

## **FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

The Pima County Flood Control District Board met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present:                Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
                             Rex Scott, Vice Chair  
                             Steve Christy, Member  
                             Dr. Sylvia M. Lee, Member

Also Present:         Jan Leshar, County Administrator  
                             Daniel Jurkowitz, Assistant Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
                             Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
                             John Stuckey, Sergeant at Arms

Absent:                 Dr. Matt Heinz, Member

1.     **EXCEPTION TO THE MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN RESTRICTED COVENANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - FC<sup>4</sup>, of the Pima County Flood Control District Board of Directors, to approve an exception to the Multi-Species Conservation Plan Restricted Covenant to improve wildlife habitat and movement.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to adopt the Resolution. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Scott inquired if the underpass would be a temporary solution to the problem as he believed the long-term solution would be to create a wildlife bridge like the one built north of Oro Valley. He questioned if the animals used the corridor and adapted successfully to the underpass, would the underpass be kept or would an overpass be built.

Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator, stated that time would tell, there were many factors in building a permanent overpass and staff would monitor the site and evaluate the success of the underpass to determine if they should move forward with the overpass.

Supervisor Scott noted the success of the wildlife bridge named after the late Supervisor Ann Day and asked if there were any lessons learned from the success of that structure that would help inform this project.

Mr. DeBonis, Jr., responded that there was a lot of documented evidence of utilization of the overpass which had been successful, and that approach had shown benefits. He stated that the biggest issue was the cost of constructing an overpass, but staff could always learn from past activities and apply them to future

opportunities. He stated that they would garner from that prior experience what would apply to a situation for an overpass at this location.

Supervisor Christy commented that the success part of the overpass that Supervisor Scott mentioned was part of the original Regional Transportation Authority plan and it brought the environmentalist community on board to support the entire regional plan.

Supervisor Lee stated that she supported as many wildlife crossings as possible. She indicated that this area had an old railroad that was no longer in use and was unsure if there were other similar areas. She understood bridges costed a lot, but it outweighed migration across the I-10 barrier and hoped that the County could do both.

Supervisor Christy asked if the resolution was to allow the County the ability to move forward with the project.

Chair Grijalva responded in the affirmative.

Supervisor Christy reiterated that wildlife crossings were expensive, but from his experience as a car dealer, he attested to the devastation when wildlife collided with passenger vehicles.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 4-0, Supervisor Heinz was absent.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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CLERK

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at their regular meeting place in the Pima County Administration Building (Hearing Room), 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
Rex Scott, Vice Chair  
Steve Christy, Member  
Dr. Sylvia M. Lee, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, County Administrator  
Daniel Jurkowitz, Assistant Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
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Absent: Dr. Matt Heinz, Member

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was delivered by Meredith Glaubach, Community Outreach Professional, The Garden Kitchen.

### 3. PAUSE 4 PAWS

The Pima County Animal Care Center showcased an animal available for adoption.

### PRESENTATION

### 4. Recognition

Recognition of the retirement of Eric Wieduwilt, Deputy Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, for 27 years of service.

Jan Leshar, County Administrator, recognized Mr. Wieduwilt for his 27 years of dedicated service with Pima County and presented him with his retirement certificate.

Carmine DeBonis Jr., Deputy County Administrator, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wieduwilt and thanked him for his expertise and professionalism throughout his career with the County.

Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Wieduwilt for his work with the County and in the community.

No Board action was taken.

## **PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION**

5. Presentation of a proclamation to Nicholas Clement, Northern Arizona University; Teresa Hill, Tucson Values Teachers; and Dustin Williams, Pima County School Superintendent, proclaiming the day of Thursday, September 26, 2024 to be: "LEGENDARY TEACHER DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item. Supervisor Scott made the presentation.

6. Presentation of a proclamation to Maria Suarez, Board Member, Tucson Yellow Heart Memorial, proclaiming the day of Saturday, September 14, 2024 to be: "YELLOW HEART MEMORIAL COVID REMEMBRANCE WALK DAY"

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item. Chair Grijalva made the presentation.

7. Presentation of a proclamation to Matt McGlone, Community Outreach Manager, and Navjit Bhular, Administrative Specialist, Office of Emergency Management; and Courtney Slanaker, Executive Director, American Red Cross, proclaiming the month of September 2024 to be: "PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item. Supervisor Lee made the presentation.

8. Presentation of a proclamation to Lee Itule-Klasen, Southern Regional Chapter Chairperson, Southern Chapter of Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition; Jennifer Cain, Vice President, Health and Community Partnerships; Karen Fogas, Healthy Living Director, Halley Torres, Grants and Contracts Specialist, Pima Council on Aging; Elma Nuñez, Public Health Program Coordinator and Dolores Encinas, Community Health Worker III, Pima County Health Department, proclaiming the month of September 2024 to be: "FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item. Supervisor Christy made the presentation.

9. Presentation of a proclamation to Carol Gaxiola, Volunteer Senior Survivor Fellow, Moms Demand Action, proclaiming the month of September 2024 to be: "NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH"

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item. Supervisor Scott made the presentation.

10. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Gisela Aaron addressed the Board regarding her concerns with election integrity, ballot weighing, chain of custody and Pima County's use of third-party workers during the election.

Michael Aaron expressed his concerns with election integrity, chain of custody with ballots and the forms used for chain of custody.

Randy Aronson, Owner, Paws Veterinary Center, stated that his veterinary practice employed 35 individuals and they also provided free veterinary care for anyone in need. He spoke about issues that they had with the unhoused, which included damage such as the removal of waterlines and electricity lines, fecal matter, syringes and break-ins. He stated that he had been in contact with Supervisor Scott, the Transportation Department, Wastewater Management and the Sheriff's Department to help resolve the problem with the wash next to his building. He added that it had affected their working hours, had caused power outages and asked for the Board's help.

Tim Laux spoke about his concerns with the Recorder not attending the previous Board meeting to answer questions, chain of custody with the election's ballots and the database used by the Recorder's Office. He also stated that he wanted a response on a records request that he made to the Recorder's Office.

Robert Reus read the statute on religious freedom from the Jeffersonian principles.

John Backer spoke about his concerns with Minute Item No. 47 and the small impact the Act's plan would provide to stop fentanyl at the border and the lack of transparency from the federal government. He suggested that there needed to be a better partnership with Mexico and the U.S. to reduce the amount of substances that were transported to either side of the border.

