PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING IN THE SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 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:

# SPECIAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018 -9:00 A.M.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# 2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 18-10-05 which repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03 to be in compliance with Arizona Revised Statute §11-410. (Jacque Sanders)
- 3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** A 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 A.R.S. §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.
- 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.

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. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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

# Regular Agenda Item 2. A.

# ARF-5173 Special BOS Meeting

<u>Meeting Date:</u> 10/31/2018 <u>Submitted By:</u> Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board <u>Department:</u> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

# **Information**

## Request/Subject

Adoption of Resolution No. 18-10-05 repealing Resolution No. 18-06-03

## **Background Information**

On June 19, 2018, the Gila County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 18-06-03 which addresses the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" ballot initiative that is on the ballot this election year.

On October 25, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received notification from the Office of the Arizona Attorney General (AG) that adoption of the subject resolution may be in violation of Arizona Revised Statute § 11-410.

## **Evaluation**

It is in the best interest of Gila County to adopt Resolution No. 18-10-05 which repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03 to allow the AG's Office time to assess the matter.

#### **Conclusion**

Due to the concern expressed by the AG's Office, it is appropriate to adopt a resolution which repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03 so that the AG's Office may assess the matter.

## **Recommendation**

County management recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 18-10-05 which repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03.

## Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 18-10-05 which repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03 to be in compliance with Arizona Revised Statute §11-410. (Jacque Sanders)

# <u>Attachments</u>

Resolution No. 18-10-05 Resolution No. 18-06-03



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-10-05**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPEALING BOARD-ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-03, WHICH ADDRESSES THE 'CLEAN ENERGY FOR A HEALTHY ARIZONA' BALLOT INITIATIVE.

**WHEREAS,** on June 19, 2018, the Gila County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 18-06-03, which addresses the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" ballot initiative that is on the ballot this election year; and,

**WHEREAS,** on October 25, 2018, the Board of Supervisors was contacted by the Office of the Arizona Attorney General with a concern regarding Resolution No. 18-06-03 that the adoption of said resolution may be in violation of Arizona Revised Statute § 11-410; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors is desirous of complying with the Arizona Revised Statutes, so Resolution No. 18-06-03 is being repealed so the Office of the Attorney General may assess the matter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby repeals Resolution No. 18-06-03 which addresses the 'Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona' ballot initiative.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2018, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest:

#### GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard, Clerk

Tim R. Humphrey, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Jefferson R. Dalton Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief After Recording Please Return To Melissa Henderson - BOS



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-03**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING NEXTGEN'S CLIMATE ACTION 'CLEAN ENERGY FOR A HEALTHY ARIZONA' BALLOT INITIATIVE THAT WOULD REQUIRE ARIZONA UTILITY COMPANIES TO OBTAIN 50% OF THEIR ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES BY 2030.

WHEREAS, an out-of-state group "NextGen Climate Action" funded by California billionaire Tom Steyer has filed a ballot initiative with the Secretary of State's office that would amend Arizona's State Constitution to require that Arizona utility companies obtain 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030, less than 12 years from now, and

WHEREAS, if passed, the 'Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona' initiative would circumvent Arizona's current structure for regulating utilities, which has provided Arizona residents with some of the safest, most reliable and affordable energy in the country for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would enshrine in the state constitution a regulatory mandate that will dramatically increase electricity bills, especially those of low-income and fixed-income residents, and

WHEREAS, this constitutional mandate could not be changed or modified without a costly ballot initiative or vote of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would force Arizona residents to pay hundreds of millions of dollars for the construction of new infrastructure, including solar facilities, increasing electricity costs for millions of Arizona residents, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would force Arizona residents to pay hundreds of millions of dollars for the construction of new, carbon-emitting natural gas plants that would be necessary to generate electricity when the sun is not shining and wind is not blowing, and

WHEREAS, the initiative includes a requirement that 20% of utilities' renewable generation come from rooftop solar, which is the least efficient and most expensive form of solar, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would require Arizona utilities to shut down power plants that have been providing safe, affordable, and reliable energy for decades, costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in lost tax revenue and hundreds of high-paying jobs, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would threaten the viability of the Palo Verde nuclear generating station, the largest source of clean, carbon-free energy in the country, costing 3000 Arizona

families their jobs and eliminating tens of millions of dollars of tax revenue for Arizona schools and public safety, and

WHEREAS, the initiative would require the closure of the Cholla and Springerville power plants, leading to the loss of hundreds of local jobs and millions of dollars of essential tax revenue for local schools and public safety, and

WHEREAS, the initiative will have a particularly devastating impact on the state's electric cooperatives, which do not have the financial capacity to absorb the costs that would result from this 50% renewable energy mandate, and

WHEREAS, the electric cooperatives provide an essential and irreplaceable public service for Arizona's rural residents, supplying life-preserving affordable and reliable power for hundreds of thousands of rural families, and

WHEREAS, an independent analysis by the Seidman Research Institute at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business finds that the "Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona" ballot proposal would have devastating immediate and long-term impacts to the Arizona economy, including the loss of 547,000 job years, \$72.5 billion in Gross State Product, and \$42.5 billion in disposable personal income, and

WHEREAS, the study's lead author, Dr. Timothy James, concluded that, "this ballot initiative would have a significant dampening effect on the Arizona economy... in lost jobs, reduced personal incomes and diminished economic productivity."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby oppose NextGen's Climate Action 'Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona' ballot initiative and strongly urge Arizona residents to vote no on the initiative if it is on the ballot in November.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June 2018, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest: Marian Sheppard, Clerk

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tim R. Humphrey, Chairman

Approved as to form: efferon Roalt

Jefferson R. Dalton Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief