

Special Session

July 11, 2016

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 1:00 P.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 Supervisor Chase and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman Todd House; 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.

Vice-Chairman Anthony Smith participated telephonically.

Call to the Public -

Irene Littleton, Casa Grande, appeared before the Board and read a letter from Nancy Hawkins, who was unable to attend. Ms. Hawkins expressed that she was disturbed that the exception of goods \$10,000 and over had been taken out. She also had questions regarding CAG.

Discussion/approval/disapproval of Resolution No. 071116-AD16-002 ordering and calling an election to be held in and for Pinal County, Arizona on November 8, 2016 on a Regional Transportation Plan and Related Transportation Excise Tax. (AD16-002)

Greg Stanley, County Manager, said back in August of last year, the Board passed a Resolution establishing the Regional Transportation Authority. That authority consists of all the members of CAG, by statute. The RTA put together a regional transportation plan digesting about 12 years of regional transportation studies. Used the services of Dibble an engineering firm and a subcontractor, Elliott Polack, to put together the economics of the plan. On the June 28th, we received a letter forwarding a Resolution passed by the RTA requesting that the Board put said Resolution on the ballot. The automobile dealers were trying to carve out taxes individual purchases that were greater than \$10,000. Staff and Elliott Polack put together what the impact of this would be and it was about 2½% of the revenue. Over a 20 year period, the RTA would lose about \$16 million of the \$640 million. The RTA had a special meeting considering and what came out of it is under the current statutes, we could not carve out a specific item, like individual property that was over \$10,000. It needed to be applied across the board.

Mr. Stanley said conversation was held regarding the potential of instead of putting this item on the general election ballot in November, the statute requires that the Board take an action to call for an election within 6 months of the date the Board receives a certified copy of the Resolution passed by the RTA.

Mr. Stanley then stated that one option is, instead of having this on the general election in November, the Board could defer this decision until no later than December 28, 2016. The other option is to move forward with it as it stands and put it on the November ballot. The idea behind moving it to December, would be to allow the groups, interested in trying to create the carve-out, time to get support.

Tom Rankin, Mayor of Florence and Chairman of the RTA, appeared before the Board. Mr. Rankin feels that should this item go on the ballot in November the way it is written today, it will not pass. He said the RTA is here to work with Pinal County and the citizens and feels a delay of this item is good to give time to get information out to the public.

A lengthy discussion was held by the Board members regarding this item.

Motion was made by Supervisor Rios and seconded by Supervisor Miller to table the Resolution calling for an election to be held in and for Pinal County on a Regional Transportation Plan and Related Transportation Excise Tax and ask staff to bring it back before the Board of Supervisors before December 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman House adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 1:36 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. with a Work Session to be held on July 13, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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