

**SPECIAL SESSION
November 20, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Special Session at 9th Avenue and Madison Street, Phoenix, Arizona, at 9:00 A.M., November 20, 2002, 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; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR HOMELESS CAMPUS

Marty Shultz, Vice President of Public Affairs for Pinnacle West, welcomed those present to dedicate this land for the new Human Services Campus and said that their participation was a sign of a caring community. He said that this is the result of a tremendous cooperative effort from countless people and organizations. He added, "David Smith must be mentioned for his persistence in sparking this issue with the public and for taking upon himself "the vision of this project and spreading it to others." (ADM2519)

Bishop O'Brien gave the invocation and donated \$10,000 to the Campus fund on behalf of the Phoenix Diocese.

Mr. Shultz recognized elected officials and dignitaries attending the ceremony including all five Maricopa County Supervisors (named above), Jan Brewer, newly elected Secretary of State and former County Supervisor, Tom Smith, Deb Guilet, Elaine Scruggs, Ben Arredondo, Dennis Cahill, Steve Roth, Mike Waylan, Andrea Devlin, Sandy Funiza, Paul Berman, Barnett Lotstein, Jane Sorensen and Sherman Dubestic.

Supervisor Wilcox said that this land was a tent city with people living in cardboard boxes two decades ago and now there is a comprehensive plan to build an integrated shelter for the homeless on the same site and said that this was one indication of how much government has evolved. She explained that in 1988 discussion had started from cities, towns, the County and service organizations for some kind of a continuum of care facility and this has culminated in this Human Services Campus. She indicated that there had been no one to spearhead the effort until recently when Maricopa County started the fund with a \$6 million donation and others followed this lead. She said, "It is a huge project but with many hands the work will be done."

Many others joined in to express feelings and opinions on this project, including the following: The Honorable Michael Johnson, Phoenix City Council; The Honorable Phil Gordon, Phoenix City Council; Mark Holleran, Executive Director, Central AZ Shelter Services

Construction is expected to start during the summer of 2003 with an 18-month timeline, and the "ribbon cutting" is expected to be held during the winter of 2004-05. Funds raised so far total approximately \$15.6M and another \$9M will be needed for completion.

The groundbreaking ceremony ended as the first shovel-full of dirt was lifted from the ground.

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