

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

Prescott, Arizona July 12, 2000

The Board of Supervisors met in special session on July 12, 2000.

Present: Chip Davis, Chairman (late); Gheral Brownlow, Vice Chairman; John Olsen, Member; Bev Staddon, Clerk.

Also present: County Administrator Jim Holst.

ITEM NO. 1. Study session for discussion only. County Administrator Jim Holst. Meet with representatives of the Arizona Tax Research Association and major taxpayers to review and discuss the proposed 2000-2001 fiscal year budget. Participating in discussion were Steve Barela, Senior Research Analyst for the Arizona Tax Research Association; Mike Johnsen, Community Relations Manager Northwest Division, Arizona Public Service Company; Roger D. Moody, Tax Advisor, El Paso Energy Corporation; Lawrence E. Knudsen, Senior Tax Analyst, Salt River Project; and Lorna Street, Yavapai County Assessor. Mr. Holst provided a detailed review of the budget tentatively adopted on July 3, 2000, explaining the various funds and anticipated revenues and expenditures. He noted that the County is \$7 million below the statutory property tax limitation, and that as a result of establishment of the Yavapai County Jail District, the County would be reducing its property tax by 10 cents. He added that Yavapai County has enjoyed a solid economy with growing sales tax revenues, and that property valuations are also growing.

ITEM NO. 2. Convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss fiscal year 2000-2001 salaries for unclassified employees for whom salary increases were not approved on July 3, 2000. Approved by unanimous vote of those present. Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Vice Chairman Brownlow. (Chairman Davis arrived shortly after the start of the executive session and was present for the remainder of the meeting.)

ITEM NO. 3. Convene in open session and consider approval of fiscal year 2000-2001 salaries for unclassified employees for whom salary increases were not approved on July 3, 2000, to be retroactive to the first full pay period in July. Upon a motion by Supervisor Brownlow, seconded by Supervisor Olsen, and with no comments from the public, the Board voted unanimously to approve salaries for unclassified employees for whom salary increases were not approved on July 3, 2000.

ITEM NO. 4. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing participation in the counties' Tobacco Tax Settlement Trust. Board Attorney/Assistant County Administrator Dave Hunt presented this item, saying the the establishment of the trust was an effort to make whatever monies counties might receive from the tobacco settlement initiative-proof. He said there was some doubt as to whether counties even have the authority to handle money in this manner, and that it was also not clear whether a trust would really protect funds from an initiative. Mr. Hunt said that the trust was also weighted heavily towards Maricopa County, and that not all of the counties had approved it but that most of them were approaching it with the attitude that there was nothing to lose by joining. He added that the way the trust was set up, the County could join at any time. There was brief discussion regarding the possibility of the County forming its own trust and about the possibility of legislative action. Supervisor Olsen said he believed the best thing for the County to do was to wait and see what the legislature would do and then decide on a course of action. There was general agreement with Supervisor Olsen's comments, and the Board took no action on this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1. Consider accepting amended quitclaim deed for Quail Ridge Park, Chino Valley area. Approved by unanimous vote. Motion by Supervisor Brownlow, second by Supervisor Olsen. No comments from the public.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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