

Work Session

October 21, 2015

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The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:31 A.M. this date in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Chase followed by an Invocation by Chaplain Del Budke and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Supervisor Anthony Smith was not in attendance.

Call to Public

Harold VanGilder, Casa Grande, spoke regarding his disappointment on certain fiscal decisions that the Board of Supervisors has made. He would like to see the Board get their arms around the problems Pinal County is facing.

Work session/update on the status of the Arizona Department of Corrections inmates housed in the Pinal County Adult Detention Facility.

Greg Stanley, County Manager, provided an overview regarding the emergency contract with the Department of Corrections, which contract, the Board approved on July 22, 2015. The contract is an actual cost contract. The duration of the contract is 180 days. That 180 days will be up December 30th. Mr. Stanley turned it over to the Sheriff to speak on operational issues.

Supervisor Rios asked whether the contract included a clause to extend the 180 day period. Mr. Stanley advised there was not. He stated the Sheriff could provide more information on that subject.

Mr. Stanley's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors' webpage.

Sheriff Paul Babeu, spoke regarding operational issues. He stated that he did have a conversation with Director Chuck Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections. Mr. Ryan indicated that MTC, the vendor at the private prison in Kingman, stated the facilities will come online January 22. Mr. Ryan indicated it likely could be delayed even further because he was not comfortable to turn back all of the prisoners to the same environment run by the same managers where this situation occurred. Mr. Ryan indicated that they are in negotiation with another vendor but he was not at liberty to discuss who that is.

There was discussion amongst the Supervisors and the Sheriff as to whether the Staff could maintain should it be necessary to retain the prisoners beyond the December date. The Sheriff indicated that they could maintain through January 22 or a little bit beyond that date.

Work session to introduce a 401(a) retirement special pay plan for employees retiring from the County.

Levi Gibson, Finance Director, appeared before the Board and introduced an optional plan for employees who retire from the County. This Plan would save both the employee and the county money. There are two options for retiring employees. A retiring employee could choose a tax free post-retirement medical reimbursement account. These funds are tax free, as they are used strictly for medical expenses. The other option is a special pay plan called a 401A. This is a tax deferred plan. In both cases, the County saves the FICA taxes.

Mr. Gibson's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors' webpage

Work session/discussion on updating the p-card and travel card programs administered through the finance department.

Mr. Gibson stated that the County administers both a p-card program and a travel card program through the Finance Department. Currently, the County has two card providers, Wells Fargo and Bank of America.

Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Randon Riffey, Purchasing Manager, to come forward to present on the P-card and travel card program. Mr. Riffey stated that the Finance/Purchasing Departments have been formulating changes to our current program that would be beneficial, introduce efficiencies and save money.

Mr. Riffey's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisor's webpage.

Work session/discussion of implementation of 311 for Pinal County. 311 is a simple to remember non-emergency number for citizens to contact local government. County IT can implement this enhancement to our existing service in the Citizen Contact Center at little to no cost. Pinal County would be the first local government to implement a working 311 service.

Steve Frazier, IT Director, introduced Jerry Keely, IT Operations Manager.

Mr. Keely stated that the Citizens' Contact Center was originally designed to be a 311 Call Center. He explained that the Contact Center was not a switchboard operation. It was actually designed for first point of contact resolution as an answer center. Mr. Keely went on to explain that 311 was a non-emergency number designated by the FCC to be used by local governments. It is an easy number to access our existing services.

Mr. Keely's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisor's webpage.

Work session/discussion on Air Quality proposed dust control rules for the West Pinal PM10 Nonattainment Area.

Michael Sunblom, Air Quality Director, addressed the Board regarding the PM10 nonattainment area and the rules that need to be put in place to address the PM10 issue in Pinal County. He has been working with the EPA to resolve the issue and build a SIP, State Implementation Plan. Mr. Sunblom spoke of the rules that have been developed with EPA, ADEQ and stakeholders to address the reductions we need to show attainment in future years and to satisfy EPA with regard to the level of rules we will be implementing.

Mr. Sunblom's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisor's webpage.

The meeting stood adjourned at 11:55 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

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Diane Gardner

Diane Gardner, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board