PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF 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). THE MEETING IS ALSO TELEVISED TO THE GILA COUNTY COMPLEX, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, PAYSON, ARIZONA.

NOTE: Per the most recent guidelines from the federal government regarding COVID-19 and to protect citizens, no citizens will be allowed in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room at the Globe Courthouse or at the County Complex, Board of Supervisors' conference room in Payson. The only exception to this statement is for public hearings. Citizens may attend the public hearing in person, one at a time, in Globe or in Payson to provide comments. A face mask must be worn while in the building; however, it may be removed while addressing the Board of Supervisors.

**Citizens may watch the Board meeting live-streamed at:** <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCHWVgrI5AmJKbvYbO-k2A/live</u>

Citizens may submit written comments related to the September 22nd Special Meeting agenda by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, September 21st, by emailing to the Clerk of the Board at msheppard@gilacountyaz.gov or calling 928-402-8757. Citizens may also submit written comments during the meeting through YouTube. Please include the meeting date, agenda item number, your name and residence address in the email.:

SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Convene a public hearing pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §11-391 for the purpose of gathering input on a proposal of the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona, to incur a long-term obligation for the funding of the unfunded pension liability for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Sheriff's Office Correctional Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) for Detention and CORP for Dispatch not secured by the full faith and credit of such county. (Mary Springer/Mark Reader)

- 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 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.
- 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.

### ARF-6262

| <b>Special Meetin</b>                            | g                               |                |     |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| <u>Meeting Date:</u>                             | 09/22/2020                      |                |     |
| Submitted For:                                   | Mary Springer, Finance Director |                |     |
| Submitted By:                                    | Mary Springer, Finance Director |                |     |
| <u>Department:</u>                               | Finance                         |                |     |
| <u>Fiscal Year:</u>                              | FY20-21                         | Budgeted?:     | Yes |
| <u>Contract Dates</u><br><u>Begin &amp; End:</u> | 11/1/2020 - 1/1/2039            | <u>Grant?:</u> | No  |
| <u>Matching</u><br><u>Requirement?:</u>          | No                              | <u>Fund?:</u>  | New |

#### Information

### Request/Subject

Public hearing to solicit public comment regarding incurring long-term financing to pay for the unfunded liability of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), Sheriff's Office (S.O.) Correctional Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) for Detention Officers and Non-Uniformed Officers, and S.O. CORP for Dispatchers.

### **Background Information**

On June 23, 2020, Mark Reader from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Mike Townsend from PSPRS provided a presentation to the Board of Supervisors during a Work Session to introduce and discuss options for funding the UAAL (Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability), the associated risks and other attributes. At the Board's July 28, 2020, Work Session, Brandon Nee from the County Supervisors Association presented additional information regarding the unfunded liability of pension plans. Both presentations discussed the opportunity to realize significant savings while providing a stable and predictable annual payment schedule by taking advantage of the historically low-interest rates of public financing. Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 11-391 outlines the notification and public hearing process for incurring long-term obligations as described below.

A.R.S. 11-391 (A) (2) states, "Hold the public hearing, as announced in the notice, at least fifteen days before adopting the resolution for incurring the long-term obligations. At the hearing, the board shall present an analysis of the need for the project, the need to use long-term financing and any other available options to accomplish the project. Any member of the public must be allowed to speak on the issue of incurring the long-term obligations to finance the proposed project." Paragraph B of that statute states, "At least fifteen days after the hearing the governing body must hold a public meeting to adopt findings and, following the public comments received at and after the hearing, by roll call vote, either: 1. Adopt and enter a resolution of intention to incur long-term obligations to finance the project, stating the public need for the project, the estimated cost and the amount of the long-term obligations to be incurred. 2. Reject long-term financing of the project and abandon further proceedings."

On September 1, 2020, the Board of Supervisors instructed staff to move forward with public financing, based on the timeline presented, to fully fund the unfunded liability of the benefit retirement plans (PSPRS, CORP Detention, and CORP Dispatch).

Notification of this public hearing was advertised in the Arizona Silver Belt newspaper on September 2, 2020, and Payson Roundup newspaper on September 4, 2020. A press release was published in the local newspapers and the press release was posted on the County's website on the Internet.

### **Evaluation**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-391, the Board must hold a public hearing to gather public comment regarding incurring long-term financing for the funding of the unfunded pension liability for PSPRS and CORP.

### **Conclusion**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 11-391, the Board must hold a public hearing to gather public comment regarding incurring long-term financing for the funding of the unfunded pension liability for PSPRS and CORP.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends holding the public hearing to gather public input regarding incurring long-term financial obligations.

### Suggested Motion

Convene a public hearing pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §11-391 for the purpose of gathering input on a proposal of the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona, to incur a long-term obligation for the funding of the unfunded pension liability for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Sheriff's Office Correctional Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) for Detention and CORP for Dispatch not secured by the full faith and credit of such county. **(Mary Springer/Mark** 

### Reader)

Attachments

<u>Presentation</u> <u>Affidavit of Publication Payson Roundup</u> <u>Affidavit of Publication AZ Silverbelt</u> <u>A.R.S. 11-391</u>





# Gila County, Arizona Analysis of Proposal to Incur Long-Term Indebtedness

Pledged Revenue Obligations, Taxable Series 2020

September 22, 2020





Analysis of

- 1. the need for the project,
- 2. the need to use long-term financing and
- 3. any other available options to accomplish the project.

# Gila County PSPRS Pension Debt Profile [Tier 1 and Tier 2 Legacy Costs]



| Pension Plan                 | June 30, 2019 Liability (a)                       | PSPRS Amortization  |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| PSPRS – Sheriff's Department | \$12,580,424 (39.1% Funded)<br>Accrual Rate: 7.3% | <ol> <li>19-Years, 2039</li> <li>Escalating annual amortization ranging from<br/>\$859,958 (2021/22) - \$2,759,085 (2037/38)</li> </ol> |
| CORP – Detention             | \$2,115,744 (71.4% Funded)<br>Accrual Rate: 7.3%  | <ol> <li>36-years, 2056</li> <li>Escalating annual amortization ranging from<br/>\$124,313 (2020/21) - \$403,822 (2037/38)</li> </ol>   |
| CORP – Dispatchers           | \$875,868 (60.3% Funded)<br>Accrual Rate: 7.3%    | <ol> <li>23-years, 2043</li> <li>Escalating annual amortization ranging from<br/>\$40,219 (2020/21) - \$169,835 (2037/38)</li> </ol>    |
| Total                        | \$15,572,036                                      |   |

