



# **PINAL COUNTY**

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## **PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
9:31 AM**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Chairman Stephen Q. Miller**  
Supervisor, District 3

**Vice-Chairman Jeffrey McClure**  
Supervisor, District 4

**Rich Vitiello**  
Supervisor, District 1

**Mike Goodman**  
Supervisor, District 2

**Jeff Serdy**  
Supervisor, District 5

**PINAL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM  
135 N. PINAL STREET  
FLORENCE, AZ 85132**

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Chairman Miller offered for a Moment of Silence and the pledge of allegiance by Supervisor Serdy. The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:31 a.m. this date. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

**Members Present:** Chairman Stephen Q. Miller; Vice-Chairman Jeffrey McClure; Supervisor Rich Vitiello; Supervisor Mike Goodman; Supervisor Jeff Serdy

**Staff Present:** County Manager, Leo Lew; County Attorney, Brad Miller; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorneys, Chris Keller and Sherry Leckrone; Clerk of the Board, Natasha Kennedy and Deputy Clerk of the Board, Kyle Hills

(1) County Manager's Report (Information Only). (Leo Lew)

Leo Lew, County Manager provided the following update(s): due to recent inquiries and concerns surrounding fire prevention, mitigation, and preparedness's on March 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Work Session to help educate and answer questions.

**Item Action: Information Only**

(2) Presentation of Certificates of Service to employees for 20 and 25 years. (Leo Lew)

Leo Lew, County Manager presented Certificates of Years of Service.

Alex Robinson, Pinal County Animal Care and Control Supervisor appeared before the Board and spoke in recognition of JJ Johnson's years of service and dedication.

JJ Johnson, Animal Protection Officer appeared before the Board and thanked Pinal County for the opportunity to serve.

Brad Miller, County Attorney appeared before the Board and spoke in recognition of Kat Ortega's years of service and dedication.

Katherine Ortega, Administrative Manager appeared before the Board.

Adrienne Kelso, Juvenile Court Services Division Manager appeared before the Board and spoke in recognition of Jesse Gutierrez, Detention Officer's years of service and dedication.

Jason Cantrell, Interim Chief Information Officer appeared before the Board and spoke on behalf of Curt Lindblom, Keith Sexton, and Randy Hampton's years of service and dedication.

Curt Lindblom, Web Application Manager and Keith Sexton, GIS Analyst Senior appeared before the Board.

**Item Action: Information Only**

- (3) Supervisor District update(s) regarding notable current or upcoming events concerning the district (Information Only). (Stephen Q. Miller)

Supervisor Serdy provided the following District #5 update(s): highlighted the Lost Dutchman Marathon, and Lost Dutchman Day's is Friday through Sunday, and encouraged constituents to stop by the County booth.

Supervisor Goodman provided the following District #2 update(s): highlighted Compassion Queen Creek Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, noted the community has been reaching out to be involved in the Zoning Code Update, and touched on roads and construction.

Vice-Chairman McClure provided the following District #4 update(s): highlighted the San Carlos Irrigation Project (SKIP) meeting held last week, on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> is the Tri Community Cleanup event at 31256 Erickson Ave. San Manuel, and the Florence Car Show is this weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Supervisor Vitiello provided the following District #1 update(s): invited the community to reach out if they are in need of a free meeting space for up to 26 people from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. located at 19955 N. Wilson Ave. Suite 100, and highlighted; at the State Legislative Meeting yesterday State Route 347 overpass at Riggs Road was supported, recent town council meetings attended/attending, Sky Village Dino Park upcoming meeting, Be Awesome youth program, Copa Cultural Night Market is Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Copper Sky Regional Park, and the Wild West Festival will be coming back this year.

Chairman Miller provided the following District #3 update(s): highlighted March 29<sup>th</sup> Taco Fest hosted by the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, and thanked Supervisor McClure for his work on the SKIP project.

