

**MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MOHAVE COUNTY, KINGMAN, ARIZONA
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Mohave County met in Regular Session this 21st day of October 2024 at 9:30 A.M., at 700 W. Beale Street, Kingman, Arizona, in the BOS Auditorium. In attendance were: Travis Lingenfelter, Supervisor District 1; Hildy Angius, Chairman, Supervisor District 2; Buster D. Johnson, Supervisor District 3; Jean Bishop, Supervisor District 4; Ron Gould, Supervisor District 5; Ryan Esplin, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Sam Elters, County Manager; and Laura Skubal, Clerk of the Board.

The following Mohave County Elected Officials, Department Heads and staff addressed specific items as noted: Todd Davison, Mohave County Park Police Coordinator; Tara Acton, Procurement Director; Steven Latoski, Public Works Director; and Luke Mournian, Chief Financial Officer.

9:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3) (4) & (7) TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOTICED ON THE AGENDA WITH AN ASTERISK.

**** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY, BY MOTION, RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ITEMS NOTICED ON THE AGENDA WITH A **, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) (1), WHICH AUTHORIZES DISCUSSIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISMISSAL, SALARIES, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, APPOINTEE, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY.**

9:30 AM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Angius called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Bill Franzen, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Bishop.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

ITEM 1: Discussion of pending or contemplated litigation claims and demands:

Motion was made by Supervisor Bishop and seconded by Supervisor Gould to call for an Executive Session to be held November 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. for discussion and consultation with legal counsel in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3) (4) & (7) to discuss items noticed on the agenda with an asterisk. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould voting yes.

Chairman Angius stated discussion of pending or contemplated litigation claims and demands, Mr. Esplin?

Ryan Esplin, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney, stated good morning, nothing to report. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated nothing.

ITEM 2: Committee and/or Legislative Reports:

Chairman Angius stated committee and legislative reports. Supervisor Johnson?

Supervisor Johnson stated nothing.

Chairman Angius stated Supervisor Gould?

Supervisor Gould stated nothing today Madam.

Chairman Angius stated Supervisor Lingenfelter?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated nothing this week, Madam Chair. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated okay and Supervisor Bishop?

Supervisor Bishop stated I attended the CSA legislative conference and I'll let you do the summary of that report, if you don't mind.

Chairman Angius stated ok that's it for you? Okay, yes, I did attend along with Supervisor Bishop. Our CSA legislative summit. What? Excuse me if you can refrain from comments. What we do at this summit is we, we decide which of the legislative priorities we would like our lobbyists which, in this case, is CSA to work on. Every County gets to submit. Mohave County submitted three, and all three of them passed. We were very happy about that. It's not always been the case, but we were, we have a lot of support this year for our legislative priorities, so that is all for now.

ITEM 3: Lobbyist report from HighGround, Inc:

Chairman Angius stated we do not have a lobbyist report.

ITEM 4: County Manager's Report:

Chairman Angius stated we have a County Manager's report this morning?

Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager, stated Madam Chairman and Board members, no report from me this morning.

Chairman Angius stated thank you very much. We have a presentation first. I'll go to the Presentation. Mohave County Park Coordinator Tom Davidson and Public Works parks wish to formally recognize Noah Brock for his emergency response and lifesaving actions.

PRESENTATION

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Todd Davison, Mohave County Park Police Coordinator, Public Works

Todd Davison, Chief of Park Police/ERACE Coordinator stated good morning, Madam Chair, Supervisors, and other Board Members. Thank you for giving us the time for a brief and positive award presentation. Mohave County Park Police Sergeant Noah Brock was working the North Beach area of Davis Camp, when he observed an unusual activity along the river and acted swiftly to identify an individual floating in the water was that was not breathing and showed no pulse. Noah was able to provide CPR that saved the individual's life. Based on the fact that Noah was not dispatched to this incident, but rather took it upon himself to investigate and successfully use CPR. I would like to present Noah Brock with this life saving award. Would the board like to shake his hand or have a picture with Noah?

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01(H) a public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Chairman Angius stated okay, now we will go back to the call to public. A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. We all know the drill. We're going to start with Kris Rodarte today.

Kris Rodarte stated Kris Rodarte, Mohave County taxpayer. For you formed my inward parts, knitted me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139, 13, before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you. Jeremiah, 1: 5, there are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him. Among them, haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. Proverbs, 6:16, to 17. November 5th is two weeks away, while most of Mohave County seems in favor of life, liberty, and the pursuit of property. What about the rights of the unborn? Prop 139, if enacted, and I quote from ballot pedia, would amend the Arizona Constitution to establish that every individual has the fundamental right to abortion. That the State of Arizona may not interfere with before the point of fetal viability, defined in the measure, as the point of pregnancy when there is significant chance of the survival of the fetus outside of the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures. The measure would also provide for the right to an abortion after fetal viability, if it is done so to protect the life,

physical or mental health of the pregnant individual, in the judgment of a treating health care professional. Barbaric and evil, they can't even say woman, pregnant individual. No Christian in good conscience can vote yes on 139. God makes it very clear, life begins at conception. These babies are not clumps of cells or inconveniences. Killing them in the womb is not reproductive health care. Abortion is an ugly, brutal, savage procedure. Babies scrambling to escape the deadly forceps invading the most secure space their mother's womb. Did you know that, according to a gut marker Institute study, which is a Planned Parenthood affiliate, less than 1% of abortions are a result of rape and incest is less than half a percent. And if it comes down to saving the life of the mother, I mean, the pregnant individual, how about we deliver the baby first? The Democrat Party loves abortion. They are the party of death, disorder, chaos, and destruction. Trump has been too squishy on abortion, but I believe his heart can be changed. Hers cannot, we must vote for him. God is angry, and he will impose his wrath upon the Country, Arizona and upon Mohave County if we decide to kill our most precious, vulnerable, defenseless citizens, the unborn before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. No on 139.

Chairman Angus stated thank you very much. Next up is Greg Befort, and then Scotty McClure.

Greg Befort stated Supervisors for the record, Greg Befort from Yucca. Last time I came up here, I spoke about the lie that we were told about Israel and primarily this is my objection to the proclamation that four supervisors here supported in what was framed as Israel's right to defend itself, I outlined that as an occupying force by international law, Israel has no right to defend itself at all. They're an occupying force, and they have been since 1948 but read a book, folks quit listening to your Facebook friends and your media about what's going on here. I told you about the atrocities, the ethnic cleansing that was going on here. Here's a book that you might want to read. It's by Ilan Pappé, one of the most prolific Jewish historians in, of this century. We talked about the ethnic cleansing of Palestine. This isn't me talking here. Smotrich's, the finance minister. Go look at his comments about starvation of Gazans and how it could be justified. The same guy that wants to extend Israel's borders to Damascus, their defense minister announced a seizure on Gaza. They blockaded medicine. They've bombed aid trucks, set off explosive pagers in Lebanon, killed innocent people. They have no qualms about and no distinction between terrorists and Palestinians, who they claim support them. There's no distinction. They've been bombing UN troops, shooting at UN troops. They'd last bombed Alex Hospital, a tent hospital, killing people. There's no end to their madness, and we support it. This is their morality. That's the first thing that goes in war. Is the first thing. The first victim is truth. The second is morality. In war. This is the, I don't believe in the western morality. Only way to fight a moral war is a Jewish way. Destroy their holy sites, kill men, women and children and cattle. This is a rabbi talking here. When you have this kind of mentality, one on top of we're the master race, how do you differentiate ideologically between we are God's chosen people? One's a Nazi, the other one's an Ashkenazi. How do you distinguish? This is about the Greater Israel project. Read some history on Zionism. The area, the Jewish state stretches from the brook of Egypt to the Euphrates. That was Theodore Herzl, the founder of Zionism from the 1800s. This is Benjamin Netanyahu in front of the UN talking about the Greater Israel project of the new Middle East. This is a map of the Greater Israel project. This is a patch from a shit an IDF soldier.

Vice-Chairman Bishop stated your time is up. Thank you very much.

Mr. Befort stated I'll be back.

Vice-Chairman Bishop stated Scotty McClure, you're up, followed by Armin Stange, if you'll get ready.

Scotty McClure stated I guess Hildy is too scared to be here. Jeanne Kentch My God. When are you going to learn?

Vice-Chairman Bishop stated excuse me sir we need your name and.

Mr. McClure stated Scotty from Bullhead.

Vice-Chairman Bishop stated thank you.

Mr. McClure stated your yelling on the phone and yelling at the PCs in our office over there, at the GOP office, instead of talking to Valerie, which is the head of the GOP office. You don't call up people there that are working their behinds off and they're just good they're good people, good Republicans, and they're sitting there and getting chewed out by Jeanne Kentch for something the Democrats are doing. They're pulling up our signs, our Trump signs, and replacing them with theirs. Why don't they get the why doesn't Jeanne Kentch, get the cops out there at night patrolling? They're right there by Safeway and Aztec and down there in Bullhead. Get the cops out there at midnight instead of the coffee shop Jeanne Kentch you call these people, you just don't care about the bylaws at all. You don't go by them. You don't believe in them because your queen. You and Hildy have ruined that office in Bullhead. Royanne Ortiz is turning over in her grave because of you and Hildy. Now this thing where that cop was up here, or probation officer, he said he knew we're all 190 child molesters were located, their addresses and everything. Thing is, I got up here and I said I had 345 people on, the counts wrong here. Schuster you need to get together all the computers. Lake Havasu has one. We have one. Apparently, Kingman has one, and that's 345 and he says he knows we're all 190 are. Well that 135 345 compared to 90. Their addresses are behind Safeway in Fort Mohave or the I don't know how they're getting into town and going to the homeless shelter and using that. Why did the IT department get involved in this election where you can't look up people like Lettman and see they turned in their stuff, they're supposed to turn in. Oh, and Hildy, it's never too early to inform you we're going to do a recall on you.

Chairman Angius stated okay then. Armin Stange, Scott VanEngen and Pastor Roy Hagemyer after that.

Armin Stange stated good morning, Supervisors. Armin Stange, Fort Mohave, aka the German. I got some more videos for you and by the way, I got stopped by the Manager from Safeway on Friday. They have a homeless problem behind Safeway breaking into their dumpsters again. So, I really would appreciate if

they go away under the bridge, you know, or flood the channel. Maybe they can swim. Maybe not. Who cares? I'm not in a mood for this homeless problem here anymore. Come on. There. We have another dust cloud coming down Cavalry Road, and there'll be more. Let me forward this here. There's another one coming down the road, you know and yesterday, I had aquatic going by the house with a dump truck with about 50 plus miles an hour, and it was about 10 o'clock in the morning. So, this is unacceptable with the traffic on the road. I think the road department needs to put that big hole back in Dunlop, so we get less traffic, or the road department is doing dust abatement on our road, then this is getting out of hand. I'm coughing my brains out all day long, and dust is hazardous, so why don't the County fix the problem instead spending money on the frivolous lawsuit over unpaid mileage? Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated thank you Armin. Scott VanEngen, I hope I pronounced that right. Pastor Roy Hagemyer and then James Schoppers.