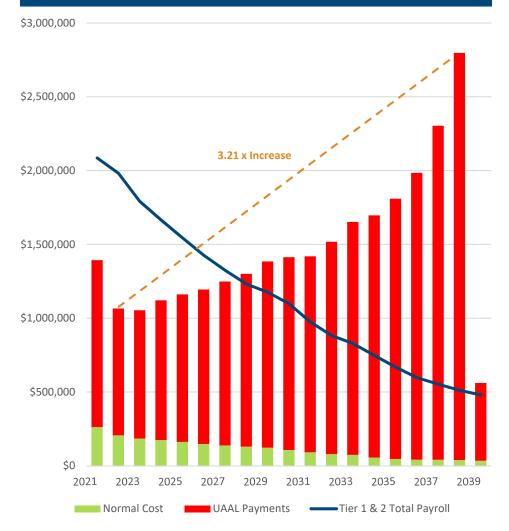
- 1. PSPRS liabilities are not pooled like ASRS
- 2. A more appropriate term for unfunded liabilities is debt, it is owed

# What are we currently paying? (Gila County Sheriff's Department)



| Gila County Sheriff's Dept. Projected Pension Payments per PSPRS <sup>1</sup> |                  |                |                 |             |                 |  |
|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| FYE   | Total<br>Payroll | Normal<br>Cost | % of<br>Payroll | UAAL        | % of<br>Payroll |  |
| 2021  | \$2,085,849      | \$261,357      | 12.53%          | \$1,131,623 | 54.25%          |  |
| 2022  | 1,981,904        | 205,523        | 10.37%          | 859,958     | 43.39%          |  |
| 2023  | 1,791,717        | 184,009        | 10.27%          | 869,766     | 48.54%          |  |
| 2024  | 1,665,239        | 173,851        | 10.44%          | 946,610     | 56.85%          |  |
| 2025  | 1,544,941        | 161,446        | 10.45%          | 999,416     | 64.69%          |  |
| 2026  | 1,426,364        | 147,201        | 10.32%          | 1,046,802   | 73.39%          |  |
| 2027  | 1,325,322        | 137,701        | 10.39%          | 1,110,582   | 83.80%          |  |
| 2028  | 1,231,086        | 129,387        | 10.51%          | 1,170,814   | 95.10%          |  |
| 2029  | 1,175,998        | 122,069        | 10.38%          | 1,262,000   | 107.31%         |  |
| 2030  | 1,098,615        | 106,456        | 9.69%           | 1,306,276   | 118.90%         |  |
| 2031  | 974,783          | 91,045         | 9.34%           | 1,327,844   | 136.22%         |  |
| 2032  | 882,485          | 78,629         | 8.91%           | 1,438,635   | 163.02%         |  |
| 2033  | 828,790          | 73,348         | 8.85%           | 1,578,519   | 190.46%         |  |
| 2034  | 748,539          | 55,542         | 7.42%           | 1,640,945   | 219.22%         |  |
| 2035  | 668,781          | 46,079         | 6.89%           | 1,763,007   | 263.61%         |  |
| 2036  | 597,261          | 41,151         | 6.89%           | 1,942,770   | 325.28%         |  |
| 2037  | 553,370          | 40,507         | 7.32%           | 2,262,991   | 408.95%         |  |
| 2038  | 511,030          | 38,021         | 7.44%           | 2,759,085   | 539.91%         |  |
| 2039  | 479,966          | 34,078         | 7.10%           | 526,978     | 109.79%         |  |

Gila County Projected Sheriff's Department Pension Payments vs. Payroll<sup>1</sup>

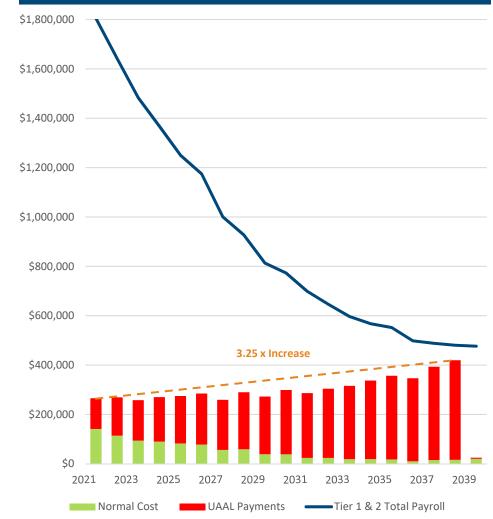


# What are we currently paying? (Gila County CORP – Detention)



| Gila County Detention Projected Pension Payments per PSPRS <sup>1</sup> |                  |                |                 |           |                 |
|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| FY  | Total<br>Payroll | Normal<br>Cost | % of<br>Payroll | UAAL      | % of<br>Payroll |
| 2021  | \$1,804,245      | \$140,912      | 7.81%           | \$124,313 | 6.89%           |
| 2022  | 1,641,894        | 113,619        | 6.92%           | 155,336   | 9.46%           |
| 2023  | 1,483,348        | 93,451         | 6.30%           | 163,992   | 11.06%          |
| 2024  | 1,367,337        | 89,697         | 6.56%           | 180,250   | 13.18%          |
| 2025  | 1,249,698        | 82,105         | 6.57%           | 192,203   | 15.38%          |
| 2026  | 1,174,394        | 77,510         | 6.60%           | 206,959   | 17.62%          |
| 2027  | 1,000,554        | 56,031         | 5.60%           | 202,924   | 20.28%          |
| 2028  | 927,057          | 58,683         | 6.33%           | 230,850   | 24.90%          |
| 2029  | 812,856          | 38,529         | 4.74%           | 233,699   | 28.75%          |
| 2030  | 772,507          | 38,239         | 4.95%           | 260,349   | 33.70%          |
| 2031  | 698,298          | 23,393         | 3.35%           | 262,609   | 37.61%          |
| 2032  | 645,777          | 23,442         | 3.63%           | 280,352   | 43.41%          |
| 2033  | 596,534          | 18,373         | 3.08%           | 297,065   | 49.80%          |
| 2034  | 567,405          | 18,724         | 3.30%           | 318,306   | 56.10%          |
| 2035  | 551,772          | 17,436         | 3.16%           | 338,995   | 61.44%          |
| 2036  | 498,223          | 10,064         | 2.02%           | 336,321   | 67.50%          |
| 2037  | 488,095          | 14,789         | 3.03%           | 378,393   | 77.52%          |
| 2038  | 480,305          | 15,610         | 3.25%           | 403,822   | 84.08%          |
| 2039  | 476,327          | 20,053         | 4.21%           | 4,447     | 0.93%           |

