

Special Session

August 12, 2015

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:33 A.M. this date. Chairwoman Chase called the meeting to order.

A video recording of this meeting and presentations can be viewed at [www.pinalcountyz.gov](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov)

**Present:** Chairwoman Cheryl Chase; Vice-Chairman Pete Rios; Supervisor Stephen Q. Miller; Supervisor Anthony Smith; County Manager, Greg Stanley; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Chris Keller; Clerk of the Board, Sheri Cluff, and Assistant to the Clerk of the Board, Diane Gardner.

Supervisor Todd House was absent.

#### **Call to Public –**

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon, appeared before the Board to encourage Pinal County Government to assert itself a little more forcefully at the State Legislature.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS A-O**

Chairwoman Chase advised that all items indicated by an asterisk (\*) would be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board Member, County Manager, or member of the public objected at the time the agenda item was called.

Chairwoman Chase asked if there were any requests from a Board member, staff or the audience to remove a consent agenda item for discussion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Rios and seconded by Supervisor Miller to approve consent agenda items A and B.

- \* A. Designation of the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month as set forth in the Governor's Proclamation dated July 28, 2015.
- \* B. Request to release the 1991 Bluebird mini bus, vehicle #45003, from the capital assets as it is no longer needed. The bus will be offered to other law enforcement agencies currently enrolled in the 1033 program. If no other agency requests it, the bus will be disposed of according to the 1033 State Plan of Operation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Chairwoman Chase took a moment to voice the importance of the Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation.

### **Presentation of Pinal County's tax levies and rates compared to other Arizona counties.**

Leo Lew, Assistant County Manager, appeared before the Board to present a comparison of tax levies and rates to other Arizona counties. Mr. Lew's presentation included information regarding the Strategic Business Plan, Where Tax Dollars Go, Prior Year Comparison, 1% Primary Cap Illustration, Property Tax Rates Comparisons, Historical Information and a Summary.

Mr. Lew's presentation can be viewed under the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

**10:23 A.M.** - Supervisor House joined the meeting telephonically.

### **Discussion/approval/disapproval of the fiscal year 2015-2016 property tax levies and rates for all governmental entities of Pinal County.**

Supervisor Miller commented that he fought his battle to maintain the tax rate at \$3.79. He sees this item as an administrative action. Therefore, as much as he doesn't agree with some of the rates, he feels it is his responsibility to see that the county can move forward with the business of the day.

Supervisor Smith said there were scenarios presented that did not raise the tax rate and kept the same level of service but it required a deeper cut. The biggest problem that he has with raising the county's tax rate, is it does financial harm to some of the other taxing districts, specifically a community within his supervisory district.

Supervisor Rios commented that nobody wants to raise the tax levy. The State of Arizona cost shifted \$6.7 million to Pinal County for this coming fiscal year. If the State of Arizona would leave us alone, we wouldn't be looking at increasing the tax levy. We cut 2% last fiscal year and an additional 4% this fiscal year to try to balance the budget.

Supervisor House stated that he sees this item as a functional issue. Supervisor House stated that although the Board is approving levies for all of the taxing districts, the Board of Supervisors is only responsibility for setting Pinal County tax levies. He doesn't agree with some of the tax levies but feels that this is something we need to approve.

Motion was made by Supervisor Rios and seconded by Supervisor Miller to approve fiscal year 2015-2016 property tax levies and rates for all governmental entities of Pinal County. Motion passes 4-1 with Supervisor Smith voting nay.

10:34 A.M. - Supervisor House left the meeting.

**Work Session to discuss 2015/16 State legislative proposals, legislative guidelines and priorities.**

Greg Stanley, County Manager, introduced Mark Barnes from Barnes & Associates Consulting Firm. Mr. Stanley said that it was his hope that there would be dialogue on this item so that he could receive direction as to which items should be forwarded to CSA as statewide issues versus which ones Mark should pursue as Pinal County issues.

Mr. Mark Barnes introduced Rebecca Beebe from his firm and advised that she would be assisting with their legislative efforts. Mr. Barnes spoke about covered context for next legislative session, new or continuing issues that will affect Pinal County, Pinal County legislative proposals, legislative position guidelines and outreach to Pinal County Legislators.

Mr. Barnes' presentation can be viewed in the minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

**Work Session to discuss case PZ-PA-004-15, a major amendment of the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan to amend the Land Use Plan to re-designate 320.73± acres of land from Very Low Density Residential (0-1 du/ac) to Low Density Residential (0-2 du/ac) in the San Tan Valley area; situated in a portion of Section 15, T03S, R07E located adjacent to the south side of Phillips Road approximately .5 miles west of Thompson Road.**

Evan Balmer, Planning and Development, appeared before the Board to present information regarding PZ-PA-004-15 which is a major amendment to the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Balmer's presentation can be viewed under the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

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The meeting stood adjourned at 12:41 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

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Diane Gardner, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board