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Chair Grijalva requested staff follow-up with Dr. Aronson and asked that the Board be provided with more information regarding what the County could do in these situations.

Supervisor Scott stated that his district office had been in contact with Dr. Aronson regarding his issues and he expressed gratitude to Deputy County Administrator

DeBonis, Jr., who provided Dr. Aronson with contact information so that he could directly follow-up with him. He expressed concerns with the impact on private property owners who tried to deal with the ramifications of a public health and safety issue.

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## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **11. Board of Supervisors Representative Updates on Boards, Committees and Commissions and Any Other Municipalities**

Supervisor Scott reminded the Board that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board's special meeting would be on September 5, 2024, and they would be considering a compromise proposal crafted by the RTA Chair, which was built on County staff's work with the Town of Sahuarita. He noted that based on comments, he was optimistic that it would move forward to the public review process.

Supervisor Lee stated on November 13, 2024, the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) would be at the Pima County Courthouse Plaza for the annual Teen Town Hall and the purpose of this event was to inform and encourage civically and engaged youth. She added that it was MEC's 160th anniversary on that day, as well.

Chair Grijalva stated that in the past she participated in some of the Teen Town Halls and it was a great experience for elected officials and the youth, and that the youth talked about concerns they had and discussed creative solutions to those concerns. She indicated the Board of Health's Bylaws Revision Committee held its second out of three meetings. She stated on August 27, 2024, the Board of Health held an emergency meeting regarding the "Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act" resolution and they spoke about their concerns, as well as the pros and cons of the Act and also had a regular public meeting on September 25, 2024.

This item was informational only. No Board action was taken.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **12. Update on County Initiatives to Address Homelessness and Public Safety**

Jenifer Darland, Director, Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions (HOHS), provided a slideshow presentation and review of the organizing priorities of the office that were continuously being worked on to address homelessness in the County. She stated that the first three priorities were underway, which involved conducting an inventory of County and partner programs, started the process of describing and illustrating those responses and care coordination in a series of memoranda, and developed a public facing webpage to publicly identify where and how to access information and resources. She stated that the next step in the phase would be to identify how those programs were connected with other County programs or with programs throughout the community. She added that the County

did not work in isolation, rather it partnered with many agencies and nonprofits and at some point, the individuals being served were touching one of many programs funded and facilitated by the County. She stated the fourth priority was an area that would long surpass the current calendar year and would continue into perpetuity, which involved the development of a strategic and continuous improvement plan to ensure that the County programming was responsive, sustainable and equitably distributed. She stated the reason it would continue for a long time was due to the challenges ahead of them that were largely driven by complexities that could not have been predicted before the pandemic or even during the pandemic. She stated that how they pivoted, modulated and what they could do and achieve was always going to be a moving target. She stated that their focus would be on gathering detailed and specific types of data that could inform where and how effectively these programs needed to be deployed. She stated that in June staff had met and began to identify what they would do in the County homeless protocol space, what programs were responding, what data was being collected, and what particular areas were ongoing areas that needed ongoing attention. She stated that presented an opportunity for them to identify the data pipeline, the way that the data was provided and how resources were deployed accordingly, which would also start to lay out the footprint of where programming needed to be more strategically deployed. She stated that they had an opportunity to establish some training and programming partnerships within county programs and departments, as well as opportunities for extending those programs into contracted and community partnerships. She stated that the challenges that County programs faced were not in isolation and community partners equally faced similar challenges with respect to connecting people in a meaningful way to programs and services that would successfully get them on track for housing stability. She stated that the fifth priority involved using data to define what success looked like, how they were not only a County system, but as a County program and a regional partner addressing these areas of need. She stated that would require them to identify some key critical metrics on the County's collective or goal and the regional metrics to show what they were regionally attempting to achieve, so that they could more strategically work in collaboration and in partnership, and broaden the ability to be more successful in the future. She stated since she last met with the Board in August, she had spent at least two business days in the field working in spaces of encampments with people experiencing homelessness and had witnessed firsthand knowledge that the challenges were significant. She stated that the ability to engage individuals in programs and services to address the homeless crisis meant that they had to permeate a level of crisis, trauma or addiction, so that they would make the next best decision for themselves. She stated that the programs the County had much like many of the other programs throughout the County were in nonprofit partnerships and were operated and funded by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. She stated that this was largely driven by Housing First principles, which meant that you could not compel an individual to engage in programs or services as a condition of housing. She stated that programs were available and offered daily, but there was no mechanism by which an individual could be compelled to engage and accept services. She stated they had a three-year pilot program that had been referenced in memorandums, called Housing Central Command, a three-year experiment where they went into encampments

and immediately connected people to a housing provider and attempted to get them into housing within a series of weeks. She stated that they experienced challenges in those circumstances, to get individuals to accept the housing that was being offered and ensuring that they remained stably housed. She added that it was not a matter of a solution of brick and mortar, rather, the complexity of the crisis of the individual engaged meant there was a significant need for ongoing supports after housing. She stated that looked like anything from employment, cash benefits, treatment, whether for mental health issues, substance issues, or just ongoing support post-housing to ensure they remained housing stable. She noted the importance of the length of time that an individual had experienced homelessness also meant it would take longer. She stated that in July they also had a productive conversation with shelter providers and wanted to revisit that discussion for more thoughtful coordination. She added that she would work with Mari Vasquez of the City/County effort to address that partnership more comprehensively and the ongoing work to continue to support the dynamic collaboration between the people, the individuals, the staff and the field. She stated that as Dr. Aronson had identified the location of that particular Veterinarian clinic along that stretch of road was fairly active between County response programming and the City of Tucson and both entities staff had been working together to address it because there was a high degree of mobility between both jurisdictional boundaries and they had been paying a lot of attention to those types of areas where they could more strategically work in partnership, so that they were not just simply squeezing a balloon, such as moving folks from one side of the street or jurisdiction to the other. She stated they would work collaboratively to ensure that people were being connected to resources as swiftly and effectively as possible.