Gila County Detention Projected Pension Payments vs. Payroll<sup>1</sup>



# What are we currently paying? (Gila County CORP – Dispatchers)



| Gila County Dispatchers Projected Pension Payments per PSPRS <sup>1</sup> |                  |                |                 |          |                 |
|---|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| FY  | Total<br>Payroll | Normal<br>Cost | % of<br>Payroll | UAAL     | % of<br>Payroll |
| 2021  | \$137,521        | \$10,108       | 7.35%           | \$40,219 | 29.25%          |
| 2022  | 111,480          | 5,195          | 4.66%           | 58,181   | 52.19%          |
| 2023  | 93,889           | 2,835          | 3.02%           | 64,248   | 68.43%          |
| 2024  | 95,421           | 5,000          | 5.24%           | 82,501   | 86.46%          |
| 2025  | 96,933           | 5,079          | 5.24%           | 86,484   | 89.22%          |
| 2026  | 98,436           | 5,168          | 5.25%           | 89,400   | 90.82%          |
| 2027  | 85,187           | 3,944          | 4.63%           | 79,326   | 93.12%          |
| 2028  | 79,395           | 3,732          | 4.70%           | 90,439   | 113.91%         |
| 2029  | 75,391           | 3,672          | 4.87%           | 96,372   | 127.83%         |
| 2030  | 73,283           | 3,679          | 5.02%           | 102,919  | 140.44%         |
| 2031  | 67,961           | 2,086          | 3.07%           | 102,179  | 150.35%         |
| 2032  | 52,139           | 1,663          | 3.19%           | 88,459   | 169.66%         |
| 2033  | 41,085           | 1,315          | 3.20%           | 98,534   | 239.83%         |
| 2034  | 34,470           | 1,051          | 3.05%           | 113,848  | 330.28%         |
| 2035  | 28,905           | 884            | 3.06%           | 122,933  | 425.30%         |
| 2036  | 23,491           | 721            | 3.07%           | 130,455  | 555.34%         |
| 2037  | 17,731           | 580            | 3.27%           | 137,804  | 777.19%         |
| 2038  | 12,703           | 418            | 3.29%           | 169,835  | 1336.97%        |
| 2039  | 7,870            | 286            | 3.63%           | 44,049   | 559.71%         |

Gila County Dispatchers Projected Pension Payments vs. Payroll<sup>1</sup>



# What are we currently paying? (Combined Sheriff, Detention & Dispatchers)

Key Decision Points: •What's the cost of doing nothing? •What are feasible alternatives?

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The County is essentially borrowing from PSPRS to support its pension plans and this cost continues growing as plan assumptions evolve

- If the County does nothing, it will continue to be exposed to the risk of increased future costs and liabilities due to changes in assumptions or investment return volatility
- UAAL amortization payments will continue escalating well above total employee payroll

| Gila County Projected Pension Payments per PSPRS <sup>1</sup> |               |             |              | ents per PSPRS | 1            | Gila County Projected Pension Payments v. Payroll <sup>1</sup> |
|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| FY  | Total Payroll | Normal Cost | % of Payroll | UAAL           | % of Payroll | \$4,500,000  |
| 2021  | \$4,027,615   | \$412,377   | 10.24%       | \$1,296,155    | 32.18%       | \$4,500,000  |
| 2022  | 3,735,278     | 324,337     | 8.68%        | 1,073,475      | 28.74%       | \$4,000,000  |
| 2023  | 3,368,954     | 280,295     | 8.32%        | 1,098,006      | 32.59%       | ÷.)  |
| 2024  | 3,127,997     | 268,548     | 8.59%        | 1,209,361      | 38.66%       | \$3,500,000  |
| 2025  | 2,891,572     | 248,630     | 8.60%        | 1,278,103      | 44.20%       |  |
| 2026  | 2,699,194     | 229,879     | 8.52%        | 1,343,161      | 49.76%       | \$3,000,000  |
| 2027  | 2,411,063     | 197,676     | 8.20%        | 1,392,832      | 57.77%       | 3.10 x Increase  |
| 2028  | 2,237,538     | 191,802     | 8.57%        | 1,492,103      | 66.69%       | \$2,500,000  |
| 2029  | 2,064,245     | 164,270     | 7.96%        | 1,592,071      | 77.13%       | \$2,000,000  |
| 2030  | 1,944,405     | 148,374     | 7.63%        | 1,669,544      | 85.86%       | \$2,000,000  |
| 2031  | 1,741,042     | 116,524     | 6.69%        | 1,692,632      | 97.22%       | \$1,500,000  |
| 2032  | 1,580,401     | 103,734     | 6.56%        | 1,807,446      | 114.37%      |  |
| 2033  | 1,466,409     | 93,036      | 6.34%        | 1,974,118      | 134.62%      | \$1,000,000  |
| 2034  | 1,350,414     | 75,317      | 5.58%        | 2,073,099      | 153.52%      |  |
| 2035  | 1,249,458     | 64,399      | 5.15%        | 2,224,935      | 178.07%      | \$500,000  |
| 2036  | 1,118,975     | 51,936      | 4.64%        | 2,409,546      | 215.34%      |  |
| 2037  | 1,059,196     | 55,876      | 5.28%        | 2,779,188      | 262.39%      | \$0<br>2021 2022 2025 2027 2020 2021 2022 2025 2027 20         |
| 2038  | 1,004,038     | 54,049      | 5.38%        | 3,332,742      | 331.93%      | 2021 2023 2025 2027 2029 2031 2033 2035 2037 20                |
| 2039  | 964,163       | 54,417      | 5.64%        | 575,474        | 59.69%       | Normal Cost UAAL Payments — Tier 1 & 2 Total Payroll           |

#### **Recommendation:**

• The County can utilize a pension obligation bond issuance to refinance this liability, reduce ongoing annual payments to create more level annual payment structure and increase its funded ratio

- 1. Analyze the County's largest unfunded and growing debt profile: PSPRS (Sheriff, Detention & Dispatchers)
- 2. Liability accruing at 7.3% resulting in negative amortization and growing liability impacting General Fund
- 3. Review alternatives to address the liability including a Refunding/Refinancing to:
  - Lower interest rate to 3.12% (est) from 7.3% resulting in the potential of significant cash flow and net present value savings (Estimated Net Present Value Savings <u>\$9,137,815</u>)
  - Address required and constitutionally protected growing legacy annual payments through level debt service structure
  - Consider shortening current PSPRS amortization with level debt service
  - Consider long-term Liability Management tool through Contingency Reserve Funds (actuarial and investment implications in the future)
  - Fund legacy Tier 1 and Tier 2 to 100% funded at closing of transaction.

