

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

Date: July 12, 2016

**MICHAEL A. PASTOR**  
Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairman

By: Laurie J. Kline  
Deputy Clerk

**JOHN D. MARCANTI**  
Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Michael A. Pastor, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via telephone); 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. Marian Sheppard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Information/Discussion regarding establishing broadband availability and resiliency in Gila County.**

Jim Simms, Chief Technologist, ORAct [One Random Act, LLC, a local company], presented a slide presentation and provided information regarding broadband resiliency in northern Arizona and north central Arizona. He stated that the national, state and local broadband programs' focus is on business, law, security, education and health in order to improve quality of life. He reviewed some successes in Arizona that ORAct was a part of in Safford, Tuba City, Yavapai County and Douglas. He discussed the fact that the Rim Country, (northern Gila County area) has experienced three significant Internet and cell service outages in less than 12 months, which has had a devastating impact on the residents and the economy. He reviewed a slide with an area map of service providers and services areas, which showed gaps in certain areas where there is no Internet service. Mr. Simms explained that if Gila County chooses, it can partner with the Central and Northern Arizona

Broadband Consortium to establish broadband availability and resiliency in Gila, Apache and Navajo Counties.

Kelly Riggs, Information Technology Director, added that joining this Consortium would be a good opportunity to go east from Payson with Internet and cell service, and that it would be beneficial to develop partnerships with Internet and cell service providers and form a non-profit legal entity. It would also be helpful to get a company to come in and help the County bring the broadband that is required to the homes in Payson, which is oversubscribed right now. Mr. Riggs stated that there is a lot of business and community support, and involvement from the Payson area fire districts, Payson Regional Medical Center, Central Arizona Board of Realtors (located in Payson), Town of Payson, Town of Snowflake, and the Payson Unified School District in an effort to correct this broadband issue. The Board members commented favorably about improving broadband in both northern and southern Gila County to provide for economic growth. Chairman Pastor thanked Mr. Simms for the presentation and Mr. Riggs for participating.

**B. Information/Discussion on changes implemented to the Consolidated Roads Department of the Public Works Division.**

Steve Sanders, Public Works Division Director, stated that recently there have been drastic changes to the Consolidated Roads Department (Roads Department) in an effort to create a more proactive rather than reactive approach to doing business. These changes came about based on the results of the Doolittle Report. It was recommended in a recent Roads Department study to implement a 60-day planning schedule for future road work, which has since been implemented and well received by staff. The focus of the Roads Department is more on customers and having the work schedule has made it easier to schedule, track and provide meaningful information to the public. A blading schedule for County maintained roads was recently developed and implemented. The schedule is posted on the Gila County website under Public Works/Consolidated Roads/Blading Maintenance Database, which is updated on a frequent and regular basis to keep the public informed. Mr. Sanders stated that marketing has been done to make the public aware of this information. On the topic of Roads Department equipment, the Roads Department is finding that it needs less equipment to perform the same amount of work; thus, staff is doing more with less. As a result, it is possible for some equipment to be sold at auction. Vice-Chairman Martin commented that she is delighted that the County is headed in this direction and that she appreciated the update. She stated that she had some questions for Mr. Sanders which she would ask at another time. Supervisor Marcanti and Chairman Pastor commented that they have heard positive feedback regarding the Roads Department. Mr. Sanders added that the goal for the Roads Department is to be more of a maintenance department than a construction department; consequently, putting more jobs “out on the street” which will be

paid for by the Highway User Revenue Fund and the Half-Cent Transportation Excise Tax.

**C. Information/Discussion/Action authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter terminating the current lease agreement with Globe Office Building Partners, LLC for office space located at 1100 Monroe St. Globe, AZ.**

Michael Scannell, Deputy County Manager, advised that the scheduled completion date for the Copper Administration Building (CAB) is September 13, 2016, and the Probation Department is scheduled to move from the office space located at 1100 Monroe Street into the CAB on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to facilitate this move, the County must submit 60 days' written notice to vacate and terminate the lease agreement per the terms of the current lease agreement to the manager of the office space, which is Globe Office Building Partners, LLC. Mr. Scannell added that moving the Probation Department to the CAB will be conducted in the first of two phases. All remaining departments are scheduled to be moved in the second phase, which is slated for early October. This will help manage the logistics and not interrupt payroll functions. He also explained that the interior of the CAB is scheduled to be completed by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and site work outside of the building is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>; however, this time can be used to complete the interior of the building if necessary in order to meet the September 13<sup>th</sup> completion date. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Chairman Pastor, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign a letter terminating the current lease agreement with Globe Office Building Partners, LLC for office space located at 1100 Monroe St. Globe, AZ. The phone connection with Vice-Chairman Martin was lost prior to the motion.