Supervisor Lee stated that this was an important and complex issue and reminded the Board that they unanimously forwarded some possible legislative action to be reviewed that would expand Title 36, so that they could involuntarily commit when there was substance abuse with an individual. She stated that Dr. Rhodes, the director of the Crisis Response Center (CRC), indicated that the majority of the individuals coming to the CRC were homeless, were released after 72 hours because they could not generally hold them longer unless there was a court order, so they left the facility, and it was a revolving door since they would return repeatedly. She reiterated that it was such a complex issue and legislation alone would not solve it, but discussions had started. She added that what Dr. Aronson talked about was happening at so many businesses and communities and homes with these issues. She urged everyone to be aware of Title 36 expansion for involuntary substance abuse being only one tool in the toolbox and it was such a complex issue. She thanked County Administration on a meeting that was held where they talked with experts about what the County could do.

Supervisor Scott referred to the slide regarding the ongoing efforts related to priority four in determining that County programming was responsive, sustainable and equitably distributed. He stated that in June there was a meeting with County departments and questioned in terms of the departments' current levels of responsiveness, sustainability and equitable distribution, what had they done well and where was improvement needed in those three areas.



Ms. Darland responded that they were doing well with responding to reports as quickly as possible to address and provide outreach services, clean up and remediation. She stated that an opportunity for improvement was to allow data start to inform proactive strategies to get ahead of where they anticipated some of the activities to pop up. She stated they should have the opportunity to explore areas that were most prone to resettlement, not necessarily because of location, though that was a factor at times, but where they saw ongoing or repeated reports of encampments happening post cleanup. She stated that they were also doing well with staff's independence in looking for creative solutions to stay ahead of the curve, such as the Flood Control Team being that they had the largest geographic footprint and lane of effort, were working in a proactive measure in the course of their daily duties, not necessarily providing encampment responses, but were getting ahead of the report before it had a chance to be reported. She stated they worked with the Homeless Services Outreach Team on a proactive biweekly or weekly basis to provide outreach in advance of it being reported or having to remediate it, so that was a place where they were not necessarily collecting that data, but it was through the course of their daily activities where those efforts were being made. She added that similarly, Parks and Recreation, engaged daily with individuals and had not asked them to collect data, but they were very busy individuals working very diligently in the field. She stated that wherever they could start to better identify where their resources were with encountering individuals on a pretty consistent basis and target responses in a proactive strategy versus reactive and reiterated that it was happening in some small sections, but not in a way that was a data driven, proactive strategy comprehensively throughout the encampment protocol.

Supervisor Scott inquired about a follow up meeting to the one that was conducted in June or whether the dialogue at the June meeting had set the stage for ongoing dialogue.

Ms. Darland clarified that dialogue happened daily, but planned to get back key members in a more organized fashion in that field of effort, those individuals that had stood up as leading proactively in this space to identify areas where data could more efficiently be centralized and for more planned activities and expected to probe calendars in mid to late September.

Supervisor Scott referred to priority five and stated it was listed as developing in terms of receiving those attainable measures of success, but it seemed like there were some measures that were obvious based on the data that was already collected, for example, a substantial reduction in the next point in time count, an increase in the number of people taking advantage of services, an increase in the use of shelter space, especially in shelters that did not have conditions for admissions. He recognized that the area was listed as developing, but to him it sounded like some of the metrics they worked on with their regional partners were already known and asked if that was a fair statement.

Ms. Darland responded in the affirmative and that where they were today, compared to before the pandemic, was twofold, that the need of homelessness was almost double what it was before the pandemic, and the level of funding from HUD to address these challenges had not increased as the pandemic resolved. She stated there were twice as many people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, but they were back to pre-pandemic level funding and the complexity had gotten more complex. She stated that the grant opportunities had not been informed by the local experiences to the extent that there was additional funding or program allowability to meet some of the needs and the challenges associated with what folks were facing. She stated that it was not an excuse, but it was an explanation, and she would be derelict in her responsibility to not properly set expectations of what success should look like. She agreed that they needed to do whatever they could to engage more proactive strategies to get ahead of crises, which was why the Eviction Legal Services Program was so vital in this area and they needed more proactive conversations with shelter partners to encourage low barrier settings and to remove as many obstacles as possible for accepting services. She stated that included considering the configuration of a shelter setting to be less congregate and more allowable for partners, because when they heard of refusal to go into shelter, it was not simply about families. She stated that a family could be a partner in an encampment setting and a sense of security and they had shelters that were set up for individuals in congregate settings and family units meant for single parent and children. She added that they had more of a configuration that allowed partners, they could probably see some significant increase in people accepting services. She stated there was a myriad of opportunities to be thinking about how they programmed their dollars, but stressed the fact that there was a substantial crisis ahead and it was important that they appreciated the limitations of the existing sources. She voiced her optimism, but cautioned the Board about what could actually be achieved in some of these pathways.

Supervisor Christy stated that the presentation never mentioned the criminal elements that wreaked havoc on businesses, communities, neighborhoods, and the activity associated with the crimes committed by homeless people. He asked whether there would be some action regarding enforcement, trespassing, and drug use laws, public displays such as, urination and things of that nature. He stated that some things were working in the transitional setting where individuals were brought because of criminal activity by law enforcement and given a choice of either taking the jail route or the services route and it seemed they decided to go on the services route. He stated that he had not heard of criminality or enforcement of law or ensuring that the homeless encampments were not rife with crime. He stated that low barrier settings were historically hotbeds for criminal activity, which had been proven in Pima County time and time again. He stated that low barrier meant they could come in, with no care of what kind of condition they were in, and it ended up being a place for drug dealing, human trafficking and other nefarious crimes. He stated that perhaps if the was enforced, there would be more response from individuals that did not want to take the services.

Ms. Darland responded that the status of homelessness itself was not a crime.

Supervisor Christy clarified that if someone did not have a house or shelter, it did not mean they were a criminal, however, there was criminal activity by people living on the streets that had shown indications of what was going on, but it had nothing to do with having a house.

Ms. Darland appreciated the distinction because sometimes they were conflated. She stated that it was important to note that some of the behavior seen out on the streets was not exactly behavior associated with individuals experiencing homelessness. She stated that there were anecdotal indications from staff and outreach efforts, where services had been offered to connect individuals to shelter or other programs, and statements had been made that they were not homeless, and they simply could not get high at home. She stated that it was important that the behavior did not necessarily translate to status. She added that traditionally, in low barrier settings it meant that someone could not go in with drug paraphernalia or weapons, but the low barrier in this context was to remove the conditions of participation as a condition of receiving a bed and clarified a condition of engaging in drug treatment or any other programs would be removed.

