

**SPECIAL SESSION
February 3, 2006**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County Arizona convened in Special Session at 1:00 p.m. February 3, 2006, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman, District 2; Andrew Kunasek, District 3, Max W. Wilson, District 4. Absent: Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman, District 1 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Cassandra Harris, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

APPOINT STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT 7

Item: Appointment to fill a vacancy for State Representative in District 7 (ADM 682)

Chairman Stapley welcomed everyone and stated that Supervisor Fulton Brock, District 1 and Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5 would not be in attendance; however, a quorum was present.

Chairman Stapley extended a welcome to State Representative Ray Barnes, District 7; State Representative Gary Pierce, District 19 and Helen Purcell, County Recorder.

Chairman Stapley stated that the opportunity to appoint a State Representative did not happen often, particularly under these circumstances. He extended a personal thank you to the Precinct Committeemen in District 7 for the excellent job in sending the names of three very qualified individuals for consideration in the nomination process to the Board of Supervisors in a timely fashion. Matt Salmon, who is the Party Chairman of the Statewide Republican Party, conducted the District meeting last Tuesday evening, January 31.

Chairman Stapley stated that there were three people from District 7 that he would like to acknowledge who were selected by the Precinct Committeemen in this reappointment process. Harold Levine and Nancy Barto were present, and Harold Sprague may join the meeting. Mr. Sprague did spend time with members of the Board individually last week.

While the Legislature is in Session, Chairman Stapley explained that the statute gives the Board of Supervisors five days to make a reappointment. He stated that while the Supervisors would like to take as much time as possible in deliberation, they also realized that with the five-day limit a decision would have to be made by this afternoon, as weekends count and the fifth day would be on Sunday. That was the reason behind having the meeting this afternoon.

Chairman Stapley announced that the Board of Supervisors were now assembled to conduct the business of filling the vacancy for State Representative in District 7 and recognized Supervisor Kunasek.

Supervisor Kunasek indicated that Representative Pierce was the last appointment made by the Board of Supervisors to fill a vacancy at the State Legislature. He acknowledged that three very good candidates were forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. All of the candidates did bring a separate skill set and life experiences, and Supervisor Kunasek thanked those from District 7 who were involved in the candidate selection.

Supervisor Kunasek stated that "it was a difficult decision, but with all of the information presented and with personal experience to lean on," he was comfortable in nominating Nancy K. Barto to fill the vacancy for

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State Representative in District 7. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wilson and was carried unanimously (3-0-2).

Chairman Stapley reported that "Mrs. Barto had served as District 7 Chairman, is an Arcadia High School graduate, has other admirable skills and she will do a great job at the State Legislature." Mrs. Barto will be in this position for the remainder of the term, which is just this year, with elections in the fall.

Supervisor Wilson stated that any of the three nominees would have been a good choice as they were all top notch individuals.

In response to a question from Chairman Stapley, Clerk of the Board, Fran McCarroll stated that immediately following the meeting, Clerk Certifications would be prepared for several state government offices, including the Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. This information would be forwarded to the appropriate individuals certifying the action of this Board of Supervisors. She added that Mrs. Barto would be sworn in by appropriate persons at the state level.

The Supervisors thanked everyone for their attendance and indicated they had received a number of expressions of support for all of the candidates. The Chairman offered Mrs. Barto a chance to make some comments.

Mrs. Barto introduced her husband, Joe Barto along with one daughter and son-in-law. Mrs. Barto extended a "thank you" to everyone stating "she was extremely humbled and honored to have the support of the District, Board of Supervisors and others." Mrs. Barto stated "she was hopeful to earn the trust of the voters by her actions during the rest of the session", and thanked the Supervisors for their patience, questions and input, indicating it would be very helpful. Mrs. Barto stated "she would review each piece of legislation as she grows into this new job."

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