Scott VanEngen stated hello. My name is Scott VanEngen and I live in the Cimarron community of Mohave Valley. I'm here to make a couple points I have about that energy plant that they're wanting to erect. I'm a business owner, and I could possibly benefit from this energy perk. But honestly, I care more about my family and friends and community than money. The citizens of Bullhead fought placing peaker plants in this area, in their area, and won, and so did the citizens of Fort Mohave. They fought the plant for the very same reasons that I and citizens of Mohave Valley are fighting this. The health and lives of children, families and elderly are more important than this plant, especially since there are other options. All over the US are coalitions fighting to replace peaker plants with more efficient, cleaner options. Our government has posted the dangers of peaker plants. The Government Accountability Office website clearly states that even short-term exposure can lead to decreased lung functions, cough, chest tightness and throat irritation and short term is described in as short as one week. Long term is heart attack, strokes, birth defects and cancer. If these plants were safe, this information would not be published. How can you honestly vote for something that will hurt people? Is the almighty dollar more important than people's lives, if not. I'm sorry. It's not if it harms someone and it will hurt many. The first meeting I attended regarding the peaker facility was stating that it was going to be for 19 acres and that there would be two peakers. Now it has grown to almost 300 acres and might and up to from what I've heard, 19 peakers. This area also will be rezoned for commercial manufacturing. Many people like myself moved here to escape congestion and dirty air. We love the beauty of the desert, and this will damage that beauty. This plant is directly behind our community, but the winds will blow these toxins clear across the whole valley, including Golden Valley, which is evident by the fires that are down there in Needles somewhere and there's smoke all through Golden Valley. So, it'll blow long distances. I am asking for you today to please not allow this plant to take place when there is so much land out there where it can be moved to, or even other options that are cleaner. Please vote no for my family and for yours.

Chairman Angius stated thank you very much. Pastor Roy Hagemyer and then James Schoppers, and then Kris Schoppers.

Pastor Roy Hagemyer stated good morning, Supervisors. Roy Hagemyer, Mohave Valley, Arizona. I want to begin with Matthew 16:26, for what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? Chairman Angius, how do people change or do they? We have a huge problem in our County government today. Political favors in return for, who knows what, people willing to destroy communities to give favor to corporate friends, elected officials who say one thing and do just the opposite, like in the expose that you will read in our town magazine, where you said of yourself that your goals are to protect the integrity of local government. How about you live in that integrity and that high-ranking government officials respect the will of the people. Maybe you should start by respecting the will of the people of Mohave Valley. I would suggest that you start by living out what you said in the article, in this very meeting shows that you do not believe what you have said your appointment of John Hassett to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and then the subsequent contract for \$1.1 million for medical examiner services. The question was brought up in his contract, if it was a conflict of interest, if there's a question, it's a conflict. As the Chairman of the Foster Care Review Board, if I know a person that we're going to speak about, it's a conflict for me. And then the fact that Mr. Hassett and Mr. Hellams both who have an inappropriate relationship in regards to MEC. They both sit on the executive board of the chamber of commerce with John Martel, who is the COO of MEC. Is that not a conflict of interest? I think it is. And then to watch the show that was put on by Mr. Hassett on October 9th was just a shame. It was a joke. There was no consideration of the people of Mohave Valley whatsoever. They had decided the outcome of that Planning and Zoning meeting before they ever walked in this room. And then the relationship between you and John Martel and Tyler Carlson all a relationship of a promised rezone and amendment change to the general plan. The whole thing stinks and then what about Mr. Hassett's horrible comment about our Supervisor Ron Gould, when he said, F Ron Gould and his staff at a break at the Planning and Zoning Commission. Again, in your expose Hildy, in Our Town Magazine, you say that you're all for the people, but what people? Surely not the people of Mohave Valley, you've already disparaged and sold them off to the highest bidder. You don't care about the people. You care about your corporate friends at MEC and AEPCO and since we're on the subject, the big lie from Tyler Carlson and company at MEC, where they state in their brochure, it's been repeated by Mehdi Arzami and Tom Brady, the ex-Mayor Bullhead, that had this peaker plant been up and running during the 2022 Labor Day monsoon, that the power would have never went off with 140 poles on the ground, it surely would have gone off. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated thank you very much. James Schoppers and then Kris Schoppers and then Jennifer Esposito.

James Schoppers stated James Schoppers, Mohave Valley. Our group that's opposed to the Mohave power zone has been accused by Mohave Electric and AEPCO of putting out misleading information. I can't think of anything that was misleading. All the stuff that we get we're getting from internet from direct sources, including them. Their billboard state that the energy park, the local energy park that they're trying to get approved right now is going to include solar, battery and gas, and yet, there, none of that's on their on their application, if I was a plumber, owned a business for a long time, been in plumbing for a long

time. If I came to you guys asking you for a permit to put in a plumbing business in Mohave County, and I wanted 20 acres, and I didn't tell you what I was doing with those 20 acres, I could put in whatever I want that falls under plumbing if you approve my application. Their application does not specifically say exactly what they're going to do, just that they're going to put in the energy park. I think they need to amend their application way before anything is even considered. My other issue is, I would expect every member of this board to be open minded when we when you have these meetings, when we come up here and talk, but it seems like the majority of everybody, including the people at the Planning and Zoning Council, walk into those meetings with their minds made up. It's obvious. We go there saying, don't do this, don't put in this power plant. Hundreds of us, 1000s of petitions and they go now we'll prove it. They get 35 speakers against a solar a private solar plant or park put being put in, and they vote for them, saying, No, their minds are their minds are made up before they go into those meetings. I think that's a problem. I really do. The stuff that they're putting out, noise levels, how much energy, how much water, all those statistics are for a brand-new plant. All of those things are going to change with time, more noise, more pollution. It's an issue. We don't want it any more than Bullhead or Fort Mohave did. They should put it out beyond here, where Mohave Electric has their grid. Put it past Kingman, put it away from people. They can do that. It might cost them a little more. That's it. It's about money.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Kris Schoppers, then Jennifer Esposito, then Laurie Dennison.

Kris Schoppers stated good morning Supervisors, Kris Schoppers, Mohave Valley. So, I also want to speak with you and implore you to please do some of your own research and investigation on what's really being requested of us in Mohave Valley. So, at this point, as of last night, we now have 2035 petition signatures of people in opposition to this rezone of now potentially 273.5 acres in Mohave Valley to heavy manufacturing. You know, we have over 400 letters of opposition that have been sent to you. So, the vast majority of Mohave Valley does not want this. We bought in Mohave Valley with the expectation, a legitimate expectation that we were choosing a rural lifestyle. That's what we were investing in, and we had the right to do that. We had an expectation, because that's the general plan. The general plan says it's suburban residential so now to step in after we have all invested all of our time, money, blood, sweat and tears into our homes and rezone this into heavy manufacturing, change it to urban development is just wrong. It is a violation of our property rights and at the Planning and Zoning hearing, as my husband spoke, we felt that we were not heard. That how can MEC and AEPCO by the way, it was really an MEC presentation that was done, not even an AEPCO presentation. And they actually, I thought, were the applicant. So that's interesting. They state on their website more information than they are required to supply on the planning and zoning application. Why is that? That's a disgrace for us as a County, isn't it? Shouldn't we have higher standards than what they're going to advertise on their website. So, they speak of the 193 acres, they speak that they're going to put 85 of those allocated to the gas power plant, and that they intend to use all of that property. Why are not we requiring more explanation of exactly what they're going to do with that land? How many peaker plants and make a commitment to that? And they have said nothing on their application about the lithium battery storage facilities, yet. It's on their website. It's on their billboards. This is a huge issue. You'd have to be living under a rock to not have heard about all the

lithium fires. So, you want to put multiple gas peaker plants, multiple lithium battery storage facilities and put that all behind and around established, existing neighborhoods, about 2300 homes. It's a disaster.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Jennifer, then Laurie Dennison and then Glenda Webb.

Jennifer Esposito stated Jennifer Esposito, Kingman. Why isn't this working? Lovely. I don't know, there it goes. Special treat for you this morning. I thought you might enjoy this. New publication reach 10,000 people every month. Well, I won't back down. No, I won't back down. You can stand me up at the gates of hell, but I won't back down. No, I'll stand my ground. Won't be turned around, and I'll keep this world from dragging me down, I'm gonna stand my ground and I won't back down. Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out. Hey, I will stand my ground and I won't back down. Well, I know what's right. I got just one life in a world that keeps on pushing me around, but I'll stand my ground and I won't back down. Hey baby, there ain't no easy way out. Hey, I will stand my ground and I won't back down. 10,000 copies on the street, Kingman, Golden Valley, Valley Vista, if you do the right thing, you won't be in here. If you do the wrong thing, count on it. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated all right, Laurie Dennison, then Glenda Webb.

Laurie Dennison stated Laurie Dennison, Bullhead City. What's up Hildy? We had a nice chat at the Smart and Final. So, as you can see, I'm here in opposition to the peaker plant and Hildy you might remember when we were kids, there was a song by Joni Mitchell, a Big Yellow Taxi they paved paradise and put up a parking lot. You know, being a young and idealistic kid, I thought who would want to do a thing like that, or in this case, paved paradise and put up a peaker plant. So, for those who worship at the altar of progress, one person's paradise is someone else's natural resource to exploit. You know, sure, I like my affordable, reliable electricity from MEC, but not at the expense of my friends who are literally traumatized at seeing their social contract with the county going right out the window. And now I get that the Mohave Valley location seems reasonable from the from the standpoint of going a little farther out into the desert and a little further away from the homes. And I've been out to the site, and while it seems remote, it does seem remote, according to EPA standards and the GAO report, it's still not remote enough. And some of you might think that they're overreacting over misinformation, but the people of Mohave Valley are catastrophizing the worst-case scenario and Murphy's Law. And understandably so, because the very fact that this project is even a thing, boggles the mind. Everything about this project, from the get go, has been sketchy and suspect, and to this day, the good people of Mohave Valley, Mohave Valley, having this abomination forced upon them, have yet to receive the assurances that they need from APEC and MEC to even begin to apprehend making peace with it. And as our Board of Supervisors, does this really sit well with you? And given our vast expanse of desert, how is it possible? How is it not possible to secure a suitable site at least three miles away from the nearest residents, and what happened to the general plan, which begs the question, what will Mohave Valley look like 20 years from now? As our Board of Supervisors, we call upon you to really think this through. As this is going to be your legacy. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated thank you very much. Glenda. Glenda, you've asked for another couple of minutes for you reading a statement. I'll give you five minutes altogether.

Glenda Webb stated hi, I'm Glenda Webb. I'm from Mohave Valley. This is my statement. My daughter and I were having a discussion about the peaker plants, that they were trying to put into Mohave Valley. She said, well, there must be government regulations that they will follow to keep the plants from harming you. So, I did some research. A peaker plant with 100 megawatts of power have restrictions for what percentage of pollution and the issues that go into the area. A 49-megawatt power plant which the planet putting this in this area, okay, have no federal, state, or local county requirements for pollution that can harm the people in this valley. That is why these companies are hell bent on moving into this area. In other advertisements, the thought of endorsing a no enforcement policy for clean air and water standards would be the worst things that you can do in the area. Why is this not a fact in the issue concerning Mohave Valley? You have already been told by the government study of how difficult and harmful these plants are. Since this is your last year on the Board, you have more freedom to do your decisions. If you make a bad decision, someone else has to rectify the problem. What possible lawsuits could come from this? Because you've endorsed the developments of an unrestricted polluting energy plant in our homeland, Mohave Valley. You took this job of County Supervisors years ago to help the development and betterment of Mohave County. Somehow all of your good intentions are gone, your legacy of your past position will go down as how you help to change this beautiful valley that to look like the sky of L.A. Remember when you come from L.A. into this area, down I-40, you can see 65 miles to Boundary Cone, and you see nice, clear skies. If these plants come in, you will see gray pollution. You can change your decision to stop this process. God bless you with your decision. The other part of this is all of you just came down from the Bullhead City area. A lot of you did and have noticed that there's gray skies everywhere, and that's from the fire that's over in the Topock region. And so that's what goes here from Jana. Okay. She says, when I bought my property, I never dreamed I would have a battle with anyone for the very reason I looked here in the first place, agriculturally zoned all rural lifestyle living. In my morning prayer, I thank our Holy Father God for placing me in a small, quiet country neighborhood with all the mindful, peaceful people that are raised on values that our founding fathers set upon the very country. This is a happy, humble little ranch that I built, and I'm home. Now there is a looming threat to it all. I spent the past 21 years riding the roads behind my property and enjoying the wildlife, I would never have seen on foot or off vehicle, because she has a horse. All that I said before were most of the wildlife will not hide from another animal heading down a nearby trail. I'm quite certain, however, they would not remain in the area of something that appears as a monstrosity; as instinct wise enough to flee from the safe ground and other parts of the joy I take are gone. I spent a great part of my retirement income on staying as healthy as I can. Coming from California, I've always appreciated the cleaner air in Mohave Valley. Everyone that has lived in this valley for any length of time knows that the air right above us gets caught in a circular vacuum, and the clouds have been known to circle back above us and produce rains over and over again in the same system. There's no reason to believe that this pollution suggests that the plants will not do the same. It's just may take several years before we know exactly how much damage they do. And

is quite a large risk that I take. I already know that near me won't work. It appears very obvious that the money that you make off this project is greater than the respect and concerns you have for our constituents, with those not returning to the Board and those on my own conscience, you will have to answer too. The Bible says the love of money is the root of all evil, and it looks like it's starting to be in my own backyard. Thank you for listening, and I will continue to pray for the rezoning fail, and God bless You with the mercy. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated James Jones please.

