

# PINAL JUSTICE COURT REDISTRICTING NEWS

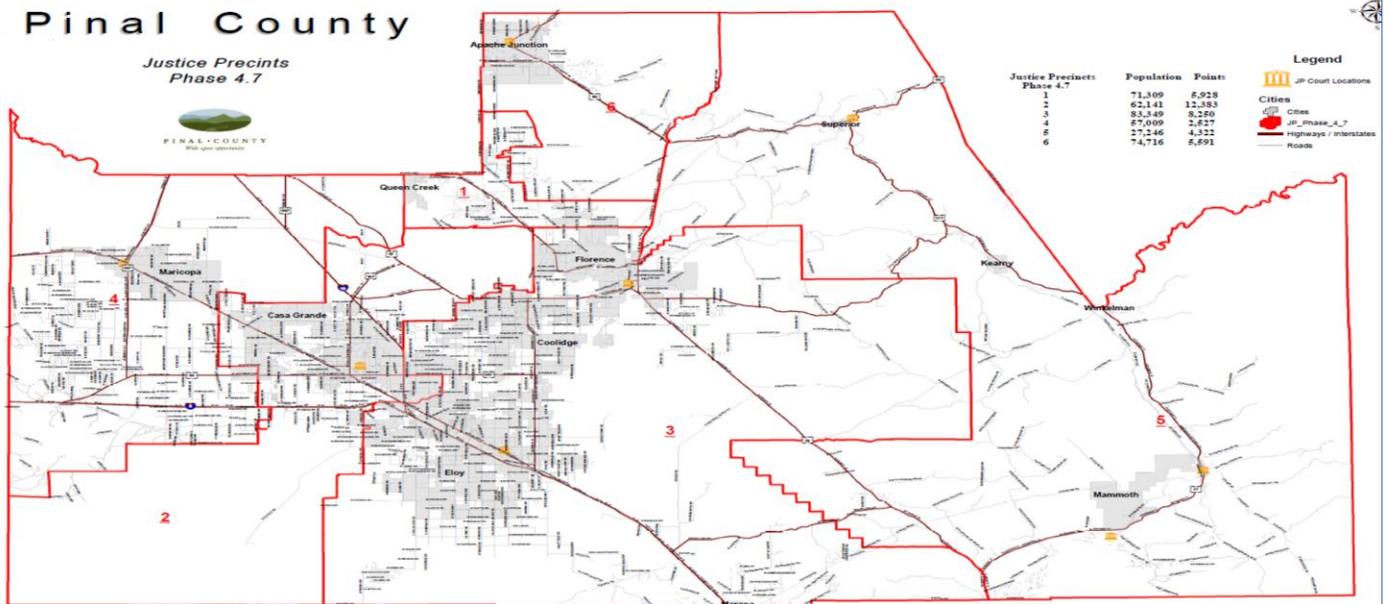


Figure 1 NEW DISTRICTS TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2019

## PINAL JUSTICE COURT FACILITIES

The Board of Supervisors approved redistricting in July 2017 from eight Justice Court precincts to six. Two precincts will also have satellite offices designated in their jurisdiction.

## PINAL JUSTICE COURT STAFFING

The Pinal County Justice Courts currently have 57 full time employees. Redistricting has caused some changes within assigned positions within each court, but the overall number will not decrease.

## PINAL JUSTICE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

We are working with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and other stakeholders to ensure an efficient transition and implementation of the Board of Supervisors redistricting plan.

Figure 2 San Tan Valley facility 3655 Hunt Highway Road



Figure 3 San Tan Valley facility interior 3655 Hunt Highway Road

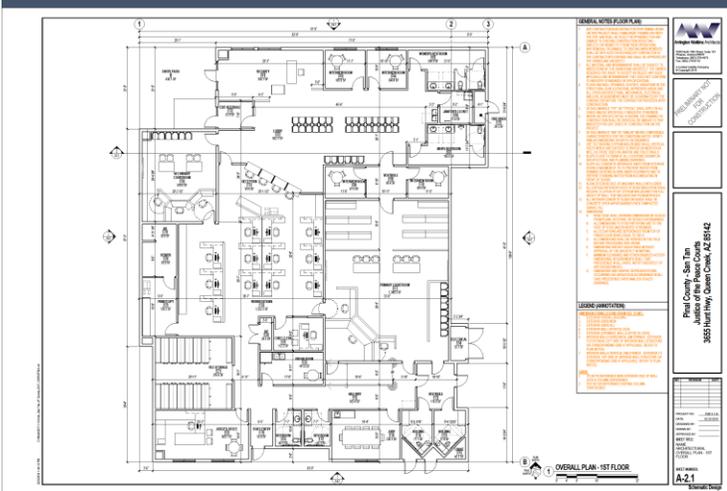


Figure 4 Coolidge Facility with Health Dept. 119 W. Central



**FACILITIES:**

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July 2017 that approved redistricting of the Justice Court system in Pinal County. The current 8 justice court precincts have been modified to 6 justice court precincts beginning January 1, 2019. Some courts have been consolidated and new districts have been created.