## Low Interest Rate Environment





10-yr US Treasury Notes: Past 10 Years (as of September 16, 2020)

Date

## Available Options to Accomplish the Project

- 1. General Obligation Bonds
- 2. Obligations Subject to Annual Appropriation
- 3. Excise Tax Revenue Obligations
- 4. General Fund cash contributions

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## **Obligations Incurred to Fund Unfunded Pension Liabilities:** Impact on Annual Payments<sup>1,2</sup>

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**Key Decision Points:** 

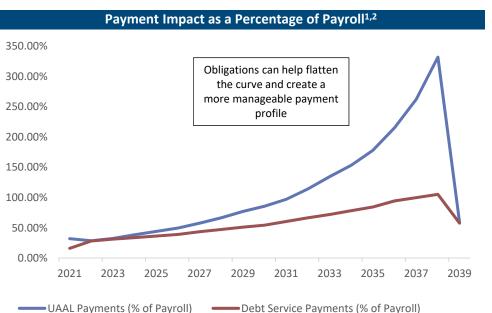
• How can the County address its escalating UAAL payments?

Issuing obligations to fully fund the existing unfunded liability for Sherriff's, Dispatchers' and Detention could allow the County to generate significant ongoing savings while leveling out year-over-year payments

• Such obligations provide an opportunity for the County to reduce annual costs while also creating a more stable and balanced long-term expense profile

- We recommend that the County approximate \$1.0 million of annual level debt service on the obligations to mitigate the rapid escalation of UAAL payments relative to payroll, while also ensuring that debt service costs in any given year do <u>not</u> exceed the current PSPRS UAAL payment projections
- Finally, the County can utilize existing cash balances to establish Contingency Reserve Funds for its pension liability management; this paired reform would be a significant credit positive from a rating and investor perspective and will best position the County for managing future movements in plan projections and experience

| Summary Statistics <sup>1,2</sup>            |              |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Dated Date 11/18/2020                        |              |  |  |  |  |
| Final Maturity Date                          | 1/1/2039     |  |  |  |  |
| All-In TIC                                   | 3.12%        |  |  |  |  |
| Average Life                                 | 9.58 years   |  |  |  |  |
| Bond Par Amount                              | \$15,205,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Pension Fund Deposit                         | \$14,697,893 |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Savings (UAAL – Debt Service)           | \$13,194,398 |  |  |  |  |
| Total NPV Benefit                            | \$9,137,815  |  |  |  |  |
| Total NPV Benefit (as % of Bond Proceeds)    | 60.10%       |  |  |  |  |
| Actuarial Funding Status after Pension Bonds | 100.00%      |  |  |  |  |



1. Market conditions as of August 26, 2020. Spreads based on comparable recent transactions. Stifel does not guarantee to underwrite at these levels. All NPV values are discounted to November 18, 2020 (assumed transaction closing date) at a discount rate of 3.03%. Please refer to Stifel's risk disclaimers in this presentation. 2021 UAAL amount was computed by Stifel using prior assumptions from the 2019 Actuarial Report.

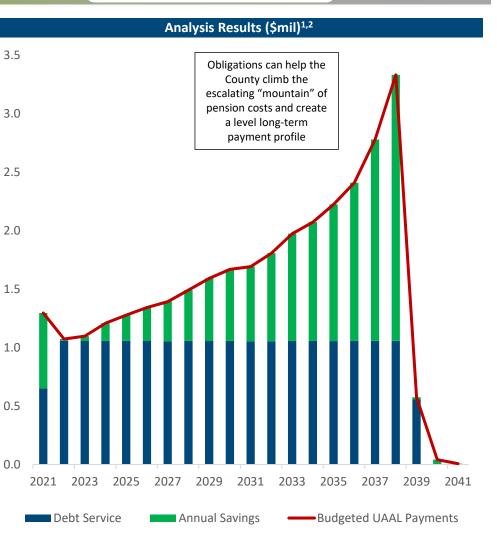
2. Due to the current market dislocation caused by COVID-19, the interest rates assumed herein are estimated and provided for discussion purposes only and should not be considered indicative of available market execution.

## Obligations Incurred to Fund Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Analysis Results<sup>1,2</sup>

Key Decision Points: •What level of savings can the County expect from a pension bonding?

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|       | Budgeted   | 5.11       |               | PV        |
|-------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
|       | UAAL       | Debt       | Annual        | Benefit   |
| FY    | Payments   | Service    | Savings       | @ 3.12%   |
|       | [A]        | [B]        | [C] = [A]-[B] | [D]=PV[C] |
| 2021  | 1,296,155  | 652,211    | 643,944       | 641,587   |
| 2022  | 1,073,475  | 1,058,214  | 15,262        | 14,746    |
| 2023  | 1,098,006  | 1,056,469  | 41,538        | 38,921    |
| 2024  | 1,209,361  | 1,058,032  | 151,330       | 137,509   |
| 2025  | 1,278,103  | 1,057,882  | 220,222       | 194,060   |
| 2026  | 1,343,161  | 1,056,857  | 286,305       | 244,665   |
| 2027  | 1,392,832  | 1,053,894  | 338,939       | 280,887   |
| 2028  | 1,492,103  | 1,058,869  | 433,234       | 348,177   |
| 2029  | 1,592,071  | 1,056,897  | 535,175       | 417,100   |
| 2030  | 1,669,544  | 1,058,806  | 610,739       | 461,601   |
| 2031  | 1,692,632  | 1,054,447  | 638,186       | 467,763   |
| 2032  | 1,807,446  | 1,053,904  | 753,542       | 535,616   |
| 2033  | 1,974,118  | 1,057,019  | 917,100       | 632,164   |
| 2034  | 2,073,099  | 1,058,616  | 1,014,484     | 678,150   |
| 2035  | 2,224,935  | 1,055,960  | 1,168,975     | 757,797   |
| 2036  | 2,409,546  | 1,057,532  | 1,352,014     | 849,955   |
| 2037  | 2,779,188  | 1,058,177  | 1,721,011     | 1,049,218 |
| 2038  | 3,332,742  | 1,057,895  | 2,274,847     | 1,344,935 |
| 2039  | 575,474    | 556,686    | 18,788        | 10,772    |
| 2040  | 42,162     |            | 42,162        | 23,443    |
| 2041  | 7,915      |            | 7,915         | 4,268     |
| 2042  | 4,741      |            | 4,741         | 2,479     |
| 2043  | 3,951      |            | 3,951         | 2,004     |
| Total | 32,372,760 | 19,178,362 | 13,194,398    | 9,137,815 |



1. Market conditions as of August 26, 2020. Spreads based on comparable recent transactions. Stifel does not guarantee to underwrite at these levels. All NPV values are discounted to November 18, 2020 (assumed transaction closing date) at a discount rate of 3.03%. Please refer to Stifel's risk disclaimers in this presentation. 2021 UAAL amount was computed by Stifel using prior assumptions from the 2019 Actuarial Report.