James Jones stated can we turn that? How's that? Okay. Good morning Board of Supervisors. My name is James, sovereign from Kingman. Just wanted to bring something to your attention and to the sheriff's attention. But first of all, I'd like to make sure that you understand I'm pro police and pro sheriff. I believe in in law and order. But what I see here in this picture of a SWAT team in Bullhead City, is right here. I understand that's a multipurpose type of weapon, but its main focus in the service is a grenade launcher. But it can be used for other things as well. I don't have enough time to explain all of it, but this, this concerns me of the militarization of our local forces. And I know we're in perilous times, and I know it's a 50-50 deal. We do have laws called Posse Comitatus that has been ignored many, many times and still being ignored. And Posse Comitatus is the power of the County. Our sheriff has a lot of lot of power, and I want to bring it to the attention of the Board. Just recently in the last week or so, on top of what I see here, which is disturbing to me, in the DOD Department of Defense directive 52 40.01 section 3.3 a two has given authority for all military, mostly those that are in the intelligence, to actually violate the Constitution in a Posse Comitatus , and as to actually give the any activities that they're involved in lethal force. Now, in a certain circumstance, I understand that this may be necessary insurrections and so on and so forth. But before an election, two or three weeks before the election, this comes about and concerns me, and I think that we should be as a County, aware of what could happen with the wrong people taking this way too far. Thank you. Have a great day.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Okay, I'm going to close the call to public. Anyone would like to respond? I want to say something. It's been said a couple of times and in the past that I and some others on this Board are making money from MEC or APECO, that's categorically untrue. Just saying it, does not mean it's true, and so I want that on the record as these accusations keep being on the record. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated have the consent agenda. The following items listed on the consent agenda will be considered as a group enacted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless the Board Members so requests.

The following items listed under CONSENT AGENDA will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless a Board Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA for separate discussion and action.

Chairman Angius stated Supervisor Johnson?

Supervisor Johnson stated nothing ma'am.

Chairman Angius stated Supervisor Gould?

Supervisor Gould stated strangely enough, nothing today Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated okay Supervisor Bishop?

Supervisor Bishop stated nothing.

Chairman Angius stated and Supervisor Lingenfelter?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated nothing, Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated wow. But I do have one request that was for item 19. So, I need a motion to approve consent agenda items number 5 through 33 minus item 19.

Supervisor Bishop stated so moved.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bishop and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter and carried 5-0 with the following votes being recorded: Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes, Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould voting yes, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 5 through 33 minus items 19 as follows:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSENT AGENDA (Items 5 - 33)

5. Approve the utilization of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 081721-CXT, Prefabricated Concrete Buildings, with CXT Incorporated, Spokane Valley, Washington, and sign CXT Quote dated September 17, 2024, for the purchase of two (2) Cortez prefabricated cast concrete restroom/shower buildings to be delivered and installed at the Chloride Community Park and Mt. Tipton Community Park with a total purchase price of \$397,172.00, sourced to the previously approved District 4 ARPA funds, on behalf of Public Works – Parks Division. Approve continued use of the cooperative contract through October 15, 2026, should

Sourcewell exercise the available renewal option, subject to approved budgeted project funding. – Procurement

6. Approve and sign Contract Amendment No. Four (4) to Contract No. 21-PS-08-01, On-Call Surveyor Services, with Ardurra Group, Inc.; Tampa, Florida; extending the contract through December 18, 2025, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same. – Procurement
7. **Sitting as the Board of Directors of the Mohave County Flood Control District:** Approve and sign amendments to Contract No. 21-PS-07, On-Call Professional Civil Engineering Services, with (-01) JE Fuller Hydrology & Geomorphology, Inc., Tempe, Arizona; (-02) Wilson & Company, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; (-03) Kimley-Horn, Phoenix, Arizona, (-04) Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Chandler, Arizona; and (-05) Ardurra Group, Inc., Tampa, Florida, extending the contracts through December 18, 2025, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, on behalf of the Mohave County Flood Control District. – Procurement
8. Approve and sign Contract Amendment No. One, to Contracts No. 24-PS-21, Job Order Contract Roof and Roofing Systems, Installation, Services, Maintenance, and Associated Products, with (01) Northern Arizona Roof Services, Flagstaff, Arizona, and (02) Progressive Roof, Phoenix, Arizona, to add “49. Term and Renewal” to the Standard Terms and Conditions of the contracts, clarifying the County’s intent for the contracts to commence on October 7, 2024, and remain in effect through October 6, 2025, with four additional one-year renewal options, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, on behalf of Public Works. – Procurement
9. **Sitting as the Board of Directors for Mohave County Flood Control District:** Approve project award to McCormick Construction Co., accepting Job Proposal #212-0724-02, under Mohave County Contract 20-PS-19-03 – Job Order Contract (JOC) Earthworks and Channel Maintenance, to perform requested maintenance work in the Williams Channel, owned by Mohave County Flood Control District, from Tamarack St. southwest about 300 feet, for a “not to exceed” amount of \$124,014.23 sourced to fund 30524500-43970. This project will bolster the integrity of the channel while allowing the channel to perform as intended. – Procurement
10. Approve the utilization of Arizona State Cooperative Contract No. CTR059314, New Vehicle Purchases, with Courtesy Auto of Mesa, LLC, Mesa, Arizona, effective through March 16, 2025, for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Dodge Durangos for the Sheriff’s Office at \$57,229.55, for a total cost of \$114,459.10 Funding for these vehicles will be sourced to previously approved grant funds from the State of Arizona (80823909-48500), on behalf of the Public Works Department – Fleet Services Division. – Procurement
11. **Sitting as the Board of Directors for Mohave County Flood Control District:** Approve project award to Lewis Equipment Services, LLC, accepting Job Proposal #111-0924-10, under Mohave County Contract 20-PS-19-02 – Job Order Contract (JOC) Earthworks and Channel Maintenance, to perform requested maintenance work in the Mohave Channel, owned by Mohave County Flood Control District, from Gordon Dr. north to Bank St. for a “not to

exceed” amount of \$149,967.60 sourced to fund 30524500-43970. This project will allow water to drain as intended in the channel and repair the damaged structure. – Procurement

- 12.** Approve the utilization of Arizona State Cooperative Contract No. CTR059315, New Vehicle Purchases, with Courtesy Chevrolet, Phoenix, Arizona, effective through March 16, 2025, for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoes for a total cost of \$149,509.85. Funding for these vehicles will be sourced to previously approved grant funds from the State of Arizona (80823909-48500) on behalf of the Public Works Department – Fleet Services Division. – Procurement
- 13.** Approve and sign Contract Amendment No. One, to Contracts No. 24-PS-14, Job Order Contract (JOC) HVAC Contractors, Service and Parts, with Mesa Energy Systems DBA EMCORE Services (-01), Las Vegas, Nevada; Air Control Home Services (-02), Lake Havasu City, Arizona; and Ambient Edge, LLC (-03), Kingman, Arizona, to add General Conditions and “49. Term and Renewal” to the Standard Terms and Conditions of the contracts, clarifying the County’s general construction requirements for JOC projects and the intent for the contracts to commence on July 15, 2024, and remain in effect through July 14, 2025, with up to four (4) additional one-year renewal options, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, on behalf of Public Works. – Procurement
- 14.** Approve utilization of Mohave Cooperative Contract No. 23G-AZF-0131, Facility Furnishings, with Arizona Furnishings, Phoenix, Arizona; and sign Quote No. S2824007-2 to purchase furnishings for the Sheriff’s Office Reach Out Facility in the amount of \$171,370.77, sourced to adopted budget funds (41090448), on behalf of Public Works - Facilities Division and the Sheriff’s Office. Approve continued use of the cooperative contract through January 30, 2029, should the Mohave Cooperative exercise all available renewal options and subject to approved budgeted project funding. – Procurement
- 15.** Approve the multi-award and sign contracts 24-PS-22, Job Order Contract (JOC) Emergency Water System Repair; to Lewis Equipment Services, Kingman, Arizona (-01) and Premier Backhoe Inc, Fort Mohave, Arizona (-02) for an initial one-year term, commencing upon award, and the option to renew the contracts for up to four (4) additional one-year periods, on behalf of Public Works – Facilities Division. Projects will be awarded on an as-needed basis, and all funding will be in accordance with adopted budgets per fiscal year. – Procurement
- 16.** Approve the award and sign Contract No. 2025-007-IFB, Mohave County Lake Havasu City (LHC) Probation/County Attorney’s Office Tenant Improvement, to T.R. Orr, of Kingman, Arizona, to perform Lake Havasu City (LHC) Probation/County Attorney’s Office Tenant Improvement for the lump sum amount of \$117,000. Further, approve a construction contingency allowance of \$11,700 (10%) for Mohave County authorized essential work to address any unforeseen conditions and enable project completion for a full construction budget of \$128,700, on behalf of Public Works Department – Facilities Division. Funding for this project will be sourced to the previously BOS approved ARPA II Grant FY23-FY27 issued by the Supreme Court of Arizona – Administrative offices of the Courts. – Procurement

17. Approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Women Infant and Children (WIC) and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling (BFPC) Program Contract, CTR 067941 Amendment No. 1, for \$734,608.00 and \$57,736.00, respectively, CTR 067941, for SFY 2024, from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and Mohave County budget adjustments for FY 2024-2025 for the WIC fund, 229-04-5140. There will be no Mohave County budget adjustments for FY 2024-2025 for the BFPC fund, 229-04-5141. – Public Health
18. Authorize the Public Works Director to approve an application for a special event permit within Mohave County rights-of-way for the Route 66 UltraRun Marathon from Seligman to Topock where participants will occupy portions of Oatman Highway during the marathon event on Saturday, November 9, through Monday, November 11, 2024, upon applicant's fulfillment of Mohave County Public Works Special Events Permit Policy requirements. – Public Works
20. Approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-209 to accept a grant of 100-foot-wide ingress and egress and public utility easement by Arizona Series 3 for Superstition Drive in the Valle Vista area and authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to sign said easement acceptance. – Public Works
21. Approve the appointment pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-2107(A), Dan Oehler, Robert Cutler, Terry Constantino, and Mike Doyel to serve as directors on the Bullhead City Pest Abatement District for the remainder of the unexpired terms. Terms are for two (2) years. – Elections
22. Approve and authorize the County Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) that allows the Arizona Department of Administration, in coordination with AZDOHS, to retain and manage \$33,084 from FFY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement # 240507-01 for cybersecurity efforts for government jurisdictions and first responder agencies. – Risk and Emergency Management
23. Accept the attached modified Addendum A for the FY25 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, which includes \$11,636.80 in remaining FY24 grant funds, adopt the attached revised FY25 budget for CASA in Fund 837-1-2901, and permit Superior Court to expend the funds in accordance with the grant funding agreements. – Superior Court
24. Authorize Finance to revise the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) FY25 budget 80923901 per attached revenues and expenditures. – Sheriff
25. Approve Mohave County's warrant registers for September 2024 in the amount of \$7,470,309.93. - Finance
26. Approve the report of routine personnel actions taken during the pay period of September 7, 2024, through September 20, 2024, and acknowledge the report for routine Superior Court personnel actions taken during the pay period of September 7, 2024, through September 20, 2024. – County Manager