#### **Item Action: Information Only**

- (4) Discussion and update(s) regarding the 2025 state and federal legislative session, including bills, budget proposals, committee hearings, and pending or proposed upcoming legislation requests from Board of Supervisor members, state or federal legislators, or their staff in attendance. (Stephen Q. Miller/Dana Lewis)

Chairman Miller provided Legislative Update(s); reviewed the County Supervisors Association (CSA) Legislative Policy Committee; SB 1065 oppose, SCR 1004 support, HB 2704 oppose, HB 2763 support, HB 2918 oppose, HB 2926 oppose, HB 2927 oppose, HB 2928 oppose, SB 1352 and SB 1148 discussion only.

Discussion held regarding the process of the CSA Legislative Policy Committee, opposition and lack of funding by the following Board Members; Chairman Miller and Supervisor Serdy.

Dana Lewis, Recorder and Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) 3rd Vice-Chair appeared before the Board and provided Legislative Update(s); reviewed the AACo Legislative Policy Committee and Board of Directors Meeting; background, timeline, elections, water, transportation, treasurer and assessor, and other supporting notables.

Further discussion held regarding how we get State Route 24 appropriated by the legislature, and representative involvement by the following Board Members and Staff; Supervisor Serdy, Supervisor Vitiello, and Dana Lewis.

#### **Item Action: Information Only**

- (5) Updates related to the Elections Department and County Recorder, focusing on recent activities, upcoming initiatives, and essential information (Information Only). (Dana Lewis)

Dana Lewis, Recorder appeared before the Board and provided the following update(s): spoke regarding the review of changes underway with the Secretary of State's Office for proposed Election Procedural Manual changes, with a public comment period August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, the voter education working group meets monthly to educate the public on election processes and address any concerns, and on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Work Session we will be presenting our findings of potential reprecincting of voting precincts, highlighted upcoming voter outreach events Lost Dutchman Days, Coolidge Cotton Days, Pinal County Fair, and Gila Indian River Community Fair, and Potential August 5<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> Elections.

Vice-Chairman McClure asked for clarification regarding the Voter Education Working Group.

Dana Lewis, Recorder state for the Record the Voter Education Working Group is held the last Friday of each month.

**Item Action: Information Only**

- (6) Purchasing Division Report - February 19, 2025. (Angeline Woods)

Angeline Woods, Office of Budget and Finance Director appeared before the Board and presented.

**Item Action: Approved the Purchasing Division Report as presented**

Motion Made By: Supervisor McClure

Seconded By: Supervisor Vitiello

To approve the Purchasing Division Report as presented.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- (7) **CONSENT ITEMS:**

All items indicated by an asterisk (\*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board Member, County Manager, or member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

Chairman Miller announced Item Q has been pulled, and asked if there were any requests from a Board Member, staff or the audience to remove any additional consent agenda items for discussion.

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon requested to pull Items I, J, and AB.

**Item Action: Approved Consent Agenda Items A through AQ, Minus I, J, Q, and AB**

Motion Made By: Supervisor McClure

Seconded By: Supervisor Serdy

To approve Consent Agenda Items A through AQ, Minus I, J, Q, and AB.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

Pulled Consent Agenda Items were heard in the following order; Q, I, J, and AB.