2. Due to the current market dislocation caused by COVID-19, the interest rates assumed herein are estimated and provided for discussion purposes only and should not be considered indicative of available market execution.

# **Preliminary Debt Structure and Coverage – Public Notice Rates\***

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| (1)     | (2)   | (3)          | (4)              | (5)          | (6)               |
|---------|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|         | Pledged Revenues<br>(County Excise Tax<br>Net State-Shared Revenues |              |                  | Total        | Maximum<br>Annual |
| Fiscal  | Vehicle License Tax   | Outstanding  | 2020 Obligations | Aggregate    | Debt Service      |
| Year    | Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes)                                   | Debt Service | Debt Service     | Debt Service | Coverage          |
| 2017/18 |   |              |                  |              |                   |
| 2018/19 | 11,035,756  |              |                  |              |                   |
| 2019/20 |   |              |                  |              |                   |
| 2020/21 |   | \$1,040,283  | \$979,609        | \$2,019,892  |                   |
| 2021/22 |   | 1,038,683    | 1,072,073        | 2,110,756    |                   |
| 2022/23 |   | 1,036,983    | 1,097,758        | 2,134,741    |                   |
| 2023/24 |   | 1,036,783    | 1,206,624        | 2,243,407    |                   |
| 2024/25 |   | 1,039,783    | 1,275,874        | 2,315,657    | 5.05 x            |
| 2025/26 |   | 1,040,163    | 1,341,861        | 2,382,024    |                   |
| 2026/27 |   | 1,041,163    | 1,388,478        | 2,429,641    |                   |
| 2027/28 |   | 1,036,163    | 1,490,802        | 2,526,965    |                   |
| 2028/29 |   | 1,038,913    | 1,591,524        | 2,630,437    |                   |
| 2029/30 |   | 1,039,913    | 1,590,922        | 2,630,835    |                   |
| 2030/31 |   | 1,036,313    | 1,587,659        | 2,623,972    |                   |
| 2031/32 |   | 1,036,713    | 1,591,655        | 2,628,368    |                   |
| 2032/33 |   | 1,040,913    | 1,592,396        | 2,633,309    |                   |
| 2033/34 |   | 1,037,800    | 1,590,256        | 2,628,056    |                   |
| 2034/35 |   | 1,040,000    | 1,590,482        | 2,630,482    |                   |
| 2035/36 |   | 1,035,800    | 1,587,804        | 2,623,604    |                   |
| 2036/37 |   | 1,040,400    | 1,592,222        | 2,632,622    |                   |
| 2037/38 |   | 1,038,400    | 1,588,252        | 2,626,652    |                   |
| 2038/39 |   | 1,040,000    | 566,136          | 1,606,136    | _                 |
|         |   | 19,735,166   | 26,322,385       | 46,057,551   |                   |

# Preliminary Debt Structure and Coverage – Projected Market Rates\* STIFEL

| (1)     | (2)  | (3)          | (4)              | (5)                | (6)                               |
|---------|--|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fiscal  | Pledged Revenues<br>(County Excise Tax<br>Net State-Shared Revenues<br>Vehicle License Tax | Outstanding  | 2020 Obligations | Total<br>Aggregate | Maximum<br>Annual<br>Debt Service |
| Year    | Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes)  | Debt Service | Debt Service     | Debt Service       | Coverage                          |
| 2017/18 |  |              |                  |                    |                                   |
| 2018/19 |  |              |                  |                    |                                   |
| 2019/20 | · · · ·  | <u></u>      | 6652.244         | <u></u>            |                                   |
| 2020/21 |  | \$1,040,283  | \$652,211        | \$1,692,494        |                                   |
| 2021/22 |  | 1,038,683    | 1,058,214        | 2,096,897          |                                   |
| 2022/23 |  | 1,036,983    | 1,056,469        | 2,093,452          |                                   |
| 2023/24 |  | 1,036,783    | 1,058,032        | 2,094,815          |                                   |
| 2024/25 |  | 1,039,783    | 1,057,882        | 2,097,665          | 5.58 x                            |
| 2025/26 |  | 1,040,163    | 1,056,857        | 2,097,020          |                                   |
| 2026/27 |  | 1,041,163    | 1,053,894        | 2,095,057          |                                   |
| 2027/28 |  | 1,036,163    | 1,058,869        | 2,095,032          |                                   |
| 2028/29 |  | 1,038,913    | 1,056,897        | 2,095,810          |                                   |
| 2029/30 |  | 1,039,913    | 1,058,806        | 2,098,719          |                                   |
| 2030/31 |  | 1,036,313    | 1,054,447        | 2,090,760          |                                   |
| 2031/32 |  | 1,036,713    | 1,053,904        | 2,090,617          |                                   |
| 2032/33 |  | 1,040,913    | 1,057,019        | 2,097,932          |                                   |
| 2033/34 |  | 1,037,800    | 1,058,616        | 2,096,416          |                                   |
| 2034/35 |  | 1,040,000    | 1,055,960        | 2,095,960          |                                   |
| 2035/36 |  | 1,035,800    | 1,057,532        | 2,093,332          |                                   |
| 2036/37 |  | 1,040,400    | 1,058,177        | 2,098,577          |                                   |
| 2037/38 |  | 1,038,400    | 1,057,895        | 2,096,295          |                                   |
| 2038/39 |  | 1,040,000    | 556,686          | 1,596,686          |                                   |
|         |  | 19,735,166   | 19,178,367       | 38,913,533         | -                                 |

\* Subject to change.