27. Approve the Landowner System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) for the Calendar Year 2025 between Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District and Mohave County for the fallowing of County-owned land in the district for water conservation purposes and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement and any associated documents, on behalf of Mohave County. – County Manager
28. Accept the 10 “Over-the-Counter” highest bids (\$17,426.00), plus \$40.00 processing fees for each parcel (\$400.00), for Assessor’s Parcel Numbers: 244-08-052, 339-19-153, 312-14-100A, 334-09-152B, 334-03-206A, 333-18-512, 333-18-519, 333-18-543, 333-18-544, and 333-18-545 for a grand total of \$17,826.00. The total amount to be abated is \$48,091.04. – Clerk of the Board
29. Approve the May 6, 2024, May 9, 2024, June 17, 2024, July 1, 2024, and August 8, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. – Clerk of the Board
30. Approve \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from District 5’s allocation for the purchase of coolers and support equipment for the Mohave County Risk and Emergency Management Department. – Supervisor Gould
31. Authorize Finance to revise the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) FY 25 budget 80923903 per attached revenues and expenditures. - Sheriff
32. Approve August 2024 Monthly Report for Procurement Activity between \$10,000 and \$100,000. – Procurement
33. Approve the utilization of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract No. 120122-MBS, Unified Communication and Contact Center Solutions, awarded to Mitel Business Systems, Mesa, AZ; and sign Quote Number 000387 and Summary of Work and Solution Overview; for the purchase of County phone system upgrades, hardware, installation and one year of maintenance and support at a total purchase price of \$601,685.98, plus applicable tax (not to exceed \$700,000); on behalf of the Information Technology Department, utilizing previously approved District 3 ARPA funding allocation. – Procurement

Chairman Angius stated okay, item 19 is to set a just to set a public hearing on December 2 to consider and adopt a new modified fee schedule.

19. Set a public hearing on December 2, 2024, to consider and adopt a new and modified fee schedule for Mohave County Parks and the Mohave County Fairgrounds. – Public Works

Chairman Angius stated Mr. James Jones. Is he still here?

Supervisor Johnson stated Madam Chair?

Chairman Angius stated yes?

Supervisor Johnson stated we're going to be arguing about setting a public hearing?

Chairman Angius stated no, well, I'm going to, I'm going to hear him, and then we'll, we'll tell him what's going on here okay.

Mr. Jones stated I don't think that this should be any, any kind of consideration of raising any kind of fees whatsoever.

Chairman Angius stated okay, Mr. Jones, what we're saying is this is just to set a public hearing. So, when we set the public hearing, you can come back and specifically tell us what it is about. This item is just to set the public hearing. Nothing about the fees or anything like that.

Mr. Jones stated we're just going to be talking about it.

Chairman Angius stated we're going to be talking about it when it hits the public hearing, you'll be free, like we do every public hearing, and I appreciate you coming forward. I just wanted to make sure you understood. Thank you. Supervisor Johnson.

Supervisor Johnson stated Madam Chair, so moved.

Supervisor Bishop stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Bishop to approve Item 19. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould voting yes.

Chairman Angius stated okay. Next up we have our public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SCOTT HOLTRY, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR:

34. Open Public Hearing: Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the adoption of BOS Resolution No. 2024-201 – A **REZONE** of Assessor's Parcel No. 306-07-201 from an A-R (Agricultural-Residential) zone to a C-RE (Commercial Recreation) zone, to allow for an RV Park in the Golden Valley vicinity, Mohave County, Arizona. (**Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote**) Arizona Revised Statutes § 11-814.D relating to County Zoning states that

if twenty percent (20%) of the property owners by area and number within the zoning area file protests to the proposed change, the change shall not be made except by a three-quarter (3/4) vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors. Per this statute, 21% of owners oppose the rezone, representing 24% of the area. **CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 7, 2024, BOS MEETING.**

I'm opening the public hearing item 34 and it was continued from our October 7, 2024, Board of Supervisor meeting.

Chairman Angius Opened the Public Hearing.

Chairman Angius stated we do have some people signed up. Twyla Donaldson.

Twyla Donaldson stated good morning. My name is Twyla Donaldson, and I do live in the Golden Valley area. I'm here once again to oppose for myself and the homeowners around this property, to oppose the placement of this RV park. We did have the chance to meet with the landowner, John Brandt, on Thursday on site, and although he did address some of our concerns of traffic and noise control, we did ask him for a good faith written document of what he actually had planned, and he declined. In regards to the traffic and noise control, whether he puts the mobile homes or RVs all the way to Mazatzal or to the back of the businesses, really doesn't make a big difference as far as the traffic and the noise. He suggested that he would put the entrance to the park right behind tire works. Tire works individuals have a concern that that will impede on their customers coming and going off of their lot, and that he would put the exit behind El Café and her concerns was that that's where her children play, and so she has a concern about that. So, these two business, he does have property right across the street on 68 that as us, as homeowners feel that that might be a better location. It's already fenced. It has easy access off and on 68 and it still could benefit from the few restaurants and stores that are on there. So, and another issue was that he is now considering to have storage of boats in our dirt vehicles and stuff, so that definitely would add to the congestion and the noise. He did state that for the noise that he would try to put up a barrier. And the only thing that I caution him about is he had stated that he might use Oleander bushes. And unfortunately, Oleander bushes are very toxic to wildlife and domestic animals. So again, we just feel that our opposition still stands. There will be access to Sir sewer lines where they can dump their sewer which is still a concern of ours, and we did buy in this area to have large acreage for our animals and property. So, we urge you to vote no. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated Jenna Harvey, and then Philip Robinson.

Jenna Harvey stated good morning. Jenna Harvey, 4115 West Mazatzal. All this proposed plan is in my front yard. There's been a lot of talk amongst all of us, I think we've brought a lot of valid cases, situations to the Board, issues that we have with noise pollution, light pollution, traffic is a huge issue there already, and it's going to be worse when you're going to be taking 50 to 60 foot vehicles. When you take a truck and a trailer, the entrances and exits, the ingresses and egresses to this are not suitable to these types of vehicles. They are dirt roads. We've asked what will be done to take care of that for us, for the dust and

the noise. Mr. Brett, you know, he has a vision. He and Miss Hicks have talked about the vision and how they think this is just perfect for this little Utopia RV park, because it can be behind these restaurants in the bar and they can all walk and it's great. But what about our vision? What about the vision that all of us had when we moved out here? We purposely bought single family residence on large pieces of property so that we could have this rural setting. And though I understand and have been told that this particular piece of property was in the general plan for a commercial property at some point. We don't believe that four and a half acres where you're going to pack a minimum of 30 people. Your talking couples, you're talking 60. Mr. Brandt has told us that he would like this to be for an elderly park, but he doesn't want to spend the money or the time and go through all the jump through all the hoops and the red tape to make it a 55 and over Park. He stated that it will be long term. But what all of us need to realize is that long term, means tenants. Tenants typically have more rights than we do. So, talk about getting all those tenants out of there when they're unruly or not following the rules. Mr. Brandt doesn't live in the state. He won't be there to watch it. Yes, he'll have a manager on site. But I guess what I'm having a hard time with is Mr. Brandt's utopia is something that we all need to see the vision, but nobody's considering our vision. Nobody's considering why we invested in these properties versus these people who will be renters. It is not an investment for them. They are merely staying there or passing through. There's a lot of safety concerns that we have because there's no, as we stated, nothing in writing, to a good faith plan to tell us that the dangers that we are concerned about won't be there. They won't exist. Also, there's some issues with these RV parks. They dump all kinds of septic chemicals into the septic system. There's also two huge washes that roll down this road. Those will also be a concern.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Phillip Robinson, and then we'll go see Jennifer Esposito.

Philip Robinson stated morning Supervisors. Philip Robinson, Golden Valley. I want to start off on the last meeting we had here. The lady said that only the 300-foot people away from this project should have a voice. That's wrong. I live in that community, totally. Second thing I'm representing, like last time, John and Francine from El Cafe, which I also work at. They're against this. One simple reason, too much more traffic. They did a study. Yes, they did for three hours, peak hours, but over the weekend and John's got a very good, very good video camera, we counted 37 cars within six hours going up and down those roads that's a lot, mainly going to the beer joint. And I don't know about the people over what kind of camera system the tire store does, but he's one of my clients or customers, and I can ask him. Their peak hour is a joke. Why can't they do a road survey as like the county does? I don't agree with it. I agree with all the people there so far, John and Francine do too. We got to get away from this building up Golden Valley. We moved out there for rural area. We since I've been here for 30 years, we have been to three general plans. Every time we've had a general plan and two economic developments which Jean Bishop has been in, we have always said one acre minimum. We don't care what you do on your one acre. Build, build a garage, build a house, nothing small and stacked up on each other. That's not right, that's not Golden Valley, and it won't be Golden Valley. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Is Jennifer here? She leave? Okay, did she, she's standing outside? Okay, well, we're just going to go ahead next Kathy Tackett-Hicks.

Kathy Tackett-Hicks stated good morning, honorable Chairman, Supervisors. My name is Kathy Tackett-Hicks. I'm acting as the owner's agent. The owner is also here. Last meeting, we had a discussion. You did allow me a couple weeks to have a on-site meeting, which I did. I notified the 300-foot surrounding property owners. A majority of all the opposition is outside the 300-foot opposition. They did not get a letter, but several people, about 27 people did show up to that meeting, and I thought it was I thought it was pretty good. There was a tremendous amount of questions asked. We were able to answer them. There's a big difference in opinion on that site, and the few individuals here are adamantly opposed to it still, which is fine. But I do want to present the other side, and I did provide a copy of the public participation report the group in general, there's probably three or four major issues that they were concerned about. Vehicle traffic trips is one of those, and I'm sorry, but the gentleman here does not understand vehicle trips, because 35 vehicles in a day is nothing, and those roads are designed to handle hundreds per day. And what we said on an engineer's review of the vehicle traffic trips was that the traffic generated from this site would be at peak hours, one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon, about 10 additional vehicle trips. Which, in the scope of things is nothing. That is very minimal. We still have to work with the county on what types of improvements will be required for that, but the vehicle trip generation from this site is very, very minimal. In addition, I think one of their biggest concerns, well, they had two major concerns. One of them had to do with the short term versus long term tenants for this, they're very concerned about the security, about whether or not the manager can control the people in there. This is a 29 space RV park. It is very small in terms of RV parks. One of those spaces would be for the on-site manager. Currently this the property owner, Mr. Brandt, owns manufactured home parks with hundreds of clients and residents. He does require background checks for everybody coming in, and so he'll be up here soon, you're welcome to ask him any questions on that. But that's the best way that we can move forward with trying to make sure that the people that come into the park are, you know, don't have felonies, are of somewhat, you know, reasonable character. Each one of the RVs would allow for two individuals to live there, and both of those would have background checks. So, I think we're doing the best in that way, in terms of what else. We did talks a lot about infrastructure and the ability of that property to support this proposal and when I look at stuff, this general plan designation was for commercial, it is for commercial right now, can I please have one more? I looked at all of the infrastructure this would have a central septic system, which is critical. There's existing water. There's already there, Valley Pioneer, there's a fire hydrant there, which is the best thing that we can do to address fires in that area. And lastly, I believe this is an outstanding use as a buffer land use between the commercial on 68 and we have Mr. Brandt's property for a quasi-commercial residential use, butting up to the residential on the other side. I think it's an outstanding buffer area. I would ask you to please approve it, and you could also condition it on a long-term requirement for minimum 30-day space lease, which will limit the transient population.