- \* A. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Minutes from January 29, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. (Natasha Kennedy)
- \* B. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the current billings before the Board. (Natasha Kennedy)
- \* C. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the reappointment of Orlenda Roberts, Casa Grande, AZ 85194 to the Agriculture Extension Board. Orlenda Roberts' Term of Service will be from April 2, 2025, through April 1, 2027. This reappointment has been recommended for approval by the University of Arizona County Extension Agent. (Natasha Kennedy)
- \* D. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for Temporary Extension of Premises/Patio Permit Application of Peter Schelstraete of Denim & Diamonds, 20585 E. Water Way, Florence, AZ 85132, on the following dates:
  - Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
  - Friday, April 11, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
  - Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
  - Sunday, April 13, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
 Additionally, authorizing the Clerk of the Board to execute and submit all necessary documents to the State. Supervisor District #5. (Natasha Kennedy)
- \* E. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pinal County and the Arizona State Board of Equalization for Property Tax Reviews and Appeals. IGA entered into pursuant to A.R.S. 11-952 and 42-16102(C). (Natasha Kennedy)
- \* F. Discussion/approval/disapproval of an additional FY 24/25 Non-Profit Contribution. Acceptance also approves a \$15,000 amendment to the FY 24/25 budget and transfers reserve appropriation from Fund 10 (Project Contingency) to Fund 10 (BOS Contributions) to increase expenditure appropriations. The amendment is necessary due to a delay in the nonprofit's vendor registration process, which prevented the reimbursement from being processed in the previous fiscal year. (Leo Lew)
- \* G. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the Capital Fund Program Resolution No. 021925-CFP-HUD 2024-2028 and Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan 2024. (Rolanda Cephas/Cathryn Whalen)
- \* H. Discussion/approval/disapproval of authorization to close the bank account for the Resident Opportunity Self Sufficient Program (ROSS), which Pinal County Housing Authority no longer manages and for authorization for the Clerk of the Board to sign a letter to inform the bank of said action. Banking institution Wells Fargo account. (Rolanda Cephas/Cathryn Whalen)

#### **Item I Pulled from Consent Agenda**

- \* I. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Intergovernmental Agreement No. EV23-0035, Amendment No. 1, between the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Pinal County Air Quality Control District, through the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, effective December 18, 2023, through June 30, 2028. The amendment increases the 66.034 PM2.5 Monitoring Network 103 Project Grant subaward amount to \$97,460 and includes Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) CADMRI Grant subaward amount of \$169,649. This award will be used by the Air Quality Control District to support the PM2.5, PM10, Monitoring and Ozone network activities, staffing, safety upgrades, supporting operations and special projects. The award was included in the current year's budget. (Anu Jain)

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon appeared before the Board and inquired regarding the recent freeze on federal funding, what impact on our environmental air quality will be effected.

Joshua De Zeeuw, Deputy Director Air Quality appeared before the Board and presented regarding the environmental impact in Randolph for special monitoring, the remaining funding will be utilized for safety upgrades, and the last report from the State is the Federal funding is frozen.

**Item Action: Approved**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Vitiello

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve Consent Item I.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

**Item J Pulled from Consent Agenda**

- \* J. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-AD24-011 accepting the distribution of funds from USDA under Titles I and III of The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) for 2023. Title I Funding is utilized; by Public Works to support the maintenance of roadways that fall within the National Forest Boundaries and Pinal County, and by Pinal County School Superintendent's Office for informational purposes, it is the intent of the School Superintendent's Office to utilize the provided forest fees funds for the benefit of public schools (A.R.S. 11-497) by providing professional development services which will promote teacher growth and efficiency that will benefit the education of students. Title III Funding is utilized by Pinal County Office of Emergency Management for activities under the Firewise Communities Program and for other emergency management purposes. Acceptance also approves a FY budget amendment to move revenue and expenditure capacity from fund 64 (PW Title III Forest) to fund 196 (Emergency Mgmt Title III Forest). (AD24-011) (Joe Ortiz/Kore Redden/Tonya Taylor)

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon appeared before the Board and inquired regarding the recent freeze on federal funding, relating to our rural schools and development of our teachers.

Joe Ortiz, Development Services Managing Director appeared before the Board and confirmed similar to Item I, this funding is likely frozen however, requests approval in the event it becomes available in the future.

