



# **PINAL COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION**

**BOS Work session**

**July 2015**

# HISTORY

- **Fairgrounds, Parks and Recreation**
  - Pinal County Fair began in 1956
  - Pinal County Fair Advisory Board
- **BOS direction to privatize Fairgrounds operations in 2010**
- **Goals of Privatization**
  - Increased efficiency and improved facility management
  - Decrease General Fund dependency
  - Increased operational flexibility



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- **Adopted Ordinance #051111-PCFC (May 2011) creating Pinal County Fair Commission**
- **Dissolved Pinal County Fair Advisory Board**
- **Tasked with forming the Non-Profit, Central Arizona Fair Association (CAFA), completed July 2011**
- **Commission Membership**
  - **3 (appointed from existing 3 BOS Districts)**
  - **2 additional appointments could be made by the BOS prior to June 30, 2015**



# CENTRAL ARIZONA FAIR ASSOCIATION

- **CAFA Board members are same as the Fair Commission Members**
- **Current agreements include:**
  - **Facility lease**
  - **Management agreement**
  - **Concession agreement**
- **Staff has begun meeting with CAFA to review/improve management agreement**
  - **Any changes would need BOS and CAFA approval**



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- **Is there an ongoing purpose for the Fair Commission?**
  - **A Fair Commission is not statutorily mandated**
  - **Current format doesn't align with the privatization goals (efficiency and operational flexibility)**
  - **Since CAFA formation, the Fair Commission seldom meets or conducts any official business**



# MOVING FORWARD

- **CAFA Board has expressed a desire to dissolve the Fair Commission**
- **Staff sees no benefit of a Fair Commission in it's current format**
- **Discussion:**
  - **Maintain a Fair Commission?**
  - **If so, what are the functions, duties and responsibilities?**
  - **How would membership be determined?**