The current Justice Courts in Superior, Mammoth and Oracle have been combined into one Justice Court Precinct. This new precinct will have two facilities. The main courthouse will be in the current Superior Justice Court location and the current court facility in Oracle will be designated as a satellite office. The justice court facility in Superior is under renovations and the Superior Justice Court is currently operating in Kearny at 355 Alden Rd, Kearny.

Florence and Eloy Justice Court have been combined into one justice precinct. The new precinct will have two facilities. The main facility will be in a renovated facility in Coolidge (May 2019) and the current facility in Eloy will be designated as a satellite office. The current Florence facility will continue to be in operation until renovations are completed at the Coolidge facility. The satellite facility in Eloy will be operation on January 1, 2019.

The Current Apache Junction Justice Court will split into two separate jurisdictions with San Tan Valley having its own justice court. The Board of Supervisors has authorized the new construction of a facility on county property on Hunt Highway near Arizona Farms Road. This new facility will not be completed until March 2019. The Apache Junction Justice Court and the new San Tan Valley Court will both operate out of the Apache Junction Justice Court facility until the San Tan Valley facility is ready for occupancy.

### STAFFING:

The approved redistricting has caused some changes in the number of assigned positions within each court but the overall number of FTE position within the justice court merit staff has not decreased. 2019 staffing will consist of; 8 Judicial Office Supervisors, 8 Clerk Senior, 42 Justice Court Clerks. There will be internal promotion opportunities open to clerk staff for the 6 open Clerk Senior positions. Our committee is working with HR to come up with a timeline for posting and selection of Clerk Senior positions.

The Justice Court bench has recommended a seniority-based matrix to the Pinal County Human Resource department to identify an order of merit for court staff. For justice court clerk staff, the weighted criteria will be, years of service with current position - 70% and years of service within Pinal County - 30%.

Our redistricting committee is working with HR to develop a timeline and procedure to implement the selection of work locations for all justice court staff. HR will generate the order of merit list and the process for placement.



## Justice Court Seniority based matrix:

### Judicial Office Supervisor and Clerk Senior:

Years of service in current position - 70% and years of service within the Justice Courts - 30%

### Justice Court Clerk:

Years of service in current position - 70% and years of service within Pinal County Government - 30%

## Meet Janet Cornell

We are pleased to introduce Janet Cornell, Project Director.

Janet comes to us from the National Center for State Courts with years of experience with courts and served as the Court Administrator of the Scottsdale City Court from 2001 to 2013. Since leaving the Scottsdale City Court, Ms. Cornell has served as a court educational presenter and consultant on a broad variety of court projects across the country and internationally. Janet holds a Master of Public Administration and B.A from Arizona State University.



### Janet will provide technical assistance to include:

- 1) Advise base on national best practices that will best support the Court's long-term operational stability;
- 2) Facilitated discussions among implementation planners and workgroups members
- 3) Personal interviews with key stakeholders
- 4) A documented implementation plan

### ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES WITH REDISTRICTING

OUR REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW REGARDING A WIDE RANGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES THAT REDISTRICTING HAS PRESENTED.

ISSUES WITH AJACS, WARRANTS, CASE/FILE TRANSFERS, DATABASE MAINTENANCE IN CONSOLIDATED JURISDICTIONS AND FINANCIALS ARE ALL MATTERS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR.

OUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING SHARED ISSUES WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, PINAL COUNTY SHERIFF AND AZ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE STAKEHOLDERS AND LOOK TO ADD MORE AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

**PINAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECOMMEND NEW COURT NAMES!**

RECOMMENDED NAMES NEED BOARD OF SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

PIONEER JUSTICE COURT (SAN TAN VALLEY JP1)

CASA GRANDE JUSTICE COURT (CASA GRANDE JP2)

CENTRAL ARIZONA JUSTICE COURT (FLORENCE/COOLIDGE/ELOY JP3)

WESTERN PINAL JUSTICE COURT (MARICOPA/STANFIELD JP4)

PROSPECTOR JUSTICE COURT (SUPERIOR/MAMMOTH/ORACLE JP5)

APACHE JUNCTION JUSTICE COURT (APACHE JUNCTION/GOLD CANYON JP6)

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## 2019 STAFFING LEVELS

STAFFING LEVELS WILL CONTINUE TO BE EVALUATED BASED ON CASE ACTIVITY

PIONEER JUSTICE COURT (SAN TAN VALLEY JP1)

1 Judicial Office Supervisor, 2 Clerk Senior and 8 Justice Court Clerks

CASA GRANDE JUSTICE COURT (CASA GRANDE JP2)

1 Judicial Office Supervisor, 2 Clerk Senior and 9 Court Clerks

CENTRAL ARIZONA JUSTICE COURT (FLORENCE/COOLIDGE/ELOY JP3)

2 Judicial Office Supervisors, 1 Clerk Senior and 7 Court Clerks

WESTERN PINAL JUSTICE COURT (MARICOPA/STANFIELD JP4)

1 Judicial Office Supervisor, 2 Clerk Senior and 7 Court Clerks

PROSPECTOR JUSTICE COURT (SUPERIOR/MAMMOTH/ORACLE JP5)

2 Judicial Office Supervisors and 5 Court Clerks

APACHE JUNCTION JUSTICE COURT (APACHE JUNCTION/GOLD CANYON JP6)

1 Judicial Office Supervisor, 1 Clerk Senior and 6 Court Clerks