

**Informal Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 14, 2009**  
**Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Maricopa County, Arizona**  
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control District,  
Library District, Stadium District, Improvement Districts,  
and/or Board of Deposit)



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities."

**Board Members**

Don Stapley, Chairman, District 2  
Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman, District 1  
Andrew Kunasek, District 3  
Max Wilson, District 4  
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

**County Manager**

David Smith

**Clerk of the Board**

Fran McCarroll

**Meeting Location**

Supervisors' Conference Room  
301 W. Jefferson, 10th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman, District 2; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman, District 1; Andrew Kunasek, District 3; Max Wilson, District 4; Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; and Paul Golab, Outside Counsel to the Board

### **Board of Supervisors**

**1. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STANDARDS FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS - WITHDRAWN**

Presentation and discussion regarding Board adoption of financial disclosure standards for County Elected Officials.

Jack LaSota, Miller, LaSota & Peters PLC  
Kristin Mackin, Miller, LaSota & Peters PLC (C-06-10-223-P-00)

The Clerk announced that this item had been withdrawn.

### **PRESENTATION AND ACTION**

#### **Planning and Development**

**2. MARICOPA COUNTY ECO-EMPLOYEE PROGRAM NOMINATION AWARD**

Present an award to the winner of the 2009 Maricopa County Eco-Employee contest, and accept a donation from County Manager David Smith for a foldable bike and from the Slippery Pig Bike Shop for a U-Lock and Bell Venture Helmet.

In an effort to increase employee awareness of regional sustainability, a contest was developed to acknowledge the Maricopa County Eco-Employee who has demonstrated substantial leadership in furthering Maricopa County's vision towards regional sustainability.  
(C-44-10-049-9-00)

Joy Rich, Assistant County Manager, thanked the Board, Mr. Smith, and all who had participated in this contest. She introduced Jonce Walker, the Sustainability Manger. Mr. Walker informed the Board of the various aspects of this contest including the fact that there were approximately 170 nominations. Of those nominees, seven received the highest rating in every category. Therefore, the final decision was very difficult.

Joy Rich, Assistant County Manager  
Jonce Walker, Sustainability Manager

Ultimately, the winner was selected on the following environmental efforts:

- Reducing waste
- Recycling consumables
- Recycling gray water
- Use of solar panels
- Working from home
- Taking Tupperware to restaurant for leftovers

A short video presentation provided highlights of the sustainability of the winner, Ms. Denise Mica of the Public Health Department.

The bicycle and helmet were awarded to Ms. Mica. Mr. Walker thanked all who participated and helped with this contest.

## **Government Relations**

### **3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2010 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

Presentation regarding the Proposed 2010 Legislative Package. At the conclusion of the presentation, approve Proposed 2010 Legislative Package. The 2010 Legislative Package is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office. (C-20-10-022-P-00)

*Diane Sikokis, Director, Government Relations  
Richard Bohan, Legislative Liaison  
Will Barnow, Federal Relations and Intergovernmental Coordinator*

Diane Sikokis, Director, Government Relations reported that proposed legislative leadership teams remained unchanged. However, fifteen members of the legislature would not be returning next year. Ms. Sikokis narrated and commented on a slide presentation of the agenda Maricopa County is proposing to offer in the second 2010 Legislative Session. The presentation highlighted the fact that the number one priority was to review all bills to watch for financial impacts to the County related to what may happen with the State budget.

Major points of disagreements with State legislative actions or proposed actions were discussed, including the various ideas the State has proposed to bring the State's budget under control. Many of these ideas would effectively penalize counties by saddling with additional expenses. Members believed it is important to notify Maricopa County taxpayers that their tax dollars are going to the State to pay their bills, hoping taxpayer protests will sway State actions. Maricopa County is the largest County in the State and, therefore, manages the largest County budget. This often means that Maricopa County pays a disproportionate amount in State budget-balancing plans. Members will be in contact with legislative leaders to try to forestall such actions. Supervisor Kunasek asked for an historical analysis to show the reductions and the cuts the County has taken, despite a 50% cut in revenue, whereas, the State has made very few reductions in spending. The State needs proof that their plans have not worked and changes need to be made in State government, other than to rob the counties.

Supervisor Brock expressed concerns about the State's credit rating. He felt that interest rates could rise dramatically if the credit rating drops as he expects to happen based on warrant financial conditions. He felt that structural changes were needed in Arizona.

Rick Bohan, Legislative Liaison, provided information on additional County initiatives including:

- Luke Air Force Base Preservation
- Renewable Energy Initiatives to promote advanced usage
- Mental Health Expert use for competency exams to be returned to judicial discretion
- Annexation finalization notification to counties within 60 days
- Removal of Sunset Clause on the Alternative Project Delivery Methods
- Board of Adjustment as Planning case reviewers retaining BOS retrieval of case
- Internal Audit confidentiality and protection of working same as for State
- Tax Deeded Land Sales purchases by county if not purchased at auction
- Photo Radar Process Reform to reduce volume of cases overwhelming Justice Courts
- Increased penalties for not controlling dogs with a history of attacks and injuring people

Will Barnow, Federal Relations and Intergovernmental Coordinator, provided an update on several federal issues including the Health Care Bill, the Jobs Bill, Cap and Trade and stimulus monies. He reported that the Human Services department had received several stimulus grants and Public Health had also received some. There are currently some grants pending related to Transportation Department grants such as the Gilbert Bridge project. Arizona will maintain a high level of transparency in spending these monies. Maricopa County has created a website for citizens to view the use of ARRA grants. The site is: [www.maricopa.gov/ARRA](http://www.maricopa.gov/ARRA).

Supervisor Wilcox said she is opposed to the Board of Adjustment reviewing the code enforcement cases, believing this should remain with the Board of Supervisors, however, she indicated she would support the majority decision. Members were mixed on this issue. Joy Rich said it would "untie the Board's hands" if they did not act as judges.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Brock. Supervisor Wilcox noted her objections to giving code enforcement actions to the Board of Adjustment.

Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

## **ACTION**

### **Board of Supervisors**

#### **4. REVISED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY TREASURER**

Approve the revised settlement agreement with the Maricopa County Treasurer in the matter of Charles Hoskins v. Maricopa County (CV2008-022513) and Charles Hoskins v. Maricopa County (CV2009-027120) as discussed in Executive Session, December 10, 2009; and further, authorize the Chairman to make any non-material (e.g., non-financial) changes requested by Mr. Hoskins and execute all final settlement documents upon review and approval of legal counsel. (C-06-10-203-S-01)

This item taken out of order and was considered during a recess in the following Executive Session.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Brock.

Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider items on the Executive Agenda dated December 14, 2009, for Board of Supervisors and relevant Special Districts pursuant to statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to approve by Supervisor Brock, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox

Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

After consideration of the executive session agenda items and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board