

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**INFORMAL SESSION
November 18, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., November 18, 2002, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Max W. Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS

Item: The canvass of election returns for the November 5, 2002, General Election in accordance with the Official Results prepared by the Maricopa County Elections Department. (C21030040) (ADM1710)

Chairman Stapley recognized elected officials in attendance, Secretary of State-elect, Jan Brewer, Helen Purcell, Recorder, and Karen Osborne, Elections Director.

Helen Purcell and Karen Osborne presented the results of the recent general election. Ms. Purcell commented on the strong showing by Supervisor Wilson, who was elected for the first time following his appointment to the Board earlier this year to represent District 4. This seat had been vacated by Jan Brewer who resigned to run for Secretary of State.

Chairman Stapley said the election had some "wrinkles" but they weren't caused by any lack in the Elections Department and he felt the public shared his very high regard and degree of confidence for the way Ms. Purcell and Ms. Osborne handle elections for Maricopa County. He complimented them and their staffs for the excellent work.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox, seconded by Supervisor Kunasek, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the canvass of general election returns for November 5, 2002, as presented.

PRESENTATION: HEALTH CARE HEROES

Item: Presentation, video and reception honoring Health Care Heroes.

Chairman Stapley said he welcomed the opportunity to recognize and thank some "very special people" who are part of Maricopa County's family. He said that four County healthcare employees have recently been recognized by the Business Journal (newspaper) as Health Care Heroes in an article written by Angela Gonzales, senior reporter.

Ms. Gonzales congratulated the Board for providing 125 years of medical care in the Valley through the work done at Maricopa Medical Center. She said the Center has some great doctors on staff as shown by those nominated for the Medical Hero award this year. She explained that there were 14 finalists and seven winners from more than 100 nominees for this year's award. Dr. Daniel Caruso and Dr. Kevin Foster, Maricopa Integrated Health System, were two of the top winners, along with Dr. Andrew Myers and Annette Stein. A videotape showed highlights of the Maricopa Integrated Health System and the award ceremony for the winning doctors.

Chairman Stapley recognized the winners and all of the many excellent medical and management people who are working diligently to turn the medical system's financial situation around. He included in his accolades the exceptional services provided at the hospital and burn unit saying that the burn unit is

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recognized throughout the country for the quality of its service to burn victims and their families. He noted several differences between today's hospital and the hospital as it was getting started 125 years ago and remarked that it is even more important to the quality of life for those living in Maricopa County today.

Mark Hillard, CEO of Maricopa Integrated Health System, said, "three physicians are present at this table but there are 200 more just like them back home." He added that Maricopa Medical Center is a system that's thriving, growing and changing largely as a result of the leadership present.

Annette Stein, Director of the Homeless Clinic, expressed her gratitude for the award but said she, in turn, wanted to recognize the Board of Supervisors, "because without you I could not do my work. In the State of Arizona there is only one county that has a healthcare for the homeless clinic, and that's Maricopa." She thanked others who have helped her over the years and gave final recognition to her staff, "the people who come to work every day and get few awards and not enough recognition."

Dr. David Caruso spoke of the burn center, which is the fifth largest burn center in the country, saying they work not only regionally but also nationally and internationally in teaching and research. He said, "We have a fantastic team and it starts, not just with Dr. Foster and myself and all the nurses and staff, but expands out into the hospital staff when there is a need." He called it a "team entity" which he said was most gratifying to them all. He affirmed that the entire staff joined him in their dedication to maintaining and growing, and asked for the Supervisors' continued backing to accomplish this.

Dr. Kevin Foster said he believes that their recent success was a validation of the system they have devised for delivery of health care in Maricopa County. He hoped everyone who is connected with Maricopa Integrated Health System was as proud of it and the work they are doing as he is. He said that the doctors honored were part of a group effort headed by CEO Mark Hillard and extending all the way down to the person who mops the floors to keep the facility clean. He suggested that "Where we're at right now is not our destination, it's just one small step and we've got a lot more to do." He added, "You'll probably be hearing more from us in that regard."

Dr. Myers said he started at the hospital in 1975, and despite a 10-year hiatus into private practice, it is where he feels at home, "taking care of the people who wouldn't be able to get what they provide anywhere else." He said his primary focus is on HIV patients. In looking at what they've been able to accomplish in this program during the past eight years he feels it was an incredible achievement. "We have one of the few programs in the country to integrate in-patient and out-patient care, support services and medical research in the HIV process. We do it within the context of a training program for County residents and also a number of residents from the Mayo Clinic system." He said that they graduate 40 internal medicine residents a year and all have had a month-long intensive rotation in HIV which, he stated, raises the level of care all across the country.

David Smith remarked that Maricopa County is very lucky to have all of the people who are involved with Maricopa Integrated Health Systems. He stated, "They set the bar for the rest of us by doing what they do best, day after day after day."

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03, motion was made by Supervisor Brock, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to recess and reconvene in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to consider items listed on the Executive Agenda as follows:

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Compromise Cases – Carmen Garza, Marlesha Hery, Mercedes Misquez, Javier Munoz, Katherine Pacheco, Tricia Pasquelone, Shirley Trump, Suzanne Vella, Rodney Villemarie.
Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel

Town of Gilbert – Gilbert City Prisoners

Louis Gorman, Deputy County Attorney, Division of County Counsel
Patrick Walz, CFO, Maricopa Integrated Health System

PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION -- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4)

Claim of Associated Medical Supply

John W. Paulsen, Deputy County Attorney, Division of County Counsel
Mary Martin, Animal Care and Control Services

MEETING RECESSED

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

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board