Supervisor Christy stated that the owners of the Silver Saddle Restaurant off of I-10 had a low barrier housing facility adjacent to them, which had been wreaking havoc on that community. He stated that low barrier meant you could access that housing regardless of your physical condition and could come in with drugs, addiction, mental health problems, or any situation and that was causing the problems. He stated the criminality aspect had not yet been addressed and asked what the County would do to prevent it.

Chair Grijalva stated HOHS was not a law enforcement department and that it was important for Supervisor Christy to visit some of the shelters before presuming what was happening in those facilities.

Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator, acknowledged Supervisor Christy's concern and also to Supervisor Scott's point, that they were migrating to priority four and there were two pathways being worked on simultaneously. He stated that it was clear to him that there was a voluntary pathway, with housing and then there was the involuntary pathway, which was not lost in conversations, but not highlighted in this presentation. He explained that the involuntary piece involved two different things, one being involuntary in reference to people that were a danger to self or others due to their drug situation or mental health problems. He stated that system was the CRC where people were being taken to and acknowledged that the drug problem was larger than it had ever been and was more apparent and visible. He stated that discussions were happening with the help of Supervisor Lee, to explore ways to enhance the services at CRC. He stated that they had seen a record number of people being taken there in July and the current month, which told them that law enforcement was taking more people there involuntarily, but what had happened was there was no recapturing of people, which meant that once they left CRC, they went back to where they were using, and it became worse for them. He reiterated that some of the conversations they had with Supervisor Lee was

particularly enhancing the CRC to ensure that there were more cleaner ways in which they were transferring people to services from that involuntary type of activity. He added that the other involuntary location was the jail for people that committed crimes, and it was a tool used to start looking at ways in which they could reduce some of that criminality. He stated that one of the reasons the transition center had been working into some data points because people who left the jail were forced to talk to someone there about getting them connected with services, but a lot of people still refused services. He stated that they were working on people leaving pretrial and those leaving the exit of the jail and trying to force them to have some conversations. He stated that some of the system improvement work that tied to priority four was working with initial appearance Judges to ensure that there were some ways in which people could be asked as part of the conditions release, that they must go to the transition center and have a conversation upon release. He stated that a few judges were doing that, but it was not systemic, and it was an ongoing conversation. He mentioned that the system improvement work was part of an involuntary piece broken into the CRC and the jail, as well as the voluntary piece where they had seen much less success in due to people's issues with addictions and some of those areas, but that criminality continued to be an issue that needed to be addressed. He stated that in addition they were about one week into Vet-Sec Protection Agency monitoring the Loop in the evenings with the purpose of enforcing their rules around the Loop and were going to vicinities around the Loop. He stated they also planned to stop by some of those businesses this week to describe why they were there. He stated that a lot of it was for determent, they did not have arrest authority, but nightly reports were received. He stated that the prior night they dealt with a situation, the Sheriff responded, and they resolved that situation. He stated that this was another tool currently being enhanced and wanted to ensure that they were examining things more collectively for the Board of Supervisors, but today they had focused more on the voluntary end of things, which was another system that also needed improvement.

Jan Leshar, County Administrator, reiterated that the focus was on the five priorities and so far what she had heard from the Board was to follow up on two issues, additional information and background on what could or could not be done on private property, and what the County had explored and where they moved forward on providing assistance to individuals feeling the impact of either the illegal activity and when the concerns were coming on private property. She stated that another piece involved how they would engage various partners in law enforcement to take action in various jurisdictions. She stated that on the County's end they had supplemented that activity with Vet-Sec and would follow up on the items requested and would provide that information to the Board.

Supervisor Scott stated that it was mentioned earlier in the summer that a comprehensive discussion with the shelter providers was something that had not happened before and they knew what the County wanted to see more from them. He asked what providers wanted to see more of from the County and its partners in the local continuum of care, especially with the County and the City.

Ms. Darland responded that providers had challenges with capacity and they had a number of individuals enrolled in their facility for the maximum length of stay, with some facilities as long as 90 days and with other facilities it could last upwards of nine months to a year. She stated that in some circumstances, it was a matter of whether or not they met the criteria for eligibility for housing, and if they were going to be referred to a housing partner. She stated that there was ongoing conversation to increase the likelihood that individuals in shelter could equally be seen with the same heart and urgency and prioritized for housing as they were for individuals in unsheltered settings. She stated they were consistently in those dialogs stressing the importance to ensure they saw the whole continuum of need and the ability to see both people irrespective of where they were and prioritize them equally at the same time, whether they were unsheltered or sheltered for the next housing opportunity. She stated that they could outreach and house simultaneously, but it was to ensure they were constantly evaluating what that need was and changing and being as dynamic as possible.

Supervisor Scott requested that the Board receive information as to how the County, as a community, would respond to people that refused shelter and services. He stated that their behavior had a direct impact on private property owners and oftentimes public health and safety and felt there was a way to address that issue that did not get into the realm of criminalizing homelessness. He stated that the County as community, and its partners needed to determine how they would respond to those folks, because to him it was the most pervasive issue in this space and perhaps the most complex, but was the one where he felt the public and ultimately those folks were expecting the most action from the Board.

Supervisor Christy commented that if the whole program had expressed a concern as equal or equivalent to providing public safety and protecting private property as much as it was for obtaining social services, this would have a lot more legitimacy in the eyes of the public. He stated they would be open to anybody seeking help should get help, but more importantly, the public was tired of the criminal activities that went along these encampments or wherever people lived on the street, which had not been addressed. He stated that if this was going to have any kind of impact, it needed the encouragement that law enforcement had the obligation and the right to enforce laws and to protect property and for public safety and as much as what HOHS had done to provide social services.

Ms. Leshar reiterated that even though it was not part of today's presentation it did not mean that there was not significant focus on the issues expressed by Supervisor Christy and that information would be provided to the Board. She stated that she shared Supervisor Christy's concerns and acknowledged that the community was waiting for a response, and they had worked with many partners on that topic which would be provided to the Board.

Supervisor Lee commented that the community would love to be shown some kind of an ability to interact with City leadership and the County jointly regarding this whole issue, like a joint forum where it could be televised and perhaps individuals could call in. She stated that it was such a complex issue, and she wanted to hear

from City and County leadership together, because it was something that could not be done alone as a County, it was a joint issue. She stated that another issue with homelessness was that many had pets, specifically dogs, and many providers would not take them because of that. She stated that they needed the opportunity to keep their pets with them because it might make a big difference in accepting shelter.