## Pledged Revenues

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|  |              |              | Audited (a)   |               |               | Estimated<br>Actuals (b) | Estimated<br>Actuals (b) | Budgeted (c) |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Source                                   | 2013/14      | 2014/15      | 2015/16       | 2016/17       | 2017/18       | 2018/19                  | 2019/20                  | 2020/21      |
| County General Excise Tax Revenues $(d)$ | \$ 3,045,271 | \$ 2,830,513 | \$ 2,750,391  | \$ 2,991,169  | \$ 3,100,874  | \$ 3,138,508             | \$ 3,455,163             | \$ 2,092,516 |
| Gross State Shared Revenues $(d)(e)$     | 5,127,396    | 5,285,292    | 5,295,586     | 5,529,250     | 5,835,533     | 5,929,018                | 6,261,089                | 5,596,985    |
| Less ALTCS contribution (f)              | (2,126,000)  | (1,295,437)  | (1,354,162)   | (2,112,600)   | (2,208,500)   | (2,208,500)              | (2,418,204)              | (2,519,200)  |
| Less AHCCCS contribution $(g)$           | (1,295,055)  | (1,648,734)  | (1,413,200)   | (1,413,200)   | (1,413,200)   | (1,413,200)              | (1,413,200)              | (1,413,200)  |
| Net State Shared Revenues                | 1,706,341    | 2,341,121    | 2,528,224     | 2,003,450     | 2,213,833     | 2,307,318                | 2,429,685                | 1,664,585    |
| Vehicle License Tax Revenues             | 1,568,388    | 1,523,065    | 1,680,975     | 1,825,337     | 1,873,651     | 1,913,804                | 1,944,048                | 1,413,773    |
| Federal Payments In Lieu of Taxes        | 3,426,420    | 3,121,489    | 3,716,197     | 3,527,384     | 3,619,785     | 3,676,126                | 3,872,407                | 3,826,700    |
| Total Pledged Revenues                   | \$ 9,746,421 | \$ 9,816,188 | \$ 10,675,787 | \$ 10,347,340 | \$ 10,808,144 | \$ 11,035,756            | \$ 11,701,302            | \$ 8,997,574 |

(a) These amounts are from audited financial statements of the County for the years indicated. This table has not, however, been the subject of any separate audit procedures.

(b) These amounts are actual, but unaudited and subject to change upon audit and should be considered with an abundance of caution.

(c) These amounts are unaudited and subject to change upon audit and should be considered with an abundance of caution.

(d) Does not include amounts allocated from the Education Tax described under "State Shared Revenues" above.

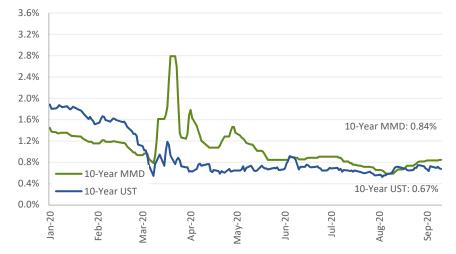
- (e) Pursuant to Section 11-292, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Treasurer of the State withholds an amount of the State Shared Revenues sufficient to meet the County's portion of the non-federal costs of providing the long-term care system in the State ("ALTCS") from moneys otherwise payable to the County in accordance with the State's distribution of the State Shared Revenues. The County's contribution is based on a fixed State formula. In the event that the State Shared Revenues withheld from the County by the Treasurer of the State are insufficient to meet the funding requirement of ALTCS, the Treasurer of the State may withhold any other moneys payable to the County from any available State funding source.
- (f) Pursuant to Section 11-292, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Treasurer of the State withholds an amount of the State Shared Revenues determined by statutory formula for the administrative costs of implementing certain provisions of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ("AHCCCS"). If the County does not make its contribution to the AHCCCS fund, which is used to offset certain indigent and related health care costs, the Treasurer of the State may withhold any amounts owed, plus interest retroactive to the first date the funding was due, from the County's State Shared Revenues.

### **Interest Rate Movement**

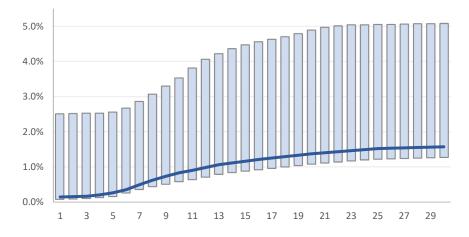
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#### Most AAA MMD Yields Remain Stable, While Most UST Yields Decline

#### The Negative Gap Between the 10-Year MMD and UST Remains Open Comparing 10-Year UST and 10-Year AAA MMD since January 1, 2020



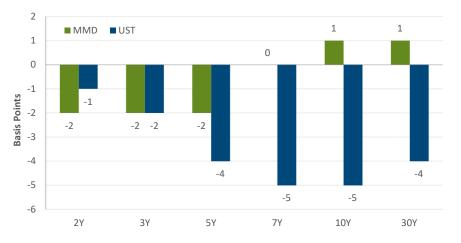




#### **30-Year AAA MMD Moves Two Basis Points in the Last Two Weeks** Comparing 30-Year UST and 30-Year AAA MMD since January 1, 2020



UST Yields, for the 2-Year Through the 30-Year, Decline September 4, 2020 to September 11, 2020



## New Issue Supply and Demand – Week of September 14, 2020

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| UPCOMING ISSUANCE   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| \$1.1B New York City, NY Transitional Finance Auth Rev, Aa1/AAA/AAA     |  |  |  |
| \$900MM Met Trans Auth, NY Rev Green Bonds,                             |  |  |  |
| \$803MM Houston, TX Airport Rev (620T/112AMT/71TE), A1/A/-, 2022-32     |  |  |  |
| \$599MM Texas Water Dev Board Rev, -/AAA/ap, 2021-55                    |  |  |  |
| \$469MM Pennsylvania Commonwealth GO, Aa3/A+/AA-, 2021-40               |  |  |  |
| \$427MM Illinois Fin Auth Rev - OSF Healthcare, A3/A/A                  |  |  |  |
| \$227MM Harrris County, TX Flood Control Dist GO, Aaa/NR/AAA            |  |  |  |
| \$207MM State Center CCD, CA GO, Aa1/AA/NR                              |  |  |  |
| \$188MM North Carolina Housing Fin Auth Rev                             |  |  |  |
| \$148MM Allegheny County, PA Sanitary Auth Sewer Rev, Aa3/A+/-, 2022-50 |  |  |  |
| 30-Day Visible Supply: \$12.8 Billion 7-Day Visible Supply: \$9.89B     |  |  |  |

| MAJOR ECO                            | NOMIC DATA                                      |       |        |             |        |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|--------|-------------|--------|
| RELEASE                              |   |       | DAY    | ESTIMATE    | ACTUAL |
| Empire Manufae                       | cturing - September                             | r     | 15-Sep | 7.0         |        |
| Industrial Produ                     | Industrial Production - August                  |       |        | 1.0%        |        |
| Retail Sales - A                     | ugust   |       | 16-Sep | 1.0%        |        |
| FOMC Rate Decision                   |   |       | 16-Sep | 0.00%-0.25% |        |
| Housing Starts - August              |   |       | 17-Sep | 1483K       |        |
| Initial Jobles Claims - September 12 |   |       | 17-Sep | 13000K      |        |
| Leading Index - August               |   |       | 18-Sep | 1.3%        |        |
| TAXABLE M                            | TAXABLE MUNICIPAL GO/MAKE WHOLE TREASURY SPREAD |       |        |             |        |
|                                      | 5/5   | 10/10 | 20/30  | 30/30       |        |
| AAA                                  | 28  | 60    | 90     | 101         |        |
| AA                                   | 37 72   |       | 102    | 113         |        |
| Α                                    | 87 124  |       | 144    | 155         |        |
| BBB                                  | <b>BBB</b> 140 180                              |       |        | 220         |        |
| COMMENTA                             | DV  |       |        |             |        |

