

**SPECIAL SESSION
November 7, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Special Session at 10:00 A.M., November 7, 2005, at the Human Services Campus, 11th Avenue and Jackson Street, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max W. Wilson, Chairman, District 4, Don Stapley, Vice Chairman, District 2, Andrew Kunasek, District 3; Fulton Brock, District 1, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board, Juanita Garza, Minutes Coordinator, David Smith, County Manager and Bruce White, Deputy County Attorney.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Item: Human Services Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

INVOCATION

Father Bill Wack, Director of André House, delivered the invocation.

Chairman Wilson welcomed the guests to the dedication of the building. He commented on the establishment of the campus. He also recognized and thanked the Supervisors, Andy Kunasek, Mary Rose Wilcox, Don Stapley, and Fulton Brock. The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a number of people who were instrumental in the completion of this project including, Jan Brewer, Secretary of State; Mayor Phil Gordon; David Smith, County Manager; Steve Connor, Facilities Management; Heidi Birch, Facilities Management; Marty Shultz, Vice President Pinnacle West, and many other elected officials. Supervisor Stapley stepped forward with a surprise announcement. He stated that the County had just received a \$3.1 million dollar anonymous donation bringing the project closer to the goal of the total budget.

Supervisor Wilcox said this project is “truly the power of one,” and she gave a number of examples of individual contributions which came together to turn this dream into a reality. She commented on several of the services the campus will provide and thanked all the generous contributors.

Dennis Berg, Governor’s Office, spoke on behalf of Governor Janet Napolitano. Mr. Berg read and presented a special proclamation to Chairman Wilson.

Jan Brewer, Secretary of State, commented on the beginning development of the project and all the entities involved that moved this project forward. Ms. Brewer said, “This campus is an example of what can be accomplished if we all work together.” She acknowledged Chairman Wilson and David Smith for all their support and efforts in this project.

Marty Shultz, Vice President Pinnacle West, reported that with the donations received the Human Services Campus would be paid off by the end of the year. He also recognized many contributors involved in brining this project together and explained that the opening of the new campus would bring revitalization to the area. Mr. Shultz also made a special announcement that his brother had just made a \$100,000 commitment to the project.

Senator Townsend quoted a few words from a letter addressed to Marty Shultz regarding the homeless issue. He also took the opportunity to acknowledge Portia Erickson, Chairman of the CASS Board of Directors.

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Mayor Phil Gordon acknowledged the City of Phoenix and its citizens for their support in this project.

Jerry Hirsch, Lodestar Foundation, briefly commented on the history of the coordinated homeless services concept that was envisioned 10 years ago.

Philip Mangano, US Interagency Council on Homelessness, said, "This is a time to celebrate the beginning of hope." Mr. Mangano recognized David Smith and Chairman Wilson for this great accomplishment. He stated that this project was a good investment and the return would be "improvement of life" for all those that invested in this project and added that the main focus must now be on ending homelessness.

Dan Withers, President of DL Withers Construction, spoke on the design and construction of the building. Mr. Withers thanked the design team, Hunt Jacobs, Construction Manager, county staff, contractors, suppliers and all agencies involved for their time and dedication. Mr. Withers said, "This campus is the most important facility ever built, this is one of the proudest moments of my life."

Mike McQuaid, Managing Director of the Human Services Campus, briefly commented on "what is next?" for the campus. Mr. McQuaid introduced the following individuals William Cannon, Diane and Frank Peterson, and Cristina Isaac. He briefly outlined their stories of the journey from homelessness to new lives.

Following the ceremonial ribbon cutting, guests were invited to take a self-guided tour and view the facility. (ADM2519)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board