

**INFORMAL SESSION
December 5, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Informal Session at 9:00 a.m., December 5, 2005 in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max W. Wilson, Chairman, District 4; Don Stapley, Vice Chairman, District 2 and Andrew Kunasek, District 3. Absent: Fulton Brock, District 1 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney and Anne Longo, Assistant Chief Counsel. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MCDOT ROAD PRIDE SIGN PROGRAM

Item:

- o Presentation of the MCDOT Road Sign Program concept and network of selected county-owned and maintained roads to demonstrate Road PRIDE signs.
- o Approve the recommended MCDOT Road PRIDE Sign Program and Maricopa County road locations to place the signs. The initial installation of 11 locations will cost approximately \$2,014.46. The costs to remove all of the signs after three years will be less than \$500.00. All costs will be paid for by the operating budget. Approval of this agenda item is contingent upon the Board adopting the recommended FY 2008-09 budget. (C6406086M00) (ADM2000-005)
M. Kent Hamm, Division Manager, Project Manager, Construction Division

Kent Hamm showed the Board one of the eleven signs to be used in the MCDOT Road PRIDE Sign Program at selected County locations. If approved, these signs are designed to let residents know when they are traveling on a County road vs. city or state road, and to let motorists realize how well-maintained the County roads are by comparison. In three years the signs can be retrieved and reinstalled at different locations.

In response to a question from Supervisor Kunasek, Mr. Hamm gave locations for installation of several of the signs that included, Carefree Highway, Vulture Mine Road, Wickenburg Road, McDowell Mountain Road and a section of Riggs Road. The signs will be located in different County locations.

Supervisor Stapley said he believed this was a good idea and would particularly like to see a sign at one of the newly completed projects where the County has really had to "step up to fill-in a gap" like Gilbert Road to the Beeline Highway and the Ellsworth Project, when completed. He looks forward to learning the public's reaction to this project after six to twelve months.

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Kunasek, and unanimously carried (3-0-2) to approve the MCDOT Road Pride Sign Program as presented.

BUDGETING FOR RESULTS GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES

Item: Approve the Budgeting for Results Guidelines and Priorities for FY 2006-07 that provide direction from the Board of Supervisors to the Office of Management and Budget and all departments so that a structurally-balanced budget is developed for the upcoming fiscal year. (C4906019800) (ADM1826)
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Christopher Bradley, Deputy Budget Director

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Brian Hushek, Deputy Budget Director

Ms. Wilson said this year's guidelines would be similar in nature to those in previous years for the Special Districts as well as for the Board. She explained that all of the funds (in regards to supporting wage and benefit increases) face a challenge in the FY 2006-07 budget. OMB plans diligent efforts to offset these increases by efficiency savings through the Managing for Results program. She added that AHCCCS and ALTCS contributions will continue to be a budget risk for the County as these are contingent on State Legislative action, which must be funded before other budget items.

She said there is no new funding for jail construction budgeted because studies indicate this won't be necessary if the average length of stay for inmates is reduced, and there is a plan for this to happen that would be detailed later in the meeting. Chairman Wilson asked if this would affect the rebuilding or renovation of the existing jails. Ms. Wilson replied that the renovation of the Madison Street Jail is still in the budget for this year and next year as part of the five-year plan.

She said that the revenue forecast is fairly optimistic. OMB will be looking at funding requests for new programs during the next fiscal year to make certain funds are being spent appropriately. She said that Public Health, Safety and Justice projects have the highest priority.

Chris Bradley reported that the Board's Strategic Plan for the County includes the following spending priorities:

- o Responding to issues of public safety
- o Addressing issues to reduce jail overcrowding, principally by reducing the average length of stay
- o Improving the response to disasters and emergencies by introducing national standards, particularly focusing on responses to bio-terrorist attacks
- o Addressing any mandated public health issues that arise

He referenced the trends in jail population issues, which are driven by two things, the number of people booked into the jail and how long they stay. The total number of bookings can fluctuate year to year, but the growth rate over the past 10 years has averaged less than the growth rate for the general population. He reported on variations for three scenarios, optimistic, pessimistic and a most-likely mid-range forecast.

In 1997 the average jail stay for an inmate was 22 days and this covered both sentencing and pre-trial time. By October 2005, this average had increased to 30 days and if the average continues to escalate at this rate the average stay would be 45 days in 2015. Mr. Bradley said that if this could be reduced back to 22 days there should be no need to build any new jails. If that reversal continued at the current rate the need in 10 years should only be for approximately 9,700 beds, which would actually be less than what is shown today. He said, "So, what this indicates to us is that this is a management problem." During the next year, the jails' Master Plan Update ongoing study will focus on how to actually bring about the optimistic or most likely results.