**Item Action: Approved**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve Consent Item J.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- \* K. Discussion/approval/disapproval of a Final Plat for Skyline Village – Parcel 2. Supervisor District #2. (FP22-052) (Muhannad Zubi/Joe Ortiz)
- \* L. Discussion/approval/disapproval of a Final Plat for Skyline Village – Parcel 6. Supervisor District #2. (FP22-054) (Muhannad Zubi/Joe Ortiz)
- \* M. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-063A accepting amendment to Resolution No. 112024-RD24-063 to correct legal description for a portion on Thompson Road. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-063A) (Celeste Garza/Joe Ortiz)
- \* N. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-108 accepting Third Party Trust Assurance Agreement No. 60,580, associated with Sherwood Park – Unit 1, located in Section 22, Township 3 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-108) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* O. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-109 accepting Third Party Trust Assurance Agreement No. 60,580, associated with Sherwood Park – Unit 2, located in Section 22, Township 3 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-109) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* P. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-110 accepting Third Party Trust Assurance Agreement No. 60,580, associated with Sherwood Park – Unit 3, located in Section 22, Township 3 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-110) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)

#### **Item Q Pulled from Consent Agenda**

- \* Q. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Consent Agreement for Transfer of County Right-of-Way from Pinal County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona to the Town of Queen Creek, an Arizona municipal property corporation, for right-of-way to a portion on Gary Road. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-118) (Celeste Garza/Joe Ortiz)

Celeste Garza, Public Works Deputy Director appeared before the Board and requested this be withdrawn.

#### **Item Action: Withdrawn**

Motion Made By: Supervisor McClure

Seconded By: Supervisor Goodman

To withdraw Item Q as requested.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- \* R. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-120 accepting amended Warranty Deed from Hunt Highway LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, Grantee to Pinal County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, for right of way to a portion on Hunt Highway. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-120) (Celeste Garza/Joe Ortiz)

- \* S. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-121 accepting Sidewalk Easement from EMP-GAN, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, associated with Commercial site plan #SPR-129-22, San Tan Vet Clinic. Supervisor District #2. (RD24-121) (Celeste Garza/Joe Ortiz)
- \* T. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-107 releasing Maintenance Bond No. CMS0353979, associated with Red Rock Village VIIIA, located in Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 10 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-107) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* U. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-111 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. SPA150868 002, associated with Silver Cross - Infrastructure located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-111) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* V. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-119 accepting Warranty Deed from El Dorado Arizona Farms, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, Grantor, to Pinal County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, Grantee, for right of way associated with plat of Silver Cross Parcel D. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-119) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* W. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-112 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. SPA150868 001, associated with Silver Cross – Offsite, located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-112) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* X. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-113 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. US007464, associated with Silver Cross – Parcel D, located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-113) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* Y. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-114 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. US007465, associated with Silver Cross – Parcel Q, located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-114) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* Z. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-115 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. 800171227, associated with Silver Cross – Parcel A, located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-115) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* AA. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-116 accepting Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond No. 800171228, associated with Silver Cross – Parcel R, located in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 8 East. Supervisor District #4. (RD24-116) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)



## **Item AB Pulled from Consent Agenda**

- \* AB. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) AZ FLAP PIN FR77 Modification No. 1 under the Federal Lands Access Program between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Pinal County with a new end date of Fall 2027, for an increased amount of \$22,350,000. This grant will be used by Development Services to improve 6.1 miles of East Peralta Road. This project is administered by FHWA - Central Federal Lands Division. This MOA supersedes the MOA approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 5, 2022. Supervisor District #5. (AD24-012) (Celeste Garza/Joe Ortiz)

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon appeared before the Board and inquired regarding the recent freeze on federal funding, and the impact on Peralta Road.

Celeste Garza, Public Works Deputy Director appeared before the Board and advised we have not been notified of any frozen funding as far as central federal land is concerned, this agreement will increase the amount of contribution from federal highways, and we are scheduled for Spring 2027 construction.

