

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
August 22, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 8:00 a.m., August 22, 2003, at the Human Services Campus, Ninth Street and Madison, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS.

More than 150 individuals attended this groundbreaking event and it marked the start of construction on the Human Services Campus, which is estimated to cost approximately \$23 million. The campus will provide integrated services and case management for chronically homeless men and women who congregate in downtown Phoenix.

Supervisor Wilcox gave the welcome and Chairman Brock introduced special guests and gave background information on efforts that began three years ago and are culminating in today's groundbreaking celebration. Others speaking included Rev. Warren Stewart, First Institutional Baptist Church, Secretary of State Jan Brewer, Marty Shultz, Co-Chairman, HSC Capital Campaign, Councilman Michael Johnson, City of Phoenix, Dan Withers, President DL Withers Construction, and Mark Holleran, Managing Director of the Human Services Campus, Supervisor Wilcox also made the closing remarks.

County studies report at least 13,000 homeless people at any given time. One in five is under the age of 18; about 50 percent are substance abusers; at least 25 percent have serious mental health disorders; 25 percent are female victims of domestic violence; 40 percent are veterans; 11 percent are more than 60 years old and 40 percent are families with children.

The Human Services Campus will be an integrated downtown center to provide a wide spectrum of services and represents a unique collaborative effort among faith-based, private, non-profit, governmental and community organizations. The Campus will provide both services and security for the homeless and at-risk populations requiring assistance, and will help provide a greater level of safety for the community as a whole.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board