| RATE DATA                |            |            |             |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                          | TODAY      | WEEK PRIOR | MONTH PRIOR | YEAR PRIOR |
| AAA GO                   |            |            |             |            |
| 2 YEAR                   | 0.13       | 0.15       | 0.14        | 1.27       |
| 5 YEAR                   | 0.24       | 0.26       | 0.23        | 1.29       |
| 10 YEAR                  | 0.84       | 0.83       | 0.66        | 1.52       |
| 15 YEAR                  | 1.17       | 1.16       | 0.97        | 1.74       |
| 20 YEAR                  | 1.38       | 1.37       | 1.17        | 1.94       |
| 30 YEAR                  | 1.58       | 1.57       | 1.36        | 2.13       |
| US TREASURY              |            |            |             |            |
| 2 YEAR                   | 0.13       | 0.14       | 0.14        | 1.75       |
| 5 YEAR                   | 0.26       | 0.28       | 0.28        | 1.70       |
| 10 YEAR                  | 0.67       | 0.69       | 0.68        | 1.83       |
| 30 YEAR                  | 1.42       | 1.43       | 1.42        | 2.30       |
| FED FUNDS                | 0.00-0.25  | 0.00-0.25  | 0.00-0.25   | 2.00-2.25  |
| PRIME RATE               | 3.25       | 3.25       | 3.25        | 5.25       |
| MIG 1 - 1YR              | 0.21       | 0.20       | 0.19        | 1.30       |
| MUB ETF                  | 115.940    | 115.850    | 116.820     | 113.370    |
| SIFMA 7DAY               | 0.08       | 0.08       | 0.11        | 1.31       |
| MSRB 7DAY TRI            | \$42,820MM | \$49,970MM | \$50,350MM  | \$54,389MM |
| BOND BUYER IN            | DEXES      |            |             |            |
| 20 Bond GO <sup>1</sup>  | 2.22       | 2.22       | 2.05        | 2.85       |
| 11 Bond GO <sup>2</sup>  | 1.75       | 1.75       | 1.58        | 2.39       |
| 25 Bond REV <sup>3</sup> | 2.64       | 2.64       | 2.47        | 3.33       |
|                          | 1          |            |             |            |

<sup>1</sup> GO bonds maturing in 20 years, avg. rating equivalent to Moody's Aa2 & S&P's AA

<sup>2</sup> GO bonds maturing in 20 years, avg. rating equivalent to Moody's Aa1 & S&P's AA+

<sup>3</sup> Revenue bonds maturing in 30 years, avg. rating equivalent to Moody's A1 & S&P A+

#### COMMENTARY

Municipal supply is expected to rise this week to just under \$10 billion (\$7.64B tax-exempt and \$2.25B taxable). Demand has remained consistent (although not for all maturities) with Lipper reporting an 18th consecutive week of inflows for Municipal Mutual Funds at \$1 billion. The four-week moving average for inflows decreased to \$998 million. Ratios for AAA Municipal GO's to US Treasuries remain elevated with the 5 year maturity ending last week at 94.1%, the 10 year at 125.6% and the 30 year at 111.5%. The FOMC meets this week, as investors do not expected a rate change will be announced on Wednesday, focus will be primarily on Powell's comments. The US Treasury will auction \$22B 20 year bonds on Tuesday and \$12B 10 year TIPS on Thursday.

# Issuance Timeline\*

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| September 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| S              | М  | Т  | W  | TH | F  | S  |  |
|                |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |  |
| 6              | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |  |
| 13             | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |  |
| 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |  |
| 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |  |
|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |

| October 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| S            | М  | Т  | W  | TH | F  | S  |  |
|              |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |  |
| 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |  |
| 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |  |
| 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |  |
| 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |

| November 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| S             | М  | Т  | W  | TH | F  | S  |  |
| 1             | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |  |
| 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |  |
| 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |  |
| 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |  |
| 29            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |  |
|               |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |

\* Subject to change.

| Date  | Event   | Responsibility                          |
|---|---|---|
| September 1st   | Gila County Board of Supervisor agenda item to provide updated information/education and direction to proceed.  | Gila County, Stifel                     |
| Week of September 7 <sup>th</sup>                             | Draft Preliminary Official Statement (POS) forwarded to financing team for review and comments. Draft Resolution and legal documents distributed.                       | Stifel, GT, SPB                         |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup> (on or around)                      | Notice of Public Hearing posted in newspaper(s) of general circulation.   | GT, Gila County                         |
| Week of September 7th   | Draft Resolution, legal documents submitted to the District and financing team participants.  | GT                                      |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                    | Due Diligence meeting/conference call.  | All Parties                             |
| In process  | 2019 Audit completed. Not required for purposes of financing.   | Gila County                             |
| Week of September 21st  | Rating Agency application submitted with final rating date goal of October 5 <sup>th</sup> .  | Stifel, CFD                             |
| September 22nd  | 11-391 Public Hearing. County required to wait 15 days prior to adoption of a Bond Resolution.  | Gila County                             |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup>                                    | Rating Agency Power Point Presentation review.  | Gila County, Stifel, PSPRS<br>(invited) |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup> / Week of October<br>12 <sup>th</sup> | Distribute POS to prospective investors, including final rating and insurance, if applicable.   | All Parties                             |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup> (on or around)                       | All documents due to the County in connection with the October $20^{\text{TH}}$ BOS meeting.  | All Parties                             |
| Week of October 12th  | PSPRS true-up reconciliations on all agent multi-employer plans (Sheriff, CORP Detention and Dispatchers).  | GC, Stifel                              |
| October 20th  | BOS considers a Resolution authorizing (delegating) authority to the County Manager/Finance Director to effectuate the transaction (assumes emergency clause adoption). | Gila County, Stifel, GT                 |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup> / Week of October<br>26th            | Bond Underwriting.  | All Parties                             |
| Week of November 16 <sup>th</sup> (on or around)              | Closing. Funds wired to PSPRS to achieve at or near 100% funded ratio.  | All Parties                             |

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Among the assumptions that are important to a POB financing, and the risks associated with those assumptions providing to be inaccurate, are the following:

- <u>Assumption</u>: The investment yield on the POB proceeds once deposited in the pension fund will equal or exceed the yield on the POBs. <u>Risk</u>: If the investment yield on the POB proceeds is less than the yield on the POBs, and the decline is not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the issuance of the POBs may actually increase the unfunded actuarial liability.
- Assumption: Payroll increases during the term of the POBs will be as anticipated when the unfunded actuarial liability was estimated at POB issuance. Risk: If payroll increases during the term of the POBs exceed expectations, and the increases are not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the POB proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.
- <u>Assumption</u>: Cost of living adjustments ("COLAs") will be as anticipated when the unfunded actuarial liability was estimated at POB issuance. <u>Risk</u>: If COLAs exceed expectations during the term of the POBs, and the increases are not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the POB proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.
- <u>Assumption</u>: Various assumptions used in calculating the unfunded actuarial liability -- such as mortality rates, early retirement incentives, types of payrolls covered by the pension fund -- will be as anticipated at the time of POB issuance. <u>Risk</u>: If there are reductions in mortality rates, increases in early retirement incentives, expansions of the payrolls covered by the pension plan during the term of the POBs, and these changes are not offset by positive changes to other assumptions, the POB proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.

In addition to analyzing potential benefits that are based on achieving assumptions made in estimating the unfunded actuarial liability, we will also analyze potential budgetary benefits or losses based on various prospective levels of the pension systems' earnings to assist you in gauging the likelihood of success of a POB transaction. It should be noted that potential budgetary benefits vary from year to year. Actual benefits or losses and the success of the POB financing cannot be known until the POBs have been paid in full.

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# Affidavit of Publication Payson Roundup

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| COUNTY OF GILA   | 9/4/2020 |

I, Susan LaBonte', do solemnly swear that I am Assistant Bookkeeper of the Payson Roundup, that the same is a newspaper printed, in whole or in part, and published in the COUNTY OF GILA, State of Arizona, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said COUNTY OF GILA for a period of more than fifty-two weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement; that said newspaper has been admitted to the United States mails as second-class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof, and that said newspaper is a newspaper duly qualified for publishing legal notices and advertisements within the meaning of the laws of the State of Arizona. That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said daily newspaper for the period of 1.00 consecutive insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated September 04 A.D., 2020, and that the last publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated September 04 A.D., 2020. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this September 04 A.D., 2020.

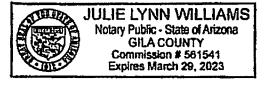
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the COUNTY OF GILA, State of Arizona September 04 A.D., 2020.

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#### Julie Lynn Williams, Notary Public



17869 9/4/2020 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO INCUR A LONG-TERM OBLIGATION NOT SECURED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF SUCH COUNTY For purposes of Section 11-391, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Gila County, Arizona (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on September 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1400 East Ash Street, Globe, Arizona 85501, regarding a purchase agreement (the "Agreement") to be secured by a pledge of amounts of all unrestricted transaction privilege (sales) taxes that the County now or hereafter levies, except for any taxes hereafter levied for an inconsistent purpose, excise taxes and transaction privilege (sales) taxes imposed and collected by the State of Arizona, or any agency thereof, and returned, allocated or apportioned to the County, except the County's share of any such taxes which by State law, rule or regulation must be expended for other purposes, and amounts remitted to the County by the U.S. Department of Interior pursuant to the federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, to fund all or a portion of the County's unfunded liabilities with respect to the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (More detail about the foregoing will be provided in analysis provided to the Board at the hereinafter described hearing.) The Agreement is estimated to be in the principal amount of not to exceed \$17,775,000 and, with total estimated interest of \$8,547,385 to have a total estimated financing cost of \$26,322,385. The Board will receive oral

comments at the hearing and will receive written comments at any time before adopting the resolution of intention with respect to the Agreement which will be considered no earlier than October 7, 2020 (the "Resolution"). NOTE Per the most recent guidelines from the federal government regarding COVID-19 and to protect citizens, citizens may attend the public hearing in person, one at a time, to provide comments. A face mask must be worn while in the building; how ever, it may be removed while addressing the Board. The Board's mailing address is Gila County Board of Supervisors, c/o Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board, 1400 East Ash Street, Globe, Arizona 85501. The notice of such hearing posted on the website of the County includes an electronic link for submitting electronic comments at any time before adoption of the Resolution.

Dated: September 4, 2020 /s/ Marian Sheppard Clerk, Board of Supervisors

#### The Arizona Silver Belt Newspaper 298 N. Pine Street Globe, AZ 85501 Telephone: 928-425-7121

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#### State of Arizona ) County of Gila ) ss

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Arizona; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer and publisher of the ARIZONA SILVER BELT, a newspaper published in the English language in the city of GLOBE, county of GILA, state of Arizona and adjudged a newspaper of general circulation.

The Arizona Silver Belt, is a newspaper which is published weekly, is of general circulation and is in compliance with the Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 10-140.34 & 39-201.A & B. (Please note, publication has to be completed within 60 days of filing.) The notice will be/has been published One (1) consecutive week in the newspaper listed above.; September 02, 2020

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this

14th day of September 20 MONICA L. WATSON Bary Bublic - State of Arizona Commission # 557162 Expires December 17, 2022 Notary Public My Commission Expires:

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#### 11-391. Incurring long-term obligations; public hearing

A. In addition to any other requirements prescribed by law, in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons if the board of supervisors approves incurring any long-term obligation that is not secured by the full faith and credit of the county, the board of supervisors must:

1. Publish a notice of a hearing on the proposal to incur the long-term obligation in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, issue a press release to print and electronic media and post the notice on the county's official web site. The notice must:

(a) Be published and posted at least fifteen days before the date of the hearing.

(b) Include the date, time and place of the hearing, the dollar amount of the proposed long-term obligations and the estimated total financing costs, the purpose of the proposed long-term obligations, including the project or projects that are proposed to be financed by long-term obligations, and that the board will receive:

(i) Oral comments at the hearing.

(ii) Written comments at any time before adopting the resolution of intention to incur long-term obligations, including the board's mailing address. The notice posted on the county's web site shall include an electronic link for commenting electronically.

2. Hold the public hearing, as announced in the notice, at least fifteen days before adopting the resolution for incurring the long-term obligations. At the hearing, the board shall present an analysis of the need for the project, the need to use long-term financing and any other available options to accomplish the project. Any member of the public must be allowed to speak on the issue of incurring the long-term obligations to finance the proposed project.

B. At least fifteen days after the hearing the governing body must hold a public meeting to adopt findings and, following the public comments received at and after the hearing, by roll call vote, either:

1. Adopt and enter a resolution of intention to incur long-term obligations to finance the project, stating the public need for the project, the estimated cost and the amount of the long-term obligations to be incurred.

2. Reject long-term financing of the project and abandon further proceedings.