### **Item Action: Approved**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Serdy

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve Consent Item AB.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- \* AC. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 021925-RD24-117 acceptance of Arizona State Land Department, State of Arizona, Amendment to Right of Way Lease, Right of Way Number 16-105992-00 for public roadway purposes for a portion of El Camino Viejo located in Sections 36, 31, 32, 5 and 4, Townships 1S and 2S, Ranges 9E and 10 E. Supervisor District #5. (RD24-117) (Christopher Wanamaker/Joe Ortiz)
- \* AD. Discussion/approval/disapproval to submit a grant application to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program up to the amount up to \$350,000 with a 25% match requirement. This grant will be used by the Pinal County Attorney's Office for one full-time prosecutor and partial funding of an additional prosecutor to enhance drug, gang, or violent crime control efforts to deter, investigate, prosecute, adjudicate, and punish drug, gang, and related offenders. If awarded, funds will be budgeted during FY25/26 budget development. (Brad Miller)
- \* AE. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pinal County on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and The City of Eloy for Participation in the Pinal Regional Special Investigations Unit (PRSIU). This IGA is to establish a multi-agency task force to respond to, investigate, and report officer involved critical incidents, including but not limited to, discharge of a firearm by an officer in a use of force encounter and/or involving use of or intended use of deadly force by an officer during an on-duty or off-duty incident while acting under the color of law towards any other person. Effective July 1, 2025, A.R.S. 41-1762 requires that critical incidents investigations be referred either to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Critical Incident Bureau, a Regional Law Enforcement Task Force, or another Law Enforcement Agency to investigate critical incidents in the State of Arizona. (Ross Teeple)

- \* AF. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Multi-Agency Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team between the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and the City of Maricopa. This IGA is to establish a multi-agency special weapons and tactics team to provide an appropriate law enforcement response by a team of officers having specialized operational tactics training, skill, abilities and resources required in extraordinary situations, as determined by the Sheriff and/or Chief of Police of the Department. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AG. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Multi-Agency Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team between the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and the City of Coolidge. This IGA is to establish a multi-agency special weapons and tactics team to provide an appropriate law enforcement response by a team of officers having specialized operational tactics training, skill, abilities and resources required in extraordinary situations, as determined by the Sheriff and/or Chief of Police of the Department. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AH. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Award Agreement 24-AZDOHS-OPSG-240416- 01 under the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program between the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and Pinal County Sheriff's Office, through the Pinal County Board of Supervisors beginning February 1, 2025, ending March 31, 2026, for \$1,449,411. This grant will be used by the Sheriff's Office to support overtime, employee related expenses and mileage. The funding was adopted in the FY 24/25 budget. There is no impact on the General Fund. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AI. Discussion/approval/disapproval of Award Agreement 24-AZDOHS-OPSG-240416- 02 under the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program between the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and Pinal County Sheriff's Office, through the Pinal County Board of Supervisors beginning February 1, 2025, ending March 31, 2026, for \$451,755. This grant will be used by the Sheriff's Office for the overhaul of the Huey main rotor hub, aviation fuel, aircraft maintenance and parts, and other equipment. The funding was adopted in the FY 24/25 budget. There is no impact on the General Fund. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AJ. Discussion/approval/disapproval to accept the FY 24/25 Local Border Support appropriation between the Department of Public Safety and Pinal County, through the Pinal County Board of Supervisors beginning July 1, 2024, ending June 30, 2026, for \$1,110,992.39. This grant will be used by the Sheriff's Office Anti-Smuggling Unit to deter and apprehend any individuals who are charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes and support overtime for the mechanics in the aviation unit. Acceptance approves an amendment to the FY 24/25 budget to transfer reserve appropriation from Fund 213 (Grants/Project Contingency) to Fund 203 (Sheriff's Grants) to increase revenue and expenditure appropriations. The appropriation is a pro-rated amount. The remaining amount will be budgeted in FY 25/26. There is no impact on the General Fund. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AK. Discussion/approval/disapproval to submit a grant application to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Program for \$198,000. Match is required in the amount of \$49,500 (25%) and will be coming from the General Fund. This grant will be used by the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit for salary, EREs, overtime and training. (Ross Teeple)
- \* AL. Discussion/approval/disapproval of notification of intent to provide educational services of an accommodation school for the 25/26 school year. (Jill Broussard)