Chairman Angius stated okay, thank you. We're still in the public hearing. If we have questions for you after we close the public hearing. All right, so, Jennifer, you're back.

Jennifer Esposito stated thank you Chairman Angus. Originally at the last meeting, when this came up, I was undecided on this project, but I have been told some additional information that concerns me. At the last meeting, we were told that this was a or at the Planning and Zoning, one of the meetings, the story keeps changing. Is this a overnight stay only park? Is this a long-term park? The woman who just spoke told this Board that the property owner had other RV parks, and then I find out that he has mobile home parks, not RV parks. So I, you know, I think that this, this thing, it seems to be a little bit of, you know, like when you have the three cups and little ball and you just kind of keep moving stuff around, hope nobody notices what you're doing. Several of the local residents told me that they've been told various versions of what this project will be, depending on the questions that they ask, and I don't think that it's very concrete. Having driven around there, like I said, the median needs to go because the length of an RV pulling in, if it is just for overnight stays, there's nowhere to turn around. I mean, they're like that, that horrible median that Mr. Elters designed for a dot down the middle of the highway causes a lot of issues, even with first responders and things having to turn around. But having driven an RV cross country, I can barely, as I'm out delivering newspapers, get turned around and go back the other way to get to the next restaurant or the next hair salon. I can't imagine if I was driving my RV, it would be an absolute traffic nightmare. I don't care if it's 15 in the morning, 15 at night. I don't care if it's five in the morning, five at night, it's a traffic hazard. So for that reason alone, I oppose it, but I think that there should be a stipulation if you guys do move forward with this, that if the property is subsequently sold and not developed by the out of state property owner, that it revert back to the existing zoning so that it there isn't some kind of a, gee, I'm going to do it and then build it or sell it to someone else. That if this person is going to see it and follow it through, fine, but if it, if not, then I think that there should be a stipulation put on it, that it reverts back. But I just, I think that that there needs to be absolute in writing clarification. Is this a long-term park? Is this a short-term overnight park? Because if it's a long-term park, you know, we don't know what kind of people will be living there long term, and the people that I spoke to in that neighborhood have concerns about that. We have multiple RV parks in Golden Valley, and none of them are full. So, it's not like there's a need for, quote, affordable housing, which is the excuse that I hear from everybody all the time. We need affordable housing. Well, I'm all for RVs. I'm all for people living in RVs, but when there's already plenty of room for that, why add more when this is not clear? Thank you.

Chairman Angus stated okay, Mr. Brandt, I believe you're the applicant.

John Brandt stated Honorable Chair and Supervisors my name is John Brandt. I'm on PO Box, 21666, Bullhead City. I'm the owner and applicant of this RV park that's in question. We're a mom and pop RV park. My wife sitting up there the mobile home parks that we've built. The two of us, we're not a big corporation. We're Mom and Pop. The reason for choosing this location, you've heard this many times is that we like the convenience of the neighbors next door, have Cafe someplace, drink cold one in the afternoon, and they don't have to get out and drive. They can go ahead, and I'll put a keypad gate between us, because I have a 20 foot right away, and that way they can do what they want. And I'm all for the 30-day restriction. I'm not into the overnights. It's not something that we planned on doing or want to. We

want to do more of a pull your house in there or your RV in there, and if you end up leaving your home there, we'll give you a deal if you do the six month to a year leases, because we want to limit the amount of people with pulling RVs in and out. So if we have a 30 day type situation, well, you add up the numbers, they're not going to be one RV a day coming in or out of there at any time, because it's a 30 day increments. And also, we've checked for affordable, yeah, she's already used that affordable housing. But basically, we were looking into nurses, traveling nurses. There's a need for it in that in that area that are units that are already ready to rock and roll. You know, they got silverware, bedding, everything like that. For temporary people, most of them stay from 30 days, 90 days, and they called furnished finders, and the other one, if approved, like, to invite the sheriff's department to a free lot that they could set up a kind of satellite post and leave it within the park, and then that way, basically, that'll help us, that'll help the community, because there's a lot of negative crime in that area and stuff, so maybe more presence of, of the Sheriff Department, stuff like that, being in our park. I think that would be an honor that we had something like that, and I'd like to work with them about putting a unit in for them, for their use. Thank you very much.

Chairman Angius stated okay, thank you. Anyone else? Before I close the public hearing, anyone? Okay, I'm going to close the public hearing.

Chairman Angius Closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Angius stated questions from the board? You want to call anyone back up? All right, then I will need a motion.

Supervisor Bishop stated Chairman Angius this RV park is in my district, Golden Valley, and we've heard a lot from Golden Valley residents. I don't know that it's the majority of the residents, but they're not wanting affordable housing, from what we're hearing from the vocal people that attend our meetings. But affordable housing is a necessity, and not everybody can afford an acre to live on or a house. Our society is going to RVs as permanent residences. And I think, I think this idea of a long-term RV park will assist in that endeavor. So, with that being said, I will make a motion that we approve the long-term RV park as described and add the stipulation that it be a minimum of 30 days.

Chairman Angius stated okay, I'll need a second, but before that, just a little discussion, if I may. There was a. Mr. Brandt can you come up again, please? There was a question about, like, there was all this different information, and that's what happens in our County. A lot of bad information goes around. So why don't you, on the record, tell everybody what this is, what this is going to be, what is your intention, what it's not going to be.

Mr. Brandt stated well, there's a lot of seniors. I'm not poking at seniors, because a lot of people retire early in life. They don't have to wait till they're 55, 65 to become a senior. Or what I want to do on, or what I like to do on this is create a safe haven for them to leave their RVs, because they're like me. They're

getting old. They hurt in the joints and this out and everything, but they can't really drive those big rigs anymore. But if they had some place to store that's safe, people watching over them.

Chairman Angius stated what I meant.

Mr. Brandt stated oh sorry.

Chairman Angius stated no, no, it's not your fault. So, the question is long-term or short-term? The what we had in front of us is it could be just an overnight but is that okay with you if we go to 30 days? Is that in yours?

Mr. Brandt stated I'm in favor. That's what I suggested in the beginning, because I don't want to do under 30 days. I don't want to deal with the overnights. I don't want to deal with all the hassle, the noise that everybody else says it'll create. So no, I'm in favor of the 30 days more.

Chairman Angius stated okay, all right. Well, I brought you back up. Does anybody else have questions?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated yes Supervisor Lingenfelter.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated I have one question of Public Works Director Latoski. Not of the applicant.

Chairman Angius stated oh, okay. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated good morning Director Latoski, within the staff recommendation, it does say that there's an RV park plan that has to be prepared in accordance with RV parks and a site plan, and I know that as a part of those, it goes through the transportation, safety and mobility aspects of those. Can you, for the folks that are here discuss sort of how that goes through, how they interface with your department. If they're going to be going out onto State Route 68 obviously, they're going to have to comply with any requirements that ADOT puts on them as well. Can you just give a general overview of that and how you know specifically the concerns for the mobility and the safety for transportation?

Steven Latoski, Public Works Director, stated absolutely. Madam Chair, members of the Board, Supervisor Lingenfelter, when a site plan is presented for the Public Works, for review. Public Works inherently examines and evaluates the site plan against the adopted zoning ordinance requirements. However, on the transportation side, we will look and compare the intensity of the development and the type of development against our adopted traffic impact analysis standards. There's two types of transportation analyses. One the actual full-blown standards where traffic impact analysis may be required. But there's also a traffic impact statement, and that helps us at least gauge and we will interact with their site engineer

and at least understand what type of traffic is being generated. We want to know the frequency of the traffic. We also want to know the type of the type of the traffic. So, if they're larger trucks, larger RVs, we'd like to know that, because we will look at that in the context of the possible impacts to the surface that's maintained. Because Mohave County, the Public Works Department, does maintain all three adjacent roadways are all on surface roadways. So, as it relates to ADOTS involvement. We do look at them as a separate stakeholder. We want them to be a separate stakeholder, looking at the traffic and transportation. So, Development Services will reach out to them and also inform them of that site plan and adjacent development. But sometimes we do have some conversations between Public Works and ADOT but we do respect and we also ask that they respect our own independent evaluation on the transportation type impacts of the development.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated so ADOT is going to be a part of this process then?

Director Latoski stated that usually comes through the Development Services Department in informing ADOT of an adjacent, you know, a commercial site development such as this.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated I think I heard one of the speakers that provided testimony today say that applicant did do some version of a traffic impact study. I heard something like 36 or 37 cars over a six-hour period, or something like that. They obviously have to present that data to you, and then, as the Director of Public Works, you either accept that or you say no, that there's be a little bit more analysis provided on this. Is that correct?

Director Latoski stated Madam Chair, Supervisor Lingenfelter, yes. You described it more or less along the ways we operate. There is a nationally accepted set of traffic generation data. However, in cases like this, especially these type of unique developments, especially if there was a 30 day minimum stay attached to the RV slips, that may change and actually invite us to have more direct dialog with the applicant and their engineer on the site specific traffic generation. We may even ask for some comparative data from similar operating sites.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated I appreciate it. I think that when it comes to safety, mobility of projects, you are very good at what you do, as far as a technical standpoint. So, the safety concerns, you know, if there's children playing around the area or something like that, that does resonate with me. So, I trust that you'll make sure that whatever ingress, egress happens is the best it can be. So, that's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated okay, anything else from Board? We have a motion. I need a second.

Supervisor Johnson stated second.

Chairman Angius stated we have a second. We have a motion and second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bishop and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the adoption of BOS Resolution No. 2024-201 with the added condition of long-term stay at a minimum of 30 days. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould voting yes.

Chairman Angius stated okay back to. We have another public hearing.

DOUG SCHUSTER, MOHAVE COUNTY SHERIFF:

- 35.** Discussion and possible action RE: Public Hearing: Approve the Mohave County Sheriff's Office request to update video recording fees as follows: \$11.50 for 15 minutes of video, \$23.00 for 30 minutes of video, \$34.50 for 45 minutes of video, and \$46.00 per 1 hour of video. The one-time fee per copy shall not exceed \$46.00 per video hour reviewed.

Chairman Angius stated I'm opening the public hearing.

Chairman Angius Opened the Public Hearing.

Chairman Angius stated I have one person. Scotty McClure. You're okay? Okay. Anyone else wish to speak? Okay? I'm going to close the public hearing.

Chairman Angius Closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Johnson stated motion to approve.

Supervisor Bishop stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Bishop to approve item 35. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould not present at the time of vote.

Chairman Angius stated on to the regular agenda, number 36.

REGULAR AGENDA

KEN CUNNINGHAM, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

36. Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the following exceptions to the General Fund hiring Freeze, approved on August 21, 2023: Clerk of Superior Court – Court Services Assistant Position; and Information Technology – Systems Analyst Position; Development Services – Planning Technician Position

Chairman Angius stated this is to approve exceptions to the general fund hiring freeze. If you can, please keep it down as you leave the auditorium, please.

Supervisor Johnson stated motion to approve.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to approve item 36. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; and Supervisor Bishop voting yes. Supervisor Gould not present at time of vote.

Chairman Angius stated 37.

