

**SPECIAL SESSION
February 7, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 10:30 a.m., February 7, 2002, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, Tenth Floor, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Jan Brewer, Mary Rose Wilcox, Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; and Jessie Burning, Administrative Coordinator. Also present: David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain)

ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION FOR MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Item: Resignation of Supervisor Jan Brewer.

Chairman Stapley welcomed everyone present for today's Special Meeting. He then presented Supervisor Brewer with a Maricopa County Flag.

Supervisor Brewer turned-in her resignation to Chairman Stapley and stated how proud she was to have served on the Board of Supervisors for the last five years. Chairman Brewer announced that she was planning to run for Secretary of State for Arizona.

Chairman Stapley read aloud Supervisor Brewer's resignation letter, which states as follows:

"For the past several months, I have been traveling around our great State talking to Arizonans about seeking the office of Secretary of State. The encouragement for me to run has been overwhelming and to say the least, quite humbling. With the strong support of my family and so many friends, I am announcing today my candidacy for Secretary of State.

I convey to you my resignation as Maricopa County Supervisor, District Four, effective at 10:30 a.m. today.

The past five years serving on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has been a journey of accomplishments. When I was first elected in 1996, Maricopa County was embroiled in controversy and in near financial ruin. Today, I leave the nation's fourth largest county in top financial and management health.

Just last week, our good work was recognized by Syracuse University and *Governing* magazine's "Government Performance Project" when they named Maricopa County as one of the two most effective county governments in the nation. We have come a long way during my tenure and I am deeply proud of this Board and the thousands of dedicated County employees.

I have cherished my nearly 19 years of public service working for more efficient government and lower taxation. American ingenuity and commonsense have always been the guiding characteristics that govern my public life. I am pleased to leave the County in a better shape than I found it. I have determined that it is fiscally sound, conservative public policy leadership that I was able to provide in the State Legislature during our last economic slowdown.

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I am blessed to take with me a record of fiscal prudence and commonsense that I am confident will serve Arizona well as the next Secretary of State.

I want to thank the Board and you for your support. Most importantly, I want to thank my constituents in District Four for the trust they bestowed in me”.

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek, seconded by Supervisor Brock, and unanimously carried (4-0-1) to approve the resignation of Supervisor Brewer.

Supervisor Wilcox commented that it is sad to loose a colleague such as Supervisor Brewer.

Supervisor Brock expressed his appreciation for Supervisor Brewer and her time spent serving with the Board of Supervisors

David Smith, County Administrative Officer, stated that he admires Supervisor Brewer’s leadership abilities. He added that she should take her common sense and leadership to the State.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board