

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL MEETING
July 19, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:30 a.m., July 19, 2002, at the Superior Court Northwest Regional Center, northwest corner of Greenway and Litchfield Roads, Surprise, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Max W. Wilson and Mary Rose Wilcox. Absent: Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; and Andy Kunasek. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; and David Smith, County Administrative Officer.

DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING OF THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTHWEST REGIONAL CENTER

Item: Superior Court Northwest Regional Center (ADM 1002)

Colin F. Campbell, Superior Court Presiding Judge welcomed the attendees to the grand opening. The intent of regional court centers is to bring courts to the people who use them. Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts are the traditional local courts, but they are limited jurisdiction courts. This new facility will house four Superior Court Divisions.

Chairman Stapley stated that he was pleased to see this facility, serving the northwest valley, become a reality. The goal of regional services is to meet the needs of the outlying areas, and he predicted that this center would become the heart of judicial services for this community. Stating that technology is a top priority for this center, Chairman Stapley complimented Michael Jeanes, Maricopa County Clerk of the Court, on being instrumental in implementing technology in the court facilities.

Supervisor Wilson praised the construction of this "well-built, beautifully designed" facility and its record time completion. He also praised Mayor Joan Shafer and the City of Surprise for their hospitality and cooperation on this project.

Having formally represented the area, Supervisor Wilcox stated that the City of Surprise had worked for many years toward obtaining a regional center, and she was happy to have been a part of the initial planning as well as the completion of this project.

Joan H. Shafer, Mayor, City of Surprise, provided an historical overview of the property reporting that it was formerly used as a runway for the Greenway Army/Airforce Base. Mayor Shafer remarked that the entire Surprise City Council worked diligently toward making this a reality.

Mr. Jeanes briefly stated that the Clerk of the Court's staff is dedicated to bringing quality public services and worked closely with courts to make this a reality.

David Smith, County Administrative Officer, remarked that the \$3 million cost of the facility was a great value. In the recent past, the County decided to target areas for regional services, and the City of Surprise immediately responded to partner in this project. A similar project in the City of Avondale is currently being discussed.

In closing the program, Judge Campbell recognized the builder, LMC Design & Construction, Inc. He reported that court calendars begin rotation in the facility on July 22, 2002. Judge Campbell expressed his hope that this project will serve as a model for other communities around the County.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Don Stapley, Chairman of the
Board

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