LUKE G. MOURNIAN, CPA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

37. Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the Board of Supervisors authorization for maintenance and operation of the fifteen (15) outside bank accounts listed in backup material.

Chairman Angius stated discussion, possible action to approve the Board of Supervisors authorization for maintenance and operation of the 15 outside bank accounts listed in the backup material, Mr. Mournian.

Luke Mournian, Chief Financial Officer, stated good morning, Chairman Angius and Board members. I'll be happy to answer any questions about this, or I can give you an overview of the process that led to this agenda item.

Chairman Angius stated anybody want? You want more like the whole explanation?

Supervisor Bishop stated sure, let's, let's hear what Mr. Mournian has to say.

Chairman Angius stated okay. Bring it on.

Director Mournian stated okay so, basically one of the pieces of guidance that we use managing the County's finances is the uniform accounting manual for Arizona Counties. We refer that to as the UMAC, and basically in there, it says that any sort of clearing accounts, which we refer to as outside bank accounts, must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before they are opened. And so, in review of the accounts,

there's 32 in total. And beginning in July, we reached out to all the County departments, asked them to confirm any outside bank accounts that they have in use. The method that we asked for that confirmation is what's called a blank confirmation. So basically, we said, here department X, give us a list of your accounts. We didn't provide the account information that we had in our records, so we just asked them to confirm. And it's generally provides a greater level of assurance when you do it that way, because they can't simply rely on the information that you send out to them. So, the departments all replied. We did a reconciliation during August and September, bumping up what they submitted to us against the records that the Financial Services Department already had. And out of those 32 bank accounts, we identified 15 for which there was no proof of documentation that the Board had approved that account being opened whenever it was opened. And some of these accounts go back 20,25, years. And so, what I'm doing today is just requesting that the Board give authorization for those 15 accounts so that we do have documentation on record. In addition to asking the departments to, you know, give us a list of accounts that they had in use, we also asked them to provide a description of what the account was used for and justification for why it needed to remain open. Just want to give a little bit more information. You know, as far as the definition of a clearing account, and this comes from the UMAC, so it's an account used to accumulate debits or credits for the purpose of distributing them later among the accounts to which they're allocable, or for the purpose of transferring the net differences to the proper account. And so we have a number of reasons that an outside bank account would be in use most commonly, it's either needed due to business operations taking place in an area that's geographically distant from the County Treasurer's Office, where, as you all know, departments come and make deposits with the County Treasurer. And so what happens is the funds are collected and deposited the local bank via that outside bank account, and then they're deposited with the treasurer periodically, and the most typical frequency of that is once a month after they do a monthly bank reconciliation. Just as an example, Finance has an outside bank account, payroll clearing account. And so, what we do each payroll cycle, we transfer the gross amount of the payroll into that account, and then from there, those funds are distributed to all the employee accounts via direct deposit. And so that's kind of just a good example of in in operation, how a clearing account works. So, with that, if you have any other questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Chairman Angius stated any questions from the Board?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair?

Chairman Angius stated Supervisor Lingenfelter.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated thank you, Madam Chair. Looking on the list of departments, I'm wondering, do all of those departments have statutory authority to open out, to open up an outside account, or is there a policy they should go through? I know I see all the constable offices have opened up independent outside accounts. What's the process for opening up a County related account?

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Lingenfelter, that's a great question. So, the guidance that we have in the UMAC says that the Board is the one that is supposed to approve an outside bank account being opened, and so typically, if a department wants to open an account, they should be approaching Finance and then that that if we determine that that is a legitimate use and a legitimate need that would be brought in front of the Board for the Board's authorization and approval.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated so, you're saying that there were accounts that were opened that did not follow that process?

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Lingenfelter, what I'm saying is that we don't have a record of the documentation. Due to the age of some of these accounts.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated sounds like political speak.

Director Mournian stated well, due to the age of some of these accounts, I can't tell you whether you know 25, 30 years ago, if the account was brought before the Board or not.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated there's poor record keeping, is what you're saying.

Director Mournian stated that is a possibility.

Supervisor Lingenfelter that's a possibility? That's what happened. Sorry, I get frustrated with political speak. I know that. Alright, so, is there a policy going forward? As far as I know that you said that the Finance Department has the guide. But is there a County policy that says, hey, if you need an outside account, this is the these are the steps you have to go through in order to get that approved, and open?

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Lingenfelter, there's no policy. We can certainly draft one up and push it out to the departments or bring it back to the Board for approval.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated you think it's a good idea to have it policy?

Director Mournian stated absolutely.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated I think so too. That's all I've got.

Supervisor Johnson stated Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated yes Supervisor Johnson?

Supervisor Johnson stated the only the list you have here are the ones that you want to approve? Have a list of the ones that were you showed no documentation for?

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Johnson, so, the list that was included in the backup is all 15 accounts that we don't have any documentation on record for. So, it would, none of these are new accounts. These are all accounts that are already in existence, in use today by various county departments. So, what we're asking is for the Board approval so that we do have that documentation on record that is in compliance with the guidance from the UMAC.

Supervisor Johnson stated so, how many in total will we have?

Director Mournian stated we have 32 in total, and 15 of those we don't have documentation that the Board approved them.

Supervisor Johnson stated can you send us all the total list.

Director Mournian stated certainly.

Supervisor Johnson stated thank you.

Chairman Angius stated yes Supervisor Gould.

Supervisor Gould stated thank you, Madam. Chairman. Director Mournian, that seems like you could consolidate some of those accounts. I really don't see why the constables need their own accounts, since they work out of the Justice Court. I don't think they have the volume of checks that would really require their own account. And I think that every one of these accounts is a security risk. So, the less accounts that we have, the better off that we are. And we also need to draft accounting policy that spells out, if you, if you want an outside account, how you how do you go about?

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Gould as it pertains to the constables, you know, they operate in different geographic districts, and so, you know, I'd use North Canyon as an example and constable Hoggard up there. It's not exactly feasible for him to drive down to Kingman each time he needs to make a deposit with the County Treasurer's Office, you know, on a day to day basis. And so that's, that's one of the situations where I'm saying, if they're geographically distant from the County Treasurer's Office, where they need to make those deposits, it makes sense to have a clearing account like that.

Supervisor Gould stated the other constables pick their paperwork up from the court. I'm not going in and out of the courthouse all the time.

Director Mournian stated I believe so Supervisor Gould, yes.

Chairman Angius stated let me go with Supervisor Bishop.

Supervisor Bishop stated thank you, Chairman Angius, as a former constable, I can tell you that every service typically requires a deposit into the bank account for that constable. Many of those services require a refund check being written, and then at the end of the month, the fees are deposited with the County Treasurer. So, if they needed to go to the Treasurer's Office to get a refund check or do banking business through another account, it would, it would be problematic and time consuming. I just, I disagree with the other Supervisor, I think those accounts are necessary in order to do the job level constable.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated thank you, Madam Chair. The only comment I was going to make, sort of piggybacked off what Supervisor Gould was saying. It looks like all the constables are using Wells Fargo Bank. So, I mean, if they all are depositing and using the same account number, and also, I just don't understand, maybe in the policy, shouldn't Procurement be involved or something too? I mean, are they just going and picking whatever bank they want because there's several different types of the banks. There's one bank I've never heard of. I never heard of on this so good to have a policy to make this a little more streamlined.

Director Mournian stated Supervisor Lingenfelter. So, the Procurement Department is involved with the Procurement of the County's banking contract with Wells Fargo is what our current County Bank. Some departments or some districts, you know, I'll use the example of fire districts. For instance, they're, permitted, by statute, to have an outside bank account, like a, like a payroll clearing account. Those aren't on the list that we have here, because they're not department they're not counting bank accounts. But you know, some of the some of the court departments, they, they have their own guidance. It's referred to in the backup that, essentially, they felt that that authorizes them to have the account opened. I felt differently, which is why they're included in the list that's in front of you.

Supervisor Gould stated Madam Chairman.

Chairman Angius stated yes.

Supervisor Gould stated the Justice Court apparently has the same account number as the attorney bad check program.

Director Mournian stated those are just the last four digits of the account number Supervisor Gould. I didn't want to include the entire account number in the backup.

Supervisor Gould stated interesting. It seems kind of random or lack of random actually.

Director Mournian stated I noticed the same thing, and I can tell you they are two completely different account numbers. I double checked that.

Supervisor Gould stated and if Supervisor Bishop will yield for a question.

Supervisor Bishop stated sure.

Supervisor Gould stated the constable rights checked back to people that hired them to go service thing.

Supervisor Bishop stated they do routinely.

Supervisor Gould stated interesting. Thank you.

Supervisor Bishop stated reason for that is Supervisor, is the constable doesn't know how many attempts he's going to be required to make to get that service completed. So, it may be one or two services, so they may need to bill the person additional fees or refund if they've overpaid.

Supervisor Gould stated thank you, ma'am.

Chairman Angius stated anyone else? Okay? Thank you.

Director Mournian stated just one question, Chairman. I guess, for Supervisor Lingenfelter, how quickly would you like this policy brought back to the Board?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair.

Chairman Angius stated yes.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated that's nowhere on our agenda or anything like that. I think that, you know, if another Supervisor or myself wants to put down another agenda, we can do that.

Chairman Angius stated okay, thank you. I have three people signed up for this. Is there anything that you haven't learned from our exchanges? Anyone still want to talk to this. I have Scotty, Pastor Roy Hagemyer and Jennifer Esposito.

Mr. McClure stated Scotty from Bullhead. I remember when I asked for an audit of the fairgrounds, kind of got it, at least we got rid of the Board there. I'm kind of going to ask for another audit here. I'm going to use the word embezzlement, and that's all I'm going to say about that. This is so ripe for that. I hope it isn't happening. How in the heck have we been having or not you pay a company 1000s of dollars to do an audit, and we don't know what the heck, there's 15 accounts out there. Just let me ask you some

questions here. Who are the signatories on these accounts by whose authority did they present some sort of authorization to the bank to set up in a government or corporate account, is our audit firm? Are they aware of this? Apparently not. Who gets the monthly statements? Will they go on file 13, the garbage can? And by the way, the banks can go back to day one. They keep statements. If it's 91,92, 93 you can go back that far if you had somebody that you hire as an auditor to do this. What are electronic banking apps anyway? Authorized employees ought to be able to do things on their computers to deposit funds into the County's account and note description and sub account. Ron, how do these accounts fit into the 18.5 million that we were in the hole last year? Did that account for any of these? Which we were never in the hole anyway. How can Luke create a budget when we have no idea where or how much money exists in County accessible accounts. How can you set up an account we have no idea where the money exists. They have to be closed. They can't be a best practice, since they've been asking departments internally for months if they have these accounts, everyone writes the Treasurer checks. The Treasurer knows about them. Wells Fargo is not the best bank out there. They're probably the cheapest. If you were the Bank of America, you wouldn't have you'd be another million dollars in the hole. But this is just.

Supervisor Gould stated can't find a bank America.

Mr. McClure stated oh, Bank of America, please don't go there. Oh, they are expensive. I was on a school Board for nine years, and they shut down our bank.

Chairman Angius stated keep this, please keep this to our agenda item.

Mr. McClure stated yeah, okay. You want to see my tax bill, my eight cent tax bill, again, you don't want to see that.?

Chairman Angius stated come to my office. We'll talk about your tax bill.

Mr. McClure stated I wouldn't come in your office for nothing.

Chairman Angius stated yeah well there you go. All right. All right, who's up? Jennifer or Pastor?