**D. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 16-07-05 and to join with other counties, the National Association of Counties Organization, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the American Psychiatric Foundation and the National Sheriffs' Association in support of the Stepping Up Initiative.**

Don McDaniel, County Manager, stated that he is presenting the resolution on behalf of David's Hope Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition, and that it is also a NACo (National Association of Counties) sponsored effort. There are approximately 273 counties nationwide that have passed resolutions addressing the need to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. He then paraphrased a few items in Resolution No. 16-07-05 as follows: There are an estimated two million people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails across the nation; the prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use problems; and, these individuals tend to stay longer in jail. He stated that the resolution does not institute any immediate action

by the Board, but rather it indicates interest and concern for the initiative to reduce the number of people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails. Supervisor Marcanti commented that he thinks the federal and state government needs to spend more money treating people with mental illnesses before they are sent to prison instead of trying to take care of them while they are in prison. Chairman Pastor stated that he spoke with Steve Harvey of David's Hope at the time when NACo had just become involved with this effort, and he is in favor of adopting this resolution. He invited Steve Harvey of David's Hope Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition to the podium.

Mr. Harvey stated that he appreciates Gila County's participation by adopting a resolution supporting this effort, and he thanked the Board and Gila County on behalf of David's Hope Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Chairman Pastor the Board adopted Resolution No. 16-07-05. **(A copy of the Resolution is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office and attached to these minutes.)**

**E. Information/Discussion/Action to vote to go into executive session to receive legal advice from its attorney regarding the lawsuit of Strawberry Ridge Estates LLC v. Gila County, 1 CA-TX-14-0004; consider its position in the lawsuit; and instruct its attorney how to proceed pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)-(4). If the Board does go into executive session, the County Attorney's Office suggests that after the work session has been reconvened, the Board vote to instruct the County Attorney's Office to proceed as directed in executive session.**

At 10:56 a.m., Supervisor Marcanti made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Chairman Pastor and approved.

At 12:01 p.m., Chairman Pastor reconvened the regular session at which time Vice-Chairman Martin joined the meeting via telephone.

Chairman Pastor asked the Board for a motion on agenda item 2E. Upon motion by Supervisor Marcanti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously instructed the County Attorney's Office to proceed as directed in executive session.

**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.**

Vice-Chairman Martin presented information on current events. Chairman Pastor, Supervisor Marcanti and Mr. McDaniel did not provide any comments.

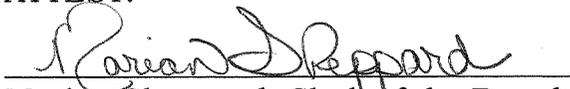
There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Pastor adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

ATTEST:



Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board



**RESOLUTION NO. 16-07-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
TO JOIN WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
(NACo) IN THE “STEPPING UP INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE  
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS.”**

**WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

**WHEREAS**, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

**WHEREAS**, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Gila County, and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gila County Board of Supervisors, does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in our state and across the

country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

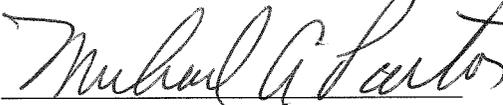
- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- In collaboration with the Gila County Sheriff's Office, collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

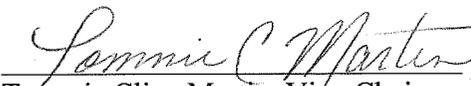
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016 at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest:

  
Marian Sheppard

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

  
Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

  
Tommie Cline Martin, Vice-Chairman

  
John D. Marcanti, Member