

Work Session

February 12, 2014

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:30 A.M. this date. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

Present: Chairman Anthony Smith; Vice-Chairman Todd House; Supervisor Pete Rios; Supervisor Stephen Q. Miller; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Chris Keller; Interim County Manager, Greg Stanley; Clerk of the Board, Sheri Cluff and Deputy Clerk of the Board, AmberLee Mudd.

Supervisor Cheryl Chase participated telephonically.

Work session to update the Board on potential County policies to reduce threats to, and so help to protect the Sonoran Desert Tortoise (SDT).

Jerry Stabley, Planning and Development Director presented potential actions that could be taken to reduce the threats to the Sonoran Desert Tortoise. Pinal County received a request from the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) for \$255,000 to conduct studies to help support the SDT and conserve the species and reduce economic impacts if the species was listed. The details of Mr. Stabley's presentation can be viewed in the "Minutes" section of the Board of Supervisors website.

Mr. Dunn expressed concern with regard to the SDT's ability to survive on the buffel grass in Arizona and was concerned about the cost of development if the tortoise is listed to be protected. His request for funds from the County is for the studies to provide reliable data.

The Board held discussion and would like to have the updated numbers and most current information. Staff was directed to bring the actual cost forward and to seek participation from development groups.

Work session to discuss citizen satisfaction surveys.

Kent Taylor explained that, previously, staff did an RFP and awarded the contract to National Research Center to conduct the survey. The report delivered in 2010 cost \$21,000, with a 35% response rate. The intent was to revisit this every other year, however, staff has not yet completed a follow-up survey and anticipated it would cost \$23,000 to do so. The results are used to gain resident awareness of the services provided by the County and the ability to rate those services. Also helps the Board to communicate priorities based on what resident priorities.

The Board held discussion and directed staff to move forward.

Work session to discuss bringing together county staff who are involved in the development approval and code enforcement processes into a Community Development Department.

Greg Stanley, Interim County Manager discussed the philosophy behind the change. He pointed out that it would force better cooperation and communication, reduce duplication and increase efficiency. When compared to other counties, the majority have moved to a similar operation. Mr. Stanley would like to bring an action item before the Board at a future meeting. Overall, there is a savings to the general fund.

The Board held discussion and directed staff to move forward and to bring additional information, such as the number of employees needed to do a satisfactory job in the code enforcement area, for consideration at a future date.

The meeting stood adjourned at 10:56 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:30 A.M..

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