Mr. Hagemeyer stated Roy Hagemeyer, Mohave Valley. Let me start with this. Isaiah 1:23, your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and run. Runs and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the faithless. The widow's cause does not come to them. First of all, First all, I want to thank Supervisor Lingenfelter for his comments questions that I have. Who opened these accounts? When did they open them? Does anyone know how much is in these accounts? How much money has been embezzled so far, because we don't even know what's going on out there. How does this man who is the Finance guy have a clue how to do a budget for you all, when he doesn't even know where the money's at? In all my years, I worked for major corporations that were far bigger than this County, and if these things have been happened in those corporations, people would have been fired immediately. The only purpose I can even remotely see for having these is to hide something or to take something that doesn't

belong to them. This is a government entity, and we have absolutely no oversight of what we're doing here. How did the bank account open without proper, authorized signatures? How did it get open without this Board approving it? We just heard that 15 of them have no Board approval out of the 32 that are open. Did they use the County's EIN number? Who was aware that this was taking place? Was the Finance Manager aware? Was the County Manager aware? You know, this is a complete and total lack of oversight. This is a complete failure. And if they were aware and they approved of such thing, they should be terminated immediately. This is a perfect example of why we the people, do not trust our government. All of these bank accounts are, who knows where they're at. They're not part of a budget. But let me close with something else. Ecclesiastes, five, eight, if you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter. For the high official is watched by a hire and they are yet higher ones over them. God help us.

Chairman Angius stated before you come up, there were some accusations made about Finance Department. Would you like to respond to any of them? This is what happens when you don't have all the information. Everybody goes to the worst areas.

Director Mournian stated Chairman Angius, Board members. I will just say, as far as the funds that are in these accounts, bank reconciliations are performed monthly. They are submitted to Finance and so if there are checks being written, monies being deposited, there's a record of all of that. We review those bank reconciliations. So, as far as allegations of embezzlement or malfeasance, they're baseless.

Chairman Angius stated so basically, these are acted on like any of the outside. They just when you were looking into and they didn't have the right paperwork from the beginning for whatever reason, from decades ago.

Director Mournian stated Chairman Angius, that is correct. So, I certainly wasn't aware of an account that was open 25 years ago because I was not the Finance Director 25 years ago, my intent of bringing this to the board is to be fully transparent, to make sure that we do have the proper documentation in place. As soon as I found out that we did not, I put it on Board agenda after we had conducted a thorough investigation to make sure that I was giving you all of the information.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Thank you for doing what several Finance Directors before you didn't do. So, thank you.

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair?

Chairman Angius stated yes.

Manager Elters stated may I?

Chairman Angius stated let me offer anyone from the Board want to say anything?

Supervisor Gould stated sure. Luke, do we have any way of knowing whether people have bank accounts open other than these? It went out and because if I was going to embezzle money, that's one way that people do it, is they'll open an account that for that they have with a similar name, that they have access to those checks, that they can divert them and then put them into their this account that they've set up

Director Mournian stated Supervised Gould. You are correct that that is tack that a bad actor would need to take. I am not 100% sure if we have a way of seeing if there's been accounts opened under the you know, on all banks under the County's EIN. So, I could certainly look into that to find out if there is a way that we could definitively say, you know, under the County's EIN, we our list of bank accounts includes all the bank accounts. We do have an annual audit that was referred to as well. Auditors either from the Arizona Auditor General's office or from audit firms that they contract with, an audit is not intended to provide 100% guarantee of you know that there's nothing incorrect in the financial statements or that there is no fraud or anything like that. Audits, I was an auditor before audits are intended to provide some level of assurance, they follow a standard set of procedures. There are standards on how each one of those procedures are carried out, but an audit does not give you 100% guarantee against anything. That's why the auditor's opinion is very carefully crafted language. If you read the audit letters, that's really all I can say on that they are constrained by the same constraints that we have time and resources. They have a certain amount of time and a certain amount of resources to dedicate to each County's annual audit. They do what they can. I think they do a pretty damn good job.

Chairman Angius stated Mr. Mournian, there has been some high-profile embezzlements in Arizona. One was here in Kingman, actually, and it was done just like that. They were always done that way, right? So, there's one big one now in Santa Cruz, 40 million by the Treasurer. And so, I'm assuming that everyone's watching that to see how that happened and how they can make sure that doesn't happen again. So, you know, here we go again. It's one of those things. People are very crafty. And then Santa Cruz, you know, they have a but I'm not here to argue since, because I'm just saying that everything that needs to be done needs to be done.

Director Mournian stated and Chairman Angius, I believe I've already discussed this with the Board on one occasion, the Santa Cruz situation, the way that that occurred was that the Santa Cruz Treasurer had the ability to initiate a wire transfer as well as to approve it herself. I'm sure our Treasurer's Office could give you much more detail than I can, but they have procedures in place to prevent that. They require one person to initiate another person to approve.

Chairman Angius stated so for all those years, she was able to do that with no oversight. It's pretty amazing.

Director Mournian stated It's my understanding, she was also keeping a second set of books as well and producing fraudulent financial statements.

Chairman Angius stated okay.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair?

Chairman Angius stated yes.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated just let you know, direction wise, the district one office will be putting an item on the next agenda to request a policy be written to, to get this handled. Because with the lack of a policy, I mean, that does open up this County to you know, if it's not written, then you know, for somebody to make a determination that we don't agree with, just like you didn't agree with some of the determinations that were made. So that's coming.

Chairman Angius stated thank you. Okay, we have one more, you want to say something? Go ahead. You can't wait.

Manager Elters stated thank you, Madam Chair and Board members. I wanted you, I wanted to assure you that we understand the implications of any concerns or the potential for embezzlement, no implication or indication of any embezzlement here. These are legitimate accounts. We know the dollar amount of these accounts. These are reconciled on monthly basis, as you heard, we simply reference the accounting standards that we use, which say the Board should approve any account in the process of reviewing, we determined that we have 30 plus accounts, and 15 of them were not approved by the Board. It's really not a matter of bad accounting, embezzlement, loss of funds, budgeting or anything. It's just simply out of the 30 plus accounts, 15 of them did not have documentation of Board approval, and we wanted to ensure that every account is approved by the Board. Hence, we brought it in front of you. Nothing else. We know exactly what the dollar amounts and where these funds are and what they're used for.

Chairman Angius stated okay, I think we should move on.

Supervisor Gould stated Chairman?

Chairman Angius stated yes?

Supervisor Gould stated I'd like to continue this item. I'm not really willing to approve these accounts until we come up with a policy. So, I'm going to make a motion that we continue this.

Chairman Angius stated okay, I think Jennifer wants to say something.

Supervisor Bishop stated second.

Chairman Angius stated okay, we have a motion in second. Any further discussion you want to come up for a minute?

Ms. Esposito stated thank you. Jennifer Esposito. Apparently brilliant minds think alike, because I was going to suggest that you table this item, bring it back with a policy. It seems like a better late than never thing, and that's good, right? But if you, if you pass it as one blanket thing, you're basically know being saying, like, I absolve all 15 accounts equally and, and give them my official blessing to continue on in perpetuity, when maybe there is some consolidation, or maybe because an account was needed 25 years ago, maybe it's not needed now. So, what I wanted to suggest was, is that you bring it back, and you go through each of the 15 accounts that don't appear to be authorized on their own merits, rather than just one blanket absolution. You know, Mohave County is one of the Counties that doesn't produce a comprehensive annual financial report. I don't know if having a CAFR might have caught this, but we don't have one, and we don't do one, so I don't know, just a question I'm throwing out there, but I think that, you know, each one of the accounts should be analyzed on its own benefit and merit of whether or not it needs to continue in the exact manner that it has been for these years. So, maybe it could be consolidated, or maybe it could be something condensed. Maybe we don't need it at all. Maybe it's covered by something else. But if you pass all of them in one lump, you know, motion, then you don't have the ability to go in on sort of a line item, sort of an idea where you can say, hey, we can do better on this. Or maybe this isn't the best bank for us. Or maybe we can get a bit of rate on something. But, you know, just from a financial responsibility point of view, I agree that you should table it, but I'd like to see it brought back. And moreover, you know, if some of these accounts were authorized, maybe some of the other, what would that be? 17 that were authorized? Maybe there is some better things that we can do. You found out recently that you could do a lot better on software after overpaying for countless years. So, you know, maybe this is a good time to review all 32 accounts, but especially the 15 that haven't been authorized. Because if you do it all together, you might miss something. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you very much, and thank you, Supervisor Gould for making a proper motion.

Chairman Angius stated thank you very much. Okay, so we do have a motion and a second, I believe. Okay, no further discussion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gould and seconded by Supervisor Bishop to approve continuing item 37. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated item 39. Item 38.

TARA L. ACTON, NIGP-CPP, CPPB, PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR:

38. Approve award and signature of Contract No. 2025-004-IFB, Courthouse Annex Remodel, to Concord General Contracting, Mesa, AZ; for the lump sum bid amount of \$6,073,203, with a construction contingency of \$911,067 (approximately 15%) for Mohave County authorized

essential work to remodel the Courthouse in Kingman, and a Public Works Administration fee of \$60,730 (approximately, 1%) – a total Construction budget of \$7,045,000. Further, approve the establishment of a complete revised FY25 project budget at \$8,039,000, which includes the construction budget above, previously approved expenses at \$273,000, and allowances for additional related expenses of up to \$721,000. The additional related expenses include such items as revisions to the cast iron sewer line design, inspection and testing costs, furniture and equipment, and audiovisual and IT equipment. This recommended revised FY25 budget anticipates an overall budget to actual savings of \$2,660,998 for fund 41090444 on behalf of the Public Works – Facilities Division.

Chairman Angius stated this is discussion to approve award for a contract for the courthouse annex remodel with a bunch of stuff. Tara, do you want to come up here?

Tara Acton, Procurement Director, stated good morning, Chairman and Board members, I am just here to answer any questions that you might have regarding the backup. But essentially, this is the award of the phase two A, the annex remodel the courthouse and establishing a project budget. The highlight for us is that we anticipate budgetary to actual savings of approximately two and a half million dollars.

Chairman Angius stated very good. Okay, before I bring the Judge and Kip up, James Jones wants to come down and say a couple of words. Do you want to still? Thank you? Okay, Judge Moss and Kip Anderson.

Honorable Judge Steven Moss stated Madam Chairman, members of the Board, County Manager Elters. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak on this matter. This project has been, I guess, in in the contemplated stage for years now. It's necessary for the operations of the Justice Court and for portions of the Superior Court. I've sent you a letter about two years ago, little over two years ago. I'm describing a lot of the problems that existed in the Justice Court trailer, which is adjacent to this building, and why there were some problems associated with that. I won't, I won't reiterate all those issues now, but I will say that I was grateful when it went out to bid originally. I was shocked when the bid was way high, and then I was very pleased when the court system and the County Administration could work together in order to fine tune some things, in order to save some money, which apparently has now come to fruition. We've really enjoyed and appreciated the cooperation of the County Administration and this Board of Supervisors. This is necessary from a judicial standpoint, and we hope that you'll support this project. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated anything further from Kip? Okay, does Board have any questions for anyone?

Supervisor Gould stated I have a question.

Supervisor Johnson stated I do too.

Chairman Angius stated okay, let's start with Supervisor Johnson.

Supervisor Johnson stated mine is for Tara not, not the tenant.

Judge Moss stated okay, thank you. Should I sit down, Supervisor Gould?

Supervisor Johnson stated you went out for bid, and you're talking about how you saved us \$2 million, you're not completing the building. What? What decision and who made the decision to say, we'll just ignore the basement.

Director Acton stated so, it wasn't a decision to ignore the basement. It was a rework of the project scope. Director Latoski might be better equipped to discuss this, but as part of our collaborative work with the legal, legal services, with the court system, we looked at that was going to be, contemplated to be office space, is my understanding, and it was, you know, approximately a million dollars. We actually reworked it to be storage and less needing less work. And Public Works is going to be able to do some of the improvements in that space without turning it into an office space. So, it's just a reconfiguration. The person that was originally going to be housed down in the courthouse has been moved into or in the basement portion was moved to another location within the building. So, it's just kind of working with we were looking at the high dollar areas and saying, can we do this a little bit differently? And that was one area that we realized, if we kept it, nobody really wants to be in the office basement. So, if we kept it more storage and long-term archive, we could spend less money there and put somebody in an office in a better location.