Chair Grijalva stated that the level of stress seen and expressed by Board members was because they all received the same phone call. She stated they had heard from businesses and private citizens that fires were happening in washes behind their house and that a neighbor's house caught on fire. She acknowledged that were real issues and that Administrator Leshner and herself had met minimally twice a month with City leadership and that they were trying to ensure that some of the presentations were mirrored in both places, because they had one employee in common. She stated that City presentations happened every meeting, but they focused on different things, so maybe that was something to think about doing at these meetings, to be able to cover some of the other issues because there was only so much that could be done independently. She added that another layer in law enforcement and the court system was involved which was a critical piece that could not be changed due to the three branches of government and the Board did not have any influence on it. She stated that the work that Deputy County Administrator Holmes mentioned about trying to reach out with the courts was going to be critical, because the Board received the brunt of the criticism, law enforcement was frustrated, and the Sheriff had heard it with the jail. She stated that the other end of the issue was how they could work together with the courts, which had mixed success.

This item was for discussion only. No Board action was taken.

#### **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

#### **13. Silverbell Irrigation and Drainage District Annual Election Cancellation**

Discussion/action regarding a request, pursuant to A.R.S. §16-410(A), to cancel the annual election of the Board of Directors of the Silverbell Irrigation and Drainage District and appoint Nancy Blasco and William Miller as Directors of the Board of Directors of the Silverbell Irrigation and Drainage District, to serve a 3-year term, effective January 1, 2025.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz absent, to approve the item.

## **COMMUNITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

### **14. City of Tucson-Pima County Consortium Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Citizen Participation Plan**

Staff recommends approval of the City of Tucson-Pima County Consortium HUD Citizen Participation Plan, to be compliant with federal regulations to receive specific entitlement funding from HUD.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Christy expressed his concern with the federal government delegating how local governments spent their funding and believed the issues with affordable housing were at a federal level. He spoke about his concerns with the Assistance to Aliens, which was included in the Plan that would prohibit an alien from receiving assistance who was not lawfully present in the U.S. under the Uniform Relocation Act, unless the ineligibility resulted in exceptional and extremely unusual hardships to a spouse, parent or child who was a U.S. citizen, an exception may be requested from HUD and HUD made a final determination of eligibility before any assistance was provided. He stated that this provided an opportunity for illegal aliens to receive assistance if they met certain criteria. He expressed his opposition to the item.

Chair Grijalva expressed concern that the need for assistance continued to increase, but the funding had stayed fairly flat. She noted that this was not something the Board could solve at their level.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

## **CONSERVATION LANDS AND RESOURCES**

### **15. Exception to the Multi-Species Conservation Plan Restricted Covenant**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 43, of the Board of Supervisors, to approve an exception to the Multi-Species Conservation Plan Restricted Covenant to improve wildlife habitat and movement.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to adopt the Resolution. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Scott inquired if the underpass would be a temporary solution to the problem as he believed the long-term solution would be to create a wildlife bridge like the one built north of Oro Valley. He questioned if the animals used the corridor and adapted successfully to the underpass, would the underpass be kept or would an overpass be built.

Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator, stated that time would tell, there were many factors in building a permanent overpass and staff would monitor the site and evaluate the success of the underpass to determine if they should move forward with the overpass.

Supervisor Scott noted the success of the wildlife bridge named after the late Supervisor Ann Day and asked if there were any lessons learned from the success of that structure that would help inform this project.

Mr. DeBonis, Jr., responded that there was a lot of documented evidence of utilization of the overpass which had been successful, and that approach had shown benefits. He stated that the biggest issue was the cost of constructing an overpass, but staff could always learn from past activities and apply them to future opportunities. He stated that they would garner from that prior experience what would apply to a situation for an overpass at this location.

Supervisor Christy commented that the success part of the overpass that Supervisor Scott mentioned was part of the original Regional Transportation Authority plan and it brought the environmentalist community on board to support the entire regional plan.

Supervisor Lee stated that she supported as many wildlife crossings as possible. She indicated that this area had an old railroad that was no longer in use and was unsure if there were other similar areas. She understood bridges costed a lot, but it outweighed migration across the I-10 barrier and hoped that the County could do both.

Supervisor Christy asked if the resolution was to allow the County the ability to move forward with the project.

Chair Grijalva responded in the affirmative.

Supervisor Christy reiterated that wildlife crossings were expensive, but from his experience as a car dealer, he attested to the devastation when wildlife collided with passenger vehicles.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 4-0, Supervisor Heinz was absent.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **16. Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District Election**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 44, of the Board of Supervisors, canceling the election for District Board Members of the Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District and appointing Lee Lemas and Edwin Storey to the Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors.



It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Christy and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

**17. Marana Domestic Water Improvement District Election**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 45, of the Board of Supervisors, canceling the election for District Board Members of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District and appointing Luis Castaneda and Annette Sostarich to the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Christy and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

**18. Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District Election**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 46, of the Board of Supervisors, canceling the election for District Board Members of the Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District and appointing Bryan Foulk and Lee Jacobs to the Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Christy and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

**19. Mount Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District Election**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 47, of the Board of Supervisors, canceling the election for District Board Members of the Mount Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District and appointing Pat Klein and Stuart Shacter to the Mount Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Christy and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

**20. Why Domestic Water Improvement District Election**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 48, of the Board of Supervisors, canceling the election for District Board Members of the Why Domestic Water Improvement District and appointing Linda P. Hood and Amie Manuel to the Why Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Christy and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

**21. Cancellation of Uncontested Fire and Health District Elections**

Staff recommends approval of the resignations and appointments put forth by the County and cancellation of the uncontested Fire and Health District elections for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

## **FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **22. Sewer System Revenue Obligations**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 49, of the Board of Supervisors, providing for the execution, delivery and sale of (a) sewer system revenue obligations in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to provide up to \$54,000,000 to purchase property constituting additions and improvements to the sewer system of the county, plus an amount to fund a debt service reserve account and plus an amount to pay costs of delivery, and (b) sewer system revenue refunding obligations in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to accomplish the refinancing of outstanding sewer revenue obligations being refunded thereby, to fund a debt service account and to pay costs of delivery; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more obligation indentures in connection therewith and the execution and delivery of one or more purchase agreements providing for installment payments by the county for the purchase or refinancing of said property to be made from revenues of the sewer system of the county; and authorizing the completion, execution and delivery of all necessary or appropriate agreements or documents and the taking of all actions and matters in connection therewith.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