Chairman Wilson asked what the current per-day cost is for each prisoner. Mr. Bradley replied that it is presently around \$55 a day per prisoner.

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Brian Hushek reported on projects that relate to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), saying that they will continue to be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. He confirmed that these projected guidelines do not include any new funding for additional detention facilities. He gave the next fiscal year budget calendar from budget development through setting the tax rate on August 21, 2006.

Supervisor Stapley said the staff has again done a fine job on this new set of budget guidelines and have accurately considered the circumstances facing the County during the next year. He thanked them for their continued hard work.

Supervisor Kunasek also praised the management staff, saying, "It is a good sign to show restraint in relatively good times. It is a discipline that Maricopa County should be proud of – that it's not only adopted but I think it's been accepted by both elected and planning departments as the best way to do the people's business."

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Kunasek, and unanimously carried (3-0-2) to approve the Budgeting for Results Guidelines and Priorities for FY 2006-07.

DONATIONS FOR COMBINED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley to approve the following items, and he asked David Smith to comment on the Pioneer Ford contribution.

- a. Donation of a two year lease from Pioneer Ford of a Ford Focus at no cost to the county for the Combined Charitable Campaign. (C2106006400) (ADM3311-001)
- b. Cash and in-kind contributions generated for the 2006 Combined Charitable Campaign through corporate sponsorships and donations. These contributions will support the expenses associated with the Maricopa County 2006 Combined Charitable Campaign and will also be used as incentives to encourage employee participation. Itemized listings of commitments and donations received are on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office. (ADM3311-002)

David Smith said that there have been some wonderful vendors who work with the County each year to help out with this campaign and obviously the major donation from Pioneer Ford for a two-year leased vehicle will be a desired priority in the drawing. Employees who contributed to this campaign will be eligible for the prizes, including the Ford. He said that this year's bowling and golf tournaments were very successful and added that the winning score for the 4-ball golf Scramble was 57, showing that some good players are participating. He said that they would realize close to \$80,000 from the golf tournament.

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kunasek, and unanimously carried (3-0-2).

COMMENTS

Supervisor Stapley welcomed Tom Manos back to the County following his advisory leave to assist the Special Health Care District over the past several months.

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Mr. Stapley added that he had just returned from the Fall Board Meeting of the National Association of Counties (NACo) where their 2006 budget was approved. He said that this organization does much good as it speaks for all of America's counties in a united voice focusing on county issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek, seconded by Supervisor Stapley, and unanimously carried (3-0-2) to recess and reconvene in Executive Session to consider items listed on the Executive Agenda dated December 5, 2005, pursuant to listed statutory authority, as follows.

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION -- ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

1. **Compromise Cases** – Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel
Eric Alexander, Lisa Allen, Leisel Hamblin, Navila Khan, Judy Morales, Lisa Postell,
Ruben Quintana, Sasha Marie Spence, Joshua Woltman
2. **Write-Off Cases** – Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel
Patrick Dossey, Tanya Ruff

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

3. **Carol Ann Agster, et vir., v. Maricopa County, et al.**
U.S. District Court No. CIV -02-1686-PHX-JAT
Brian Kaven, Outside Counsel
Daniel Jantsch, Outside Counsel
Richard Strohm, Outside Counsel
Peter Crowley, Risk Manager
Patrick Spencer, Claims Manager

LEGAL ADVICE – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3)

4. **County Regional School District/Accommodation Schools Funding Issues**
Anne Longo, Assistant Chief Counsel, Civil Division
Bruce White, Deputy County Attorney
Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Brian Hushek, Deputy Budget Director

CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

5. **Contract With Lake Pleasant Marina Partners**
William Scalzo, Director, Parks and Recreation
Tina Allen, Administrator, Parks and Recreation
Thomas Timmons, Contracts Administrator, Parks and Recreation
Jennifer Lawrence, West Side Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
Kevin Costello, Deputy County Attorney

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THE FOLLOWING ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

~~LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION — ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)~~

6. ~~Potential Recovery of Tax Credits for Owner-Occupied Housing~~
~~Keith Russell, Maricopa County Assessor~~
~~Fred Kelly, Chief Deputy Assessor~~
~~Jean Rice, Deputy County Attorney~~
~~Jerry Fries, Outside Counsel~~

MEETING ADJOURNED

After consideration of the above items, and 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