; Marian E. Sheppard, Clerk of the Board; and, Laurie J. Kline, Deputy Clerk.

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. Michael O'Driscoll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Information/Discussion regarding the 2015 Community Health Assessment, and the 2016-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan.

Michael O'Driscoll, Health & Emergency Services Division Director, introduced Adrienne Udarbe, Pinnacle Prevention Executive Director and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, who was hired as a consultant to complete the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Gila County.

Ms. Udarbe provided a slide presentation. Some of the highlights are as follows:

The CHA process: Conduct and disseminate assessments focused on population, health statutes and public health issues facing the community; engage with the community to identify and address health problems; and, contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health.

The CHA methodology: Mobilizing for action through planning and partnerships with emphasis on a community-driven approach; and, collection of primary and secondary data using 36 priority health indicators and community engagement to ascertain what is meaningful to the County.

Ms. Udarbe provided comparisons to other counties and municipalities of similar size and population, and which were based on social factors, education, knowledge and health indicators that she believed to be a level representation of Gila County. Local community survey results indicated that the perception is that drug addiction, obesity and diabetes are the top health challenges in the County. A summary of local focus groups' comments revealed the perceived strengths and opportunities with statements such as, "As a small town, there is a real sense of community when you're in need." "We need more community pools and bigger parks. That would make me want to go out and do healthy things." "I have to travel to Mesa to see a specialist. I don't have the time or transportation to do this." A CHIP advisory committee comprised of individuals from schools, mines, and business in Gila County identified the following health priorities: obesity, substance abuse, access to quality health care, including mental health services, and sexual health to target in the County. The CHIP advisory committee is committed to prioritizing community health needs, and developing detailed goals, objectives and strategies in order to guide them in taking action to create positive changes for Gila County residents over the next five years.

Jon Cornell, KQSS radio station reporter, inquired as to the comment cited from residents stating a need for more parks when we live near the Tonto National Forest. Ms. Udarbe clarified that the study included municipal parks only and not national parks. Mr. Cornell also commented that if San Carlos residents didn't participate in the health survey, he questioned the reason they were included in the data. Ms. Udarbe stated that some of the information provided was gathered from community focus groups and that the perceptions may differ from the actual data.

Chairman Pastor recommended that a stronger effort be put forth to inform the community of the services that are available. Ms. Udarbe agreed that was a good recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Martin stated that the data was "weak" with respect to San Carlos, and "light" with respect to Payson and Star Valley. She offered to assist in attempting to get more attention and information from northern Gila County residents and business owners. Ms. Udarbe thanked Vice-Chairman Martin for the offer of assistance to reach more residents with her strong connections in the community.

Supervisor Marcanti inquired if a formula could be created to take the communities that didn't participate in the survey into consideration, which

would make the data more accurate with regard to participation. Ms. Udarbe stated that this is an ongoing project and will continue to evolve in order to tailor the information to be meaningful and accurate.

Chairman Pastor expressed concern regarding hunger in children and hopes that information will be provided to parents so that children can get the food they need, not just during the times when school is in session, but during holidays and summer vacation.

Vice-Chairman Martin asked if there is a timeline to expect to see a report of the success and outcome of these programs. Mr. O'Driscoll replied that an annual report would be provided to the Board which will measure success and outcomes of the programs offered to the community as compared to the previous year.

Neal Jensen, Chief Executive Officer for the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center, thanked everyone for the opportunity to work together and stated that it has been a great experience.

Evelyn Vargas, Public Relations Director for the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center, explained "One Call," which is a telephone communications program implemented by the Center to connect people with available services in the community through a referral coordinator.

Item 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.

There were no requests to speak from the public.

Item 4 – 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 presented information on current events. County Manager Don McDaniel did not present any comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors,
Chairman Pastor adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVED:

Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board