### **23. Certificates of Participation**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 50, of the Board of Supervisors, authorizing the lease and lease-purchase back of certain real property, including buildings and structures, in order to finance and refinance projects for the county; authorizing notice to the public of the lease or sale of the property and providing for the award thereof to the highest responsible bidder; authorizing the execution and delivery of a ground lease, amendments and supplements to a lease-purchase agreement and a trust agreement and other necessary agreements, instruments and documents; approving the execution and delivery of certificates of participation and refunding certificates of participation to provide the necessary financing and refinancing therefor; and authorizing other actions and matters in connection therewith.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

## **GRANTS MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION**

### **24. Tohono O’odham Nation State-Shared Revenue Program Funds**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 51, of the Board of Supervisors, to approve acceptance of Tohono O’odham Nation State-Shared Revenue Program funds and pass-through to the entities in Pima County selected by the Tohono O’odham Nation.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to adopt the Resolution. No vote was taken at this time.

Chair Grijalva stated that many nonprofit organizations relied on this funding and it was critical to their programs, and she noticed that several of Pima County’s elected offices applied for some of the funding. She expressed her concerns with some of the requests and inquired if the Board could ask that elected offices notify County Administration before their application submittal because some of these requests were also coming before the Board to request funding and she wanted to ensure it was accounted for and balanced in the budget. She thanked the Nation for their support of many organizations within all of the Districts.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 4-0, Supervisor Heinz was absent.

## **OFFICE OF DIGITAL INCLUSION**

### **25. Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Grant**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 52, of the Board of Supervisors, delegating authority to the County Administrator or designee to execute documents for the enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to adopt the Resolution. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Christy asked if the resolution directed the County Administrator to be responsible and make decisions for \$30 million that would not need to be brought back to the Board. He stated that it was a lot of money to hand over to the County Administrator and asked what would happen if the Board voted against it.

Jan Leshner, County Administrator, explained that when the grants called for the director of the department to be the designee and the signatory, staff felt it was not appropriate to have the director of a department sign on documents of \$30 million and asked that it go to the County Administrator so that the documents could be reviewed and stated that if the resolution was not approved, signing authority would remain with the director of the Office of Digital Inclusion (ODI).

Supervisor Christy asked if there would be any issue if the grants came back to the Board for approval.

Chair Grijalva stated that the Board had previously approved the grant and this was the paperwork that went with it. She asked if filling out the paperwork would be elevated to the County Administrator instead of the ODI director.

Supervisor Christy stated that it delegated authority to the County Administrator or designee to execute the documents.

Chair Grijalva clarified that every time a grant was accepted there were associated documents and usually those were signed by a director. She added that because of the amount of money, staff requested it come to the County Administrator to sign the paperwork instead of the director. She asked if this was correct.

Michelle Simon, Director, ODI, explained that the grant award was accepted, and the documents designated herself as the authorized organizational representative, however, some of those documents required review by the Procurement Department, County Administration and at times the Board of Supervisors when it came to various contracts that went with the enabling Middle Mile Broadband Grant. She stated that they wanted to ensure transparency and efficiency in execution of the grant documents, and for that reason requested that the County Administrator be the person that signed these documents.

Supervisor Scott inquired about the number of citizens and some of the specific areas in Pima County who would benefit from this project.

Ms. Simon explained that the enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant was a \$43.3 million project of which the federal government provided over \$30 million to Pima County to implement a 140-mile fiber optic ring around the County's urban core. She stated that it would reach the outskirts of Marana into Three Points, Vail, Catalina, and Sahuarita. She indicated that the hope for those areas was that it would provide competition and additional interaction with internet service providers to reach those areas of the County that were unserved and underserved and that potentially many thousands of households would benefit from this infrastructure investment.

Supervisor Lee commented that she had spoken about this in the various communities of Three Points, Sahuarita, and Marana and residents in those areas were excited to have this opportunity. She hoped that there would be a way to connect it to Ajo, so that Ajo residents would be able to have that benefit too. She thanked Ms. Simon for everything that was being done to bring internet services to so many in areas that had spotty service or no service at all.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

## **REAL PROPERTY**

### **26. Surplus Property**

Staff requests approval to sell surplus property consisting of a 21,979 sf parcel with a 1,836 sf single family residence, located at 7281 E. Clayridge Drive, Lot 115 Quail Canyon, Tax Parcel No. 114-17-0890, by auction to the highest bidder. (District 1)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

### **27. Surplus Property**

Staff requests approval to sell surplus property consisting of a 22,923 sf parcel with a 1,850 sf single family residence, located at 7261 E. Cripple Creek Drive, Lot 129 Quail Canyon, Tax Parcel No. 114-17-1030, by auction to the highest bidder. (District 1)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

## **CONTRACT AND AWARD**

### **Community and Workforce Development**

28. City of Tucson, to provide an intergovernmental agreement for the preparation and submission of the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030 Consolidated Plan Update and the Annual Action Plans, HUD CDBG Fund, contract amount \$75,000.00 (PO2400002903)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Christy inquired about the amount contributed by the City of Tucson to the consultant. He noted that the County provided \$75,000.00.

Dr. Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services, clarified that the contract identified the resources needed for this procurement. He stated that it was equal amounts contributed by the jurisdictions.

Supervisor Christy expressed his opposition to the item. He stated that the total amount provided to the consultant would be \$150,000.00, the consulting firm was not a local firm and inquired why County staff could not conduct the consulting and provide local outreach. He believed that this would be better done locally and that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Planning for Pima County could provide consulting to the public. He stated that local control should equal local policy and local solutions for local problems, yet HUD had told the Board what their

expectations were in order to accept the grant. He noted that the goal of developing the HUD Plan was to conduct extensive public process to form long-term strategies and prioritize and leverage limited resources to recreate effective community developments and affordable housing. He inquired why a consultant was needed.