Supervisor Johnson stated I mean, I'm not an architect or an engineer, thankfully. But I know that basement area has been a mess for years. Is it going to cost the County more money later to remodel this fix the downstairs? Is it being fixed or just shoving boxes down there?

Director Acton stated the County Manager probably can answer this better than me, but my understanding is we've already done some improvements in that space, and I think it's almost ready in its current state.

Supervisor Johnson stated and then I see where you saved \$2 million but did you add on this new furniture in the video? Did you add those to a bid that wasn't in there before?

Director Acton stated those were always contemplated in the overall project costs. So, the budget for this year was specific to just this portion of phase two, and that's why it's kind of tough to talk about it, because we haven't actually saved the money yet, and we all know that when you get into a project, things might go a little bit different. But we are expecting the all in budget to be a \$2.5 million savings from what was contemplated in the capital improvement budget this year. Furniture was anticipated in the prior project. I actually believe, by working with multiple vendors, we were, I think we were able to cut the furniture expenditures in almost half. These are all things we've been working on this project for so long. I'm just a lot of it is off of memory. But the initial furniture proposal in the project that was overbid, and we did not award, I want to say, was double what this furniture proposal is. So, there have been a lot of things working

with Public Works staff and with the court staff that we've done to make sure that we're right sizing the scope to fit the budget that we have and that's where I'm saying that we're recommending approximately about \$2.5 million quote, unquote, go back to the general fund for some of the other capital projects that we have.

Supervisor Johnson stated I guess what I don't understand is, in the back of it says additional project related expenses. I would guess that would be.

Director Acton stated that's just to help develop the total project budget. So, that I think it was 700,000 those are known costs related to the total project, but the board had not approved those yet. So, we're asking almost, essentially, like a pocket of money for the furniture, the it the audio visual. We've received some quotes. We think that that's the final amount, and so they're reasonably accurate numbers. We're wanting the board to set a budget that says X amount of dollars for construction, X amount of dollars for furniture, fixtures and equipment. And we do not anticipate needing to come back to the Board. The only other piece, I think we put about 15,000 for an architectural revision as part of the work that Public Works did to uncover some of the unknowns in the building that there is some design redesign work associated with the sewer system, and so we need to do a change order to the contract with DFDG to cover the fact that they did redo that design work for us, so that item would come back to the Board. But other than that, we don't anticipate needing to come back to the board if this budget is approved, along with this award,

Supervisor Johnson stated what was budgeted before, when it was approved by the Board for furnishings and video?

Director Acton stated nothing had been approved yet. It was all part of an overall budget. So, the \$10.1 million for the total budget anticipated that those would be cost. This is just the first time that we're bringing a package to the Board that says, here's what we actually think it's going to cost for furniture.

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair?

Supervisor Johnson stated something has always been curious to me, every time we build a building, we just throw out all the furniture everybody's sitting on it. We don't move it like any other normal human being would. Yes, County Manager.

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair and Board members. Thank you, Supervisor Johnson. The, the basement aspect of it was truly working with the court just to scale back the project. If you recall, this project started years ago with building and remodeling, building a new courthouse and remodeling the existing courthouse. Then it was bifurcated back in 2016, 2017 for this phase, we started with just remodeling the annex, the entire, the old courthouse, including the dome. The cost of that exceeded what we felt we could afford at this time. So, working with the courts, we sat down and said what is it that you need today? What can you live with and what is required for the justices of the peace, as you heard from

the Presiding Judge. We scaled back, and even then, we did not get a bid after we had gotten a high bid where we informed you the Board, we could not afford. So, we had our folks go in and expose some uncertainties, walls and ceilings and such, to eliminate the, the risk, so bidders know what they were bidding on. We timed it. As far as the market is concerned, we believe this is a good time to go to the market that things have stabilized, and the bid that we received is reflected in that. So, what you're what we're requesting Supervisors, is an award of the construction contract while we're anticipating, we've done due diligence to know what the furnishing is going to be, and Supervisor Johnson, we are trying to save what we can. But some of the furniture is truly outdated and has more than live its life cycle. So, it will include audio, video, it will include furniture. It will include those steps necessary to have this a turnkey and open it up for, for the intended use, and with those accounted for the total dollar amount, not just for construction, but additionally, for the audio, video as well as furniture and to turn it into fully operational is still two and a half million dollar below the budgeted amount for this project, and that's really what we wanted to present you with. Thank you.

Chairman Angius stated okay, Supervisor Gould.

Supervisor Gould stated thank you, Madam Chairman. Director Acton, wasn't this the project that we received no bidders on last time we put it out to bid?

Director Acton stated sorry, Chairman, Supervisor Gould. I don't believe we got no bids on this one. We've gone through so many iterations. You stumped me for a moment. When we originally went out to bid for this project. It came in, I think, like \$2 million over what we had budgeted for it. I don't believe that we did. And Sam remember better than me. I don't remember we may have done, tried to do another one of a phase two, and there was too many unknowns.

Chairman Angius stated but you have an answer to the question?

Manager Elters stated yeah, Supervisor Gould, thank you. We've been out. This is the third time we went out. The first time we got a bid that was over \$2 million over. We went back, tweaked the scope, put it out, did not get a single bid. And this and then, so that's why we went out this time. Exposed walls, exposed ceiling tried to minimize the risk. We did some prep. We invited the contractor, contractors for a walk through, hoping that that would minimize the risk and, and the timing of it, believe me, it was by design, as when we went out this this last time to try to get a bid. And we need to receive three of them this time, Supervisor and two of them are below our estimate, and the one that is being recommended for award is an excellent bid, given what we've been through.

Chairman Angius stated okay, any other questions? Supervisor Bishop, anything? Nope. Okay, thank you.

Director Acton stated thank you.

Chairman Angius stated okay, what's the pleasure the Board?

Supervisor Bishop stated motion to approve.

Chairman Angius stated okay, we have a motion to approve any second?

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Chairman Angius stated we have a motion and second any further discussion? Hearing none.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bishop and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to approve item 38. Motion carried 3-2 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting no; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould no.

Chairman Angius stated next up item 39.

TRAVIS LINGENFELTER, MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1:

- 39.** Discussion and possible action RE: Authorize preliminary approval of a Board of Supervisor's District 1 project to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount not to exceed \$139,784 to make roadway improvements to Superstition Drive in partnership with WECOM Fiber.

Chairman Angius stated Mr. Supervisor Lingenfelter, this is your ARPA project.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated thank you, Madam Chair. Coming down to the wire and making sure that all of those funds are programmed through the district one office. So, I'd make a recommendation to approve.

Chairman Angius stated okay, we have a motion to approve.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated yes, ma'am.

Supervisor Gould stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Gould to approve item 39. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated next is, I put up on some items.

HILDY ANGIUS, CHAIRMAN, MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

40. Discussion and possible action RE: Cancel the December 16, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Chairman Angius stated discussion, possible option to cancel the December 16, 2024, Board of Supervisors meetings we do every year for a variety of reasons, I make a motion to approve.

Supervisor Gould stated Madam Chairman?

Chairman Angius stated yes.

Supervisor Gould stated with the ARPA thing hanging, deadline hanging over our head, I believe it would be wise to schedule a meeting towards the end of the month so that if we do have to have a board action, we'll be able to do that. We could always cancel that meeting if we don't need it.

Chairman Angius stated or we can just have a special meeting.

Supervisor Gould stated but a special meeting takes two days to set up.

Chairman Angius stated okay, so you want to keep this for now and then.

Supervisor Gould stated I don't know If I want to keep this one or schedule one further out towards the, the end of the year, and I'm more than willing to come up in and Chair it. If everybody is out vacating.

Chairman Angius stated well we have to make sure we have a quorum. Well, what do you think of that?

Supervisor Bishop stated Chairman?

Chairman Angius stated yeah.

Supervisor Bishop stated I agree with Supervisor Gould. I think we should just leave it as is the regular meeting date. As long as we'll be able to have a quorum, and I don't have any plans of being out of the area. So, there's two of us.

Chairman Angius stated okay, so is that what the Board wishes? Then we'll take no action on this.

Supervisor Gould stated do you want to keep it on that, or you want to move it closer to the end of the year?

Chairman Angius stated well.

Supervisor Gould stated that's the 19th.

Chairman Angius stated what would be the next one?

Laura Skubal, Clerk of the Board, stated that meeting is December 16th.

Chairman Angius stated excuse me?

Clerk Skubal stated the second meeting of the month is December 16th.

Chairman Angius stated right. Which it says here. He's saying that maybe we can do it. Yeah. So, what do you think if you want to make a motion, something other than the 16th?

Supervisor Gould stated let me look at my calendar.

Supervisor Bishop stated can we ask the County Manager if he thinks we'll have ARPA decisions to make closer to the end of the month? Or, how do you?

Chairman Angius stated yeah, how many? How many are outstanding?

Manager Elters stated well, Madam Chair and Supervisor Bishop and all Supervisors. In a nutshell, at the end of today's Board meeting, District 1, District 2, District 3 and 4 are, I would say, fully programmed. So, at the end of this Board meeting, when the Board takes action on the items that would leave District 5 with some funding. The, the concern is we are past the timeline to, to like, not just have the Board action taken, but to have a funding agreement in place and to meet the requirement of ARPA. Those you know, those are the constraints that we shared with you earlier in the year, when, when we were trying, back in March to say, let's program the dollars, and so we have enough time to have funding agreements, contracts and so on. So, in all honesty, the concern is whether it's the 16th or whether we do it between Christmas and New Year. We may not be able to meet the Treasury deadline for what they consider obligated amounts. So, what we've been doing here is the Supervisor puts a project or a request on the agenda, the Board approves it, and then staff goes back, prepares the funding agreement and brings it back to the Board, until the funding agreement is approved by the Board and is signed by the recipient, then it's not obligated.

Chairman Angius stated so, what I heard was all the Districts, except District 5, we're all spoken for. So, this is just for your District. You think that you're going to have that issue?

Supervisor Gould stated Madam Chairman, you think you're spoken for. But this is not the first time that we something has come back in the 11th hour. The checks aren't written. So, I'm going to move that we have a meeting on the 23rd.

Chairman Angius stated okay, we have a motion. Second.

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair, just a clarification. Does that mean we keep the one on the 16th and have one on 23rd are we doing away with the 16th?

Supervisor Gould stated means we cancel the one on the 16th.

Chairman Angius stated we cancelled the one on the 16th. Do you need a different kind of motion? Do we need to?

Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Esplin stated I would just clarify the motion. If you could do a clarification to the motion.

Supervisor Gould stated Madam Chairman, I move, my motion is that we move the meeting on the 16th to the 23rd.

Supervisor Johnson stated second.

Chairman Angius stated okay. Motion and revised second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gould and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve moving the December 16th BOS Meeting to December 23rd. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries item 41.

- 41.** Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the request for distribution of \$9,378.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to WestCare for the purchase of playground equipment and landscaping at WestCare's, Corky's House for women and children.

Chairman Angius stated this is one of my ARPA projects. Hopefully, we'll have that check written and I make a motion to approve.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Chairman Angius and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to approve item 41. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries item 42.

TRAVIS LINGENFELTER, MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1:

42. Discussion and possible action RE: Accept the resignation of Dalton Barlow as the District 1 representative to the Mohave County Planning and Zoning Commission, effective December 31, 2024.

Chairman Angius stated Accept the resignation