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The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:30 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 Chaplain Michael Whitaker 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 Public

Roberto Reveles, Gold Canyon, urged the Board to conduct a complete independent audit of the Sheriff's Office.

Point of Personal Privilege –

Supervisor Rios requested that legal look into Pinal County's policy on prayer at the Board Meetings to verify that we are following policy.

Supervisor Chase stated she appreciated Supervisor Rios comments and feels strongly that we need to keep the prayer.

Chris Keller, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney advised that he will review Pinal County's policy and, he believes that it was last year, that a case came down from the U.S. Supreme Court that shed light on this issue. Mr. Keller said that within the next 30 days or so, we could schedule an Executive Session to provide a legal briefing.

Presentation for the 2015 Updated Master Plan for the Pinal Airpark.

Jim Petty, Airport Economic Development Director, appeared before the Board and provided a presentation regarding the Master Plan Update and Airport Layout Plan. Mr. Petty's presentation can be viewed in the minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

Supervisor Smith commented that, in his presentation, Mr. Petty indicates that general aviation shows considerable growth in the ten year period from 2023 to 2033. He asked Mr. Petty what makes him think the general aviation at this airpark will grow at that rate? Supervisor Smith also asked if there was an economic study being completed.

Mr. Petty explained that right now, there isn't any infrastructure to promote general aviation, however, on the airport layout plan, we do anticipate developing an area for people to base their aircraft at the airpark.

David Sperling, C&S Engineers, said in addition to the information Mr. Petty provided, the short term forecast is more tangible, wherein the long term forecast takes into consideration, the market share that is likely to be captured.

Mr. Louis Andersen, Public Works Director, said the Master Plan is for the FAA approval. The economic development plan is a separate component. Several studies are currently being completed.

Internal Audit's risk assessment and proposed audit plan.

Chris Wahl, Protiviti, appeared before the Board. Mr. Wahl stated that Protiviti performed a Risk Assessment for the purpose of developing Pinal County's 2016-2018 Internal Audit Plan. Mr. Wahl's presentation can be viewed in the minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the budget capacity and additional conversation regarding adding an internal auditor, at the county level, to assist the Board and provide guidance regarding the audits.

Plans for election season training for County employees and elected officials.

Patrick Camunez, Interim Human Resources Director, advised the Board that as election season approaches, many employees have questions regarding people and initiatives they want to support and how that interacts with them. Human Resources would like to conduct training sessions during election season, to help employees understand the "cans" and "can't's". Mr. Camunez provided a PowerPoint presentation which can be viewed in the minutes section of the Board of Supervisors webpage.

There was conversation amongst the Board Members with reference to policies regarding employees and their participation in the election process.

Chris Keller, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, said that they have been working on reviewing county policies and that Sections 1-3 have almost been completed. They are getting through the last revisions to Section 3. These sections do include some things that deal with elections, use of county resources, and things of that nature. Mr. Keller advised that these revisions should be presented to the Board within the next 30 days or so for the Board's consideration.

The meeting stood adjourned at 10:35 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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Diane Gardner, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board