- \* AM. Discussion/approval/disapproval of partial abatement on improvement assessment only for 2012 to 2024 taxes and to change legal class from 03 (residential) to 02R (vacant land) pursuant to A.R.S. 42-18351.1 and A.R.S. 42-18352.D, for parcel 411- 08-12601. The parcel was assessed as land with improvements; per Assessor field check, the parcel is only vacant land. Prior years requires Board of Supervisor's approval for abatement. Supervisor District #3. (Diane Power/Michael McCord)
- \* AN. Discussion/approval/disapproval to accept the award for the Veterans Court Grant between the Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts and Pinal County through the Pinal County Board of Supervisors. The Adult Probation Office will use the award to support the services for those Adult Probationers who provide services to the Veterans of Pinal County. The funds were adopted in the FY24/25 budget. There is no impact on the General Fund. (John Fuery)
- \* AO. Discussion/approval/disapproval for retired Court Security Officer, Phillip Bentley, to purchase his duty weapon. Officer Bentley retired from service on January 31, 2025, following 25 years of service. Officer Bentley has requested to purchase his issued duty weapon, described as a Glock 9MM, at a price of \$25. Fair market value is approximately \$409. Purchase of an issued duty weapon upon retirement is in compliance with A.R.S. 38-1115A which allows an officer, upon his or her retirement, to purchase their weapon at a price determined by the Administrator of the agency. (Todd Zweig)
- \* AP. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the request by the Honorable Joseph Georgini, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, for the appointments of Chris Lapre and David Villa-Rodriguez as Initial Appearance Special Masters. Said appointments are made by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. No additional budget funds are required as funds previously budgeted for the FY24/25 are sufficient. (Katrina Solis/Todd Zweig)
- \* AQ. Discussion/approval/disapproval of the request by the Hon. Patricia Glover, Western Pinal Justice of the Peace, for the appointment of Jeffrey L. Traversino, Dawn Thompson, and Dawn Dutra. Request by Hon. John Ellsworth, Casa Grande Justice of the Peace, for the appointment of Reginald Winston and a request by the Hon. Shaun Babeu, Pioneer Justice of the Peace for the appointment of Sherwood Johnston, III and Henry Gooday as Justices of the Peace Pro Tempore. Said appointments will be made by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court upon approval of the Board of Supervisors. No additional budget funds are required as funds previously budgeted for FY24/25 are sufficient. (Shaun Babeu)

- (8) Meeting of the Pinal County Public Health Services District Board of Directors. (Merissa Mendoza/MaryEllen Sheppard)

Chairman Miller recessed the Pinal County Board of Supervisors Meeting and convened as the Pinal County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Meeting.

**Item Action: Convened into the Pinal County Public Health Services District Board Agenda**

Chairman Miller adjourned the Pinal County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Meeting and reconvened the Pinal County Board of Supervisors Meeting.

- (9) Call to the Public— A "call to the public" is the time period for members of the public to address the Board of Supervisors to provide public input relating to subject matter within the Board of Supervisors authority or jurisdiction. Those wishing to address the Board of Supervisors need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling it for further consideration and decision at a later date.

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The following members of the public appeared before the Board and spoke:

- Regarding pending legislation Bill 1019, SB 1163, SB 1243 and democracy; Barry McCain, City of Maricopa.
- Call to the Public concerns and guidelines; Nancy Hartl, Florence.
- Proclamations and requested Ira Hayes Day be recognized next year; Dea Podhajski, Apache Junction.
- Anti-bully Initiatives and Contest in schools in Coolidge, the importance of role models for our youth, and expanding these initiatives; Heidi Miller, Coolidge.
- Elections and HB 2703; Gayle Peters, San Tan Valley.
- Development Services Code Update costs, and federal funding spending and concerns; Jennifer Hilsboss, San Tan Valley.
- Highlighted the Legislative Proclamation in honor of the students, teachers, and support staff of Arizona's Pinal County School Districts and read the Proclamation; Jill Broussard, School Superintendent.
- In recognition of Black History Month, democracy concerns and freezing of federal funding; Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon.

Supervisor Vitiello responded to Barry McCain's comments and slander.

Supervisor Goodman requested in response to Jennifer Hilsboss comments, an update from Leo Lew, County Manager.

Leo Lew, County Manager advised he will confirm if the information has been distributed if not, he will ensure distribution.

**Item Action: Public Comments**

- (10) Discussion/approval/disapproval of the recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of application, series 006 Bar of Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz for Picacho Travel Center located at 16141 E. Peak Lane, Red Rock, AZ 85145 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute and submit all necessary documents to the State. Supervisor District #4. (Continued from February 5, 2025 Board Meeting) (Natasha Kennedy)

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board confirmed the twenty day required notice of posting has been confirmed and the recommended Motion is for approval.

**Item Action: Approved**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve the recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of application, series 006 Bar of Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz for Picacho Travel Center located at 16141 E. Peak Lane, Red Rock, AZ 85145 and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute and submit all necessary documents to the State.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- (11) **Public Hearing** and discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 2025-PZ-PA-014-24; Arizona State Land Department, Karen Dada, landowner/representative, Swaback PLLC, Jeffery M. Denzak applicant/agent, requesting, a Non-Major Comprehensive Plan amendment to the San Tan Valley Special Area Plan to re-designate 3238.7± acres from Suburban Neighborhood, Urban Transition, Urban Center and Suburban Office to ‘Special District’ land-use designation situated in Sections 4 and 8, and in portions of Sections 5, 7, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 03, South, Range 08 East, G&SRB&M, Tax parcels (legal on file), generally located north of Bella Vista Road, south of Hash Knife Draw Road, and east of Hunt Highway in the San Tan Valley area, in the unincorporated Pinal County. The Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously (10- 0) of case PZ-PA-014-24 with no stipulations. Supervisor District #2. (Sangeeta Deokar/Brent Billingsley)

Chairman Miller announced Items 11 and 12 will be discussed together.

Harvey Krauss, Planning Manager appeared before the Board and presented.

**Approximately 11:20 a.m.** – Brad Miller, County Attorney left the meeting and Sherry Leckrone, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney joined the counsel table.

Discussion held regarding the project; timeframe, conceptual transportation plan, comments received, and State Land Department’s role by the following Board Members and Staff; Chairman Miller, Vice-Chairman McClure, Supervisor Goodman, Supervisor Vitiello, and Harvey Krauss.

Chairman Miller opened the Collective Public Hearing for Items 11 and 12, and asked if members of the public are present in the audience who wish to address the Board to come forward at this time.

Carol Townsie, Queen Creek appeared before the Board, spoke in opposition and regarding valley fever concerns.

Chairman Miller closed the Collective Public Hearing.

**Item Action: Approved as presented with no Stipulations**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve Resolution No. 2025-PZ-PA-014-24; Arizona State Land Department, Karen Dada, landowner/representative, Swaback PLLC, Jeffery M. Denzak applicant/agent, requesting, a Non-Major Comprehensive Plan amendment to the San Tan Valley Special Area Plan to re-designate 3238.7± acres from Suburban Neighborhood, Urban Transition, Urban Center and Suburban Office to ‘Special District’ land-use designation situated in Sections 4 and 8, and in portions of Sections 5, 7, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 03, South, Range 08 East, G&SRB&M, Tax parcels (legal on file), generally located north of Bella Vista Road, south of Hash Knife Draw Road, and east of Hunt Highway in the San Tan Valley area, in the unincorporated Pinal County. The Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously (10-0) of case PZ-PA-014-24 with no stipulations.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

For the Record, Supervisor Vitiello explained his vote in favor.

