

Special Session

November 9, 2016

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:32 A.M. this date in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona. The meeting was called to order by Chairman House followed by an Invocation by Supervisor Chase and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chairman Todd House; Vice Chairman Anthony Smith; Supervisor Pete Rios; Supervisor Cheryl Chase; Supervisor Stephen Q. Miller; County Manager, Greg Stanley; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Chris Keller; Clerk of the Board, Sheri Cluff and Assistant to the Clerk of the Board, Diane Gardner.

**Call to the Public -**

Barry McCain, Arizona City, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their hard work.

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon, spoke regarding the election and the Pinal County Audit reports.

**Discussion/approval/disapproval to file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party in the Southline Transmission Project's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Docket number L-0000AAA-16-0370-000173, regarding a proposed upgrade to existing power lines extending from New Mexico into Arizona and ending in Pinal County.**

Greg Stanley, County Manager, said the Southline Transmission project is going through the process of the line setting committee through the Arizona Corporation Commission. Only about 1.8 miles of the line is in Pinal County. The only way we can comment is if we file to intervene in the process. Intervention would be to make sure the line doesn't move and doesn't create additional problems for the Pinal Airpark.

Motion was made by Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Rios to approve filing a Notice of Intent to become a party in the Southline Transmission Project's application. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Discussion update on the status of Internal Audit activities.**

Eric Rowan, Protiviti, reviewed a summary of the audits performed this year. Mr. Rowan's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors website.

**Discussion/approval/disapproval to direct, Protiviti, the Internal Audit service provider, to prioritize and immediately begin follow up procedures related to the findings and recommendations contained in the Internal Audit report issued in September 2014, titled "County Attorney Anti-Racketeering Fund".**

Supervisor Chase said that she has spoken with the incoming Sheriff and said that he will be requesting audits as soon as he gets into office. But she wanted to bring information forward to get ahead of this and collect and provide information.

Eric Rowan, Protiviti, stated that the anti-racketeering fund audit was on the follow-up list but wanted to know if the Supervisor wanted them to do something in addition to the follow-up or is there something additional that she was requesting. Supervisor Chase asked to see this as soon as possible. There was lengthy conversation regarding the reporting, follow-up and audit process.

Chris Keller, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, mentioned a point of clarification. His recollection of the audit referenced focused on the County Attorney's processes and procedures not the Sheriff's processes and procedures. Your direction was to focus on the Sheriff's and what Supervisor Rios said regarding foundation funds and those uses, you want that focused on the Sheriff's Office, Therefore, he said he wasn't sure that the follow-up would accomplish what she is looking to or has discussed with the incoming Sheriff.

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon, thanked Supervisor Chase for bringing this to the public's attention.

Chairman House stated that we needed to clarify the scope of the audit. Is it to be only the follow-ups or a more in-depth audit? County Manager, Greg Stanley, suggested that the auditors do the follow-up and then report to the Board and get guidance as to what additional information is being requested.

Motion was made by Supervisor Rios and seconded by Supervisor Chase to approve directing Protiviti, internal audit service provider to provide and immediately begin follow-up procedures related to the findings and recommendations contained in the Internal Audit Report issued in September 2014, titled "County Attorney Anti-Racketeering Fund" and report back to the Board of Supervisors on the findings and scope for further audits. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Update of Regionally Significant Routes for Safety and Mobility Map to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.**

Kathy Borquez, Public Works, appeared before the Board with information updating the Regionally Significant Routes for Safety and Mobility Map. Ms. Borquez presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors website.

**Presentation of the Pinal County Emergency Response and Recovery Plan to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.**

Chuck Kmet, Emergency Management, appeared and reported to the Board on the purpose, plan development, plan layout and basic plan. Mr. Kmet's presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors website.

**Work Session presentation by Michael Blankenship, Traffic Safety Engineer, AMEC Foster Wheeler/Irene Higgs, Executive Director, Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO), on the findings from the SCMPO Strategic Transportation Safety Plan.**

Irene Higgs, Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, appeared before the Board and presented on the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan objectives, vision and goals. Ms. Higgs presentation can be viewed in the Minutes section of the Board of Supervisors website.

Chairman House adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 11:36 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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