Chair Grijalva agreed that she did not like to see these consulting contracts be brought before the Board. She noted that at this point, it would be very difficult for the County to make that change to this item, but the County needed to move away from outside contracts.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

### **Facilities Management**

29. Health Net Access, Inc., Amendment No. 4, to provide for an Operating Agreement - Crisis Response Center, extend contract term to 9/30/26 and amend contractual language, no cost (SC2400000496)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

### **Justice Services**

30. Helping Ourselves Pursue Enrichment, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.), Amendment No. 3, to provide for transitioning peer support services, extend contract term to 9/12/25 and amend contractual language, no cost (PO-CT-23-5)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Christy asked if this item was funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator, responded yes.

Supervisor Christy stated that the Board supported the transition center and he believed it should be staffed by Community and Workforce Development navigators, not by the MacArthur Foundation. He expressed his opposition to the item.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

### **Procurement**

31. Carahsoft Technology Corp., to provide for VMware Enterprise, Internal Services Fund, contract amount \$10,000,000.00/3 year term (SC2400002212) Administering Department: Information Technology

Chair Grijalva inquired about the program.

Javier Baca, Director, Information Technology Department, explained that Carahsoft was the reseller for the VMware software that served as the core infrastructure for all of the internally maintained County servers at the various data centers and the vast majority of the servers ran on VMware. He stated this contract enabled a multi-year agreement to ensure the continued stability in that environment through the VMware software.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

32. Granite Construction Company, to provide for Eric Marcus Municipal Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project (P01-AJO, AZ) FAA Project No. 3-04-001-006-2024, Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant Fund, contract amount \$2,088,048.00 (PO2400001551) Administering Department: Project Design and Construction

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

### **Recorder**

33. Theelios, L.L.C., Amendment No. 2, to provide for database management, extend contract term to 9/5/25, amend contractual language and scope of services, Special Revenue Fund, contract amount \$90,000.00 (CT-RE-23-77)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. No vote was taken at this time.

Supervisor Scott recalled that when the Board first discussed this contract, Deputy County Administrator Holmes had reviewed some of the safeguards in place to ensure that the data was secure and asked if that could be restated.

Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator, responded that the director of the Information Technology Department (ITD) could explain the technical safeguards that were in place much more eloquently and could include what the process was to transition over, which had been part of the conversation for the last couple of years.

Javier Baca, Director, ITD, explained that the database was maintained within the County Recorder's Office ITD, however it sat within the County's ITD network and there were multiple layers of protection that were in place and they provided support via the County Recorder's Office, that ensured the database was secure and maintained. He stated they had intrusion detection systems and multiple layers of security that monitored incoming traffic which could presumably be malicious intent that raised alerts and would be able to act on them, as well as working in conjunction with the Recorder's Office. He stated ITD offered support to the Recorder's Office and served as a resource for them and was always ready to

assist them if there was a need in that area, but it was not something that they directly supported. He reiterated that the database management and the contract was within the Recorder's Office, but ITD was available to support it and the migration of it for this item.

Supervisor Scott asked if there had been any concerns with this arrangement since it was initially put in place.

Mr. Baca responded that there were various situations where malicious traffic had been detected, but had not discovered anything actionable when an investigation was conducted. He stated that type of event occurred on a regular basis, sometimes it was a false alarm or sometimes it was a positive. He stated that it allowed them to initiate further investigations and engaged with the National Guard, for example, to conduct a further investigation. He stated that this was how they responded and provided resources to the elected officials, whether it was the County Recorder's Office, Pima County Attorney's Office, or any of the elected officials that they provided a backdrop of support for and that was what they had done in this case. He stated that if there was ever a worry of intrusion, they would assist in conducting the investigation to the deepest extent possible.

Supervisor Scott requested clarification if the malicious activity detected was the kind of activity that was common and not necessarily the result of the particulars of this arrangement.

Mr. Baca responded in the affirmative. He stated that it was difficult to characterize what malicious activity was because there was not a general malicious activity and it did require further investigation. He stated they had situations where they detected malicious activity, but it had been investigated deeply and assisted the Recorder's Office investigation because ultimately it was not their direct area of support, rather the Recorder's Office area of support, however they would continue to assist in investigating any malicious activity should there be any detection of that.

Supervisor Christy voiced his curiosity as to why the Recorder was not in attendance to address this because at one point it was assumed that this vendor position would be incorporated within the Recorder's office. He stated that this had gone on for about three years for the same vendor, the same questions, and same insecurities about a vendor doing this work on his laptop at his home. He added that the vendor was also given an hourly raise from \$124.00 to \$135.00 for this work, so after three years, he got a raise and a contract renewal. He stated that in the scope of work it listed Marion Chubon as the contact for the Recorder's Office and asked why the vendor reported to this person and that he thought the County ITD oversaw this as stated by Director Baca.

Mr. Baca clarified that County ITD did not oversee it.



Jan Leshar, County Administrator, clarified that Ms. Chubon was the Deputy Director of the Recorder's Office and assumed that the contact reported to her for oversight of the contract, not necessarily oversight of the ITD functions.

Supervisor Christy asked if the Recorder planned to move this position in-house.

Mr. Baca responded that he did not know.

Supervisor Scott recalled that when the Board first authorized this contract, the statement was made by staff from the Recorder's Office that they were not able to find anyone who was qualified for the position or who had the same level of knowledge like this former employee. He stated that he continued to support the arrangement for the reasons that were currently discussed and it also saved the County money as stated in the background material.

Supervisor Christy commented that after three years it would be justifiable if they could find someone that had the capabilities to do this to ensure that it was not being done off a laptop in someone's private home, as opposed to under the supervision of the department.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

### **Regional Wastewater Reclamation**

34. Pacific International Properties, L.L.P. and Fidelity National Title Agency Trust No. 60,327, to provide a master wastewater service agreement for construction of improvements to the public sewage conveyance system and provision of wastewater service for Cascada Development, no cost/20 year term (SC2400002244)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

35. Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District, Amendment No. 5, to provide for wastewater billing and collection services and amend contractual language, RWRD Enterprise Fund, contract amount \$12,740.00 (CT-WW-20-306)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

### **GRANT APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE**

36. **Acceptance - Community and Workforce Development**

State of Arizona Department of Housing, Amendment No. 1, to provide for the U.S. Department of Energy, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, amend grant language and scope of work, \$447,065.91 (GA-CWD-65912)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

**37. Acceptance - Community and Workforce Development**

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Amendment No. 1, to provide for the Housing Support Services - Pima County and Balance of State and extend grant term to 6/30/25, no cost (GA-CWD-70940)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. No vote was taken at this time.