For a transcription of the explanations of said vote please visit:

<https://pinalcountyaz.new.swagit.com/videos/335318>

- (12) **Public Hearing** and discussion/approval/disapproval of Ordinance No. 2025-PZ-028-24, an Ordinance approving case PZ-028-24; Arizona State Land Department, Karen Dada, landowner/representative, Swaback PLLC, Jeffery M. Denzak applicant/agent, requesting a rezone from General Rural (GR) to Large Master Plan Community (L-MPC) Zoning District on 3238.7+/- acres situated in Sections 4 and 8, and in portions of Sections 5, 7, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 03, South, Range 08 East, G&SRB&M, Tax parcels (legal on file), generally located north of Bella Vista Road, south of Hash Knife Draw Road, and east of Hunt Highway in the San Tan Valley area, in the unincorporated Pinal County. The Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously (10-0) with twenty-six (26) stipulations of case PZ-028-24. Supervisor District #2. (Sangeeta Deokar/Brent Billingsley)

Discussion and Collective Public Hearing held under Item 11.

**Item Action: Approved as presented with twenty-six (26) Stipulations**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To approve Ordinance No. 2025-PZ-028-24, an Ordinance approving case PZ-028-24; Arizona State Land Department, Karen Dada, landowner/representative, Swaback PLLC, Jeffery M. Denzak applicant/agent, requesting a rezone from General Rural (GR) to Large Master Plan Community (L-MPC) Zoning District on 3238.7+/- acres situated in Sections 4 and 8, and in portions of Sections 5, 7, 9, 16, 17, and 18, Township 03, South, Range 08 East, G&SRB&M, Tax parcels (legal on file), generally located north of Bella Vista Road, south of Hash Knife Draw Road, and east of Hunt Highway in the San Tan Valley area, in the unincorporated Pinal County. The Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously (10-0) with twenty-six (26) stipulations of case PZ-028-24.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- (13) Discussion/approval/disapproval of the acceptance of the resignation of Casa Grande Justice Court Pct #2, JP John Ellsworth, effective February 28, 2025, and discussion of process of filling the vacancy pursuant to A.R.S. 16-230. (Chris Keller/Brad Miller)

Chairman Miller spoke regarding the historical process of filling a vacancy, advised this is located both in District #1 and #3, and requested a Motion.

**Item Action: Approve the acceptance of the resignation of Casa Grande Justice Court Pct #2, the Honorable JP John Ellsworth, effective February 28, 2025, and to fill the vacancy according to A.R.S. 16-230, as well as opening and advertising the position as follows:**

**Opening the position for applicants between February 20, 2025, through Thursday February 27, 2025, interviews will be conducted by a committee of two, consisting of Supervisor Miller and Supervisor Vitiello and said committee to deliver a recommendation to the Board at the March 5, 2025, Board Meeting.**

Motion Made By: Supervisor McClure

Seconded By: Supervisor Goodman

To approve the acceptance of the resignation of Casa Grande Justice Court Pct #2, the Honorable JP John Ellsworth, effective February 28, 2025, and to fill the vacancy according to A.R.S. 16-230, as well as opening and advertising the position as follows:

Opening the position for applicants between February 20, 2025, through Thursday February 27, 2025, interviews will be conducted by a committee of two, consisting of Supervisor Miller and Supervisor Vitiello and said committee to deliver a recommendation to the Board at the March 5, 2025, Board Meeting.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

- (14) Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) for legal advice and litigation update/strategy on Arizona County's Insurance Pool assigned litigation. (Chris Keller/Brad Miller)

Chairman Miller requested a Motion.

**Item Action: Convened into Executive Session**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor McClure

To convene into Executive Session.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (5)

**12:56 p.m.** – Supervisor Goodman, and Leo Lew, County Manager did not return from the dais following Executive Session.

**Item Action: Adjourned Executive Session**

Motion Made By: Supervisor McClure

Seconded By: Supervisor Vitiello

To adjourn Executive Session.

Motion Passed

Ayes: McClure, Miller, Serdy, Vitiello (4)

Absent: Goodman (1)

**12:56 p.m.** – Chairman Miller adjourned the February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

**PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Stephen Q. Miller, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board

Minutes Prepared By: Kelsey Pickard, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2025