



# **PINAL COUNTY**

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**PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
9:30 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Chairman Jeffrey McClure**  
Supervisor, District 4

**Vice-Chairman Jeff Serdy**  
Supervisor, District 5

**Kevin Cavanaugh**  
Supervisor, District 1

**Mike Goodman**  
Supervisor, District 2

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

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

**All Presentations are attached to the Agenda at:**  
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The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:30 a.m. this date. The meeting was called to order by Chairman McClure with the announcement Supervisor Cavanaugh will be attending telephonically.

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

**Members Present Telephonically:** Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh

**Staff Present:** County Manager, Leo Lew; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Chris Keller; Clerk of the Board, Natasha Kennedy and Deputy Clerk of the Board, Kelsey Pickard

- (1) Discussion/approval/disapproval of authorizing the Pinal County Emergency Manager to sign a letter addressed to the USDA National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), requesting assistance through the Emergency Watershed Protection program, on behalf of Asarco Ray Mine in Kearny, AZ. The Telegraph Fire of 2021 and subsequent monsoon season caused significant damages to the watersheds that feed into Big Box Lake which caused damages to the lake and to Big Box Dam, which Asarco manages as part of mining operations. The Emergency Watershed Protection grant program may be a viable funding source to assist in the recovery efforts for the area and the 60-day waiver request was recently granted by the NRCS to Pinal County in order to submit a request for assistance. Pinal County is a potential "Eligible Sponsor" in accordance with program guidelines. The request for assistance does not obligate Pinal County in any manner however further discussions and agreements between the County and Asarco will now need to occur and entered into before the County were to become a sponsor for the recovery project. Supervisor District #1. (GA21-051) (Charles Kmet/Andrew Smith)

Charles Kmet, Emergency Manager, appeared before the Board and presented.

**Item Action: Approved as presented the final version of the letter**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor Miller

To approve as presented the final version of the letter.

Motion Passed

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

- (2) **Work Session:** Presentation and discussion of Pinal County's current practices for financial audits. (Angeline Woods)

Angeline Woods, Budget and Finance Director, appeared before the Board and presented on Pinal County Finance and Budget Department's role in Financial Accountability and Auditing.

Discussion held regarding financial audits; staffing and department performance by the following Board Member and Staff; Supervisor Cavanaugh and Angeline Woods.

Sandy Cronstrom, Clifton Larsen Allen (CLA), appeared before the Board, announced Richard Gilespe with CLA is present in the audience, and presented regarding CLA expertise and work performed on behalf of Pinal County; assist with the preparation of the yearly Audit Schedules and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Further discussion held regarding the assistance of outside consulting agencies by the following Board Member and Staff; Supervisor Goodman and Angeline Woods.

Angeline Woods introduced Jay Parke with Walker and Armstrong.

Jay Parke, Walker and Armstrong, appeared before the Board and presented regarding the role of Walker and Armstrong during the audit process which will produce three major deliverables; Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Single Audit, and Annual Expenditure Limitation Report.

**Item Action: Information Only**

- (3) Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1)(3) to provide legal advice to the Board regarding the authority to appoint fire district board members and discussion of potential appointments to the Mammoth Fire District Board of Directors. (Kevin Costello/Kent Volkmer)

Kevin Costello, Deputy County Attorney, appeared before the Board, spoke regarding the scheduled Executive Session and advised that one of the candidates had requested this discussion be held in open session.

Chairman McClure based upon the explanation provided by legal, asked if any Board Member requested to convene into Executive Session for legal advice.

Supervisor Cavanaugh requested to convene into Executive Session.

**Item Action: Convened into Executive Session**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Miller

Seconded By: Supervisor Goodman

To convene into Executive Session.

Motion Passed

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

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**Item Action: Adjourned Executive Session**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor Miller

To adjourn Executive Session.

Motion Passed

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

- (4) Discussion/approval/disapproval for the appointment of two (2) board members for the Mammoth Fire District. Currently, the Mammoth Fire District does not have a quorum. Pursuant to A.R.S. 48-803(B) the County Board of Supervisors has the authority to appoint a replacement since the Fire District Board cannot due to a lack of a quorum. (Pamela Villarreal/Angeline Woods)

Chairman McClure requested a recommendation for the first board member for the Mammoth Fire District.

Supervisor Cavanaugh recommended Veronica Casillas.

Chairman McClure requested any additional recommendations for the first board member, there being no additional recommendations, Chairman closed the recommendations for the first board member, and called for a motion.

**Item Action: Approved the appointment of Veronica Casillas for the Mammoth Fire District**

Motion Made By Supervisor Cavanaugh

Seconded By: Supervisor Miller

To approve the appointment of Veronica Casillas for the Mammoth Fire District.

Motion Passed

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

Chairman McClure announced Veronica Casillas had been appointed to the Mammoth Fire District and requested a recommendation for the second board member for the Mammoth Fire District.

Supervisor Cavanaugh recommended Fedricko Sanchez.

Chairman McClure requested any additional recommendations for the second board member, there being no additional recommendations, Chairman closed the recommendations for the second board member, and called for a motion.

**Item Action: Approved the appointment of Fedricko Sanchez for the Mammoth Fire District**

Motion Made By Supervisor Cavanaugh

Seconded By: Supervisor Serdy

To approve the appointment of Fedricko Sanchez for the Mammoth Fire District.

Motion Passed

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

Chairman McClure announced Fedricko Sanchez had been appointed to the Mammoth Fire District.

**10:44 a.m.** – Chairman McClure adjourned the May 11, 2022, Special Session Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

**PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Jeffrey McClure, 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: June 8, 2022