Chair Grijalva inquired why Minute Item Nos. 37, 38 and 39 were three separate contracts.

Dr. Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services, explained that all three contracts were related and the funder had sent three separate requests that all required Board approval. He noted that Minute Item No. 37 extended the contract term, Minute Item No. 38 amended the contract language, and Minute Item No. 39 provided the funding.

Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

**38. Acceptance - Community and Workforce Development**

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Amendment No. 2, to provide for the Housing Support Services - Pima County and Balance of State, amend grant language and scope of work, no cost (GA-CWD-70940)

(Clerk's Note: See Minute Item No. 37, for discussion related to this item.)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

**39. Acceptance - Community and Workforce Development**

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Amendment No. 3, to provide for the Housing Support Services - Pima County and Balance of State and amend grant language, \$197,543.59 (GA-CWD-70940)

(Clerk's Note: See Minute Item No. 37, for discussion related to this item.)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva and seconded by Supervisor Scott to approve the item. Upon the vote, the motion carried 3-1, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent.

40. **Acceptance - County Attorney**

Office of the Arizona Attorney General, to provide for the FY2025 Victims' Rights Program Award, \$158,400.00 (G-PCA-73720)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

41. **Acceptance – Health**

Arizona Department of Health Services, Amendment No. 2, to provide for the home visiting services for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program and amend grant language, \$392,462.02 (GA-HD-70324)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

42. **Acceptance - Regional Wastewater Reclamation**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to provide for the Brownfields Cleanup Cooperative Agreement - BIL, \$492,681.00/4 year term (G-WW-73681)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

43. **Acceptance – Sheriff**

State of Arizona Department of Public Safety, Amendment No. 3, to provide for the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force and extend grant term to 6/30/25, \$123,117.00/\$26,883.00 General Fund Match (GA-SD-70356)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

44. **Acceptance – Transportation**

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, to provide for the Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement - Eric Marcus Municipal Airport, \$1,979,543.00/\$97,173.00 State Aviation Distribution Fund Match/\$97,173.00 VLT (Aviation) Fund Match/4 year term (G-TR-73648)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

## **FRANCHISE/LICENSE/PERMIT**

### **45. Hearing - Liquor License**

Job No. 299819, Jaskaran Singh, Last Stop Chevron, 195 S. Sonoyta Way, Ajo, Series 9, Liquor Store, Location Transfer, Person Transfer and Sampling Privileges.

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to close the public hearing, approve the license and forward the recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

### **46. Hearing - Liquor License**

Job No. 296275, Willard Capen, Jr., Findley's Restaurant, 190 W. Continental Road, No. 202, Green Valley, Series 12, Restaurant, New License.

The Chair inquired whether anyone wished to address the Board. No one appeared. It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to close the public hearing, approve the license and forward the recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **47. Support of the "Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act"**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 53, of the Board of Supervisors, in support of the "Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act" (S. 3591).

Jan Leshner, County Administrator, stated this item was requested by the Board of Health.

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott and carried by a 3-1 vote, Supervisor Christy voted "Nay," and Supervisor Heinz was absent, to adopt the Resolution.

Chair Grijalva added that the Board received a letter from the Board of Health that included some of their concerns and she requested the letter be sent to State Representatives since the language of the resolution was very specific to enforcement, and the issue was bigger than just enforcement.

## **BOARD, COMMISSION AND/OR COMMITTEE**

### **48. Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Appointment of Stephanie Spencer, to fill a vacancy created by Helen Gardner. Term expiration: 9/2/30. (District 3)

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Lee and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the item.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **49. Approval of the Consent Calendar**

It was moved by Chair Grijalva, seconded by Supervisor Scott, and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Heinz was absent, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

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## **BOARD, COMMISSION AND/OR COMMITTEE**

### **1. Pima County/City of Tucson Outdoor Lighting Code Committee**

Ratification of appointment: Alec Zimmerman, to fill a vacancy created by Hyman Kaplan. Term expiration: 8/6/28. (City of Tucson recommendation)

### **2. Election Integrity Commission**

Appointment of Joel Strabala, to replace Thomas J. Berezny. Term expiration: 9/2/26. (Republican Party recommendation)

### **3. Industrial Development Authority**

Reappointments of Diane Quihuis and John H. Payne. Term expirations: 9/5/30. (Authority recommendations)

## **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE/TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PREMISES/ PATIO PERMIT/WINE FAIR/WINE FESTIVAL/JOINT PREMISES PERMIT APPROVED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-68**

### **4. Special Event**

- Lance P. Laber, DeGrazia Foundation, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, 6300 N. Swan Road, Tucson, September 6, 7 and 8, 2024.
- Kimberly Thompson, The Rustik Ropers Foundation, Savanto's Land & Cattle 'At The Ranch', 10555 S. Mesquite Tree Trail, Tucson, October 5, 2024.
- Judy McDermott, Conquistadores Youth Golf Fund, Terror in the Corn, 13591 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, October 17, 18 and 19, 2024.
- Kellie Terhune-Neely, Angel Charity for Children, Inc., Terror in the Corn, 13591 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, October 24, 25 and 26, 2024.

- Morgan Mchose, VFW Post 10254, Terror in the Corn, 13591 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, October 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 20, 27, 30 and 31, 2024.

**ELECTIONS**

5. **Precinct Committeemen**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-821B, approval of Precinct Committeemen resignations and appointments:

RESIGNATION-PRECINCT-PARTY:

Helen Boyd-074-DEM, Matthew Boyd-074-DEM, Frederick Dreiholz-016-REP, Ernest Williams-039-REP, Darren Venters-084-REP, Kirk Stek-095-REP, Michael Bigham-115-REP, Cathy Blake-117-REP, Wilson-Jacob Fisher-118-REP, John Dalton, Jr.-170-REP, Guadalupe Heaney-189-REP, Brian Crytzer-231-REP, Richard Sanders, Jr.-231-REP, Rafael De La Rosa, Jr.-232-REP, Michael Navarro-232-REP

**TREASURER**

6. **Duplicate Warrants - For Ratification**

Cortez Elvia or Leon Claudia \$8.82

**RATIFY AND/OR APPROVE**

7. Minutes: June 18 and August 12, 2024  
Warrants: August, 2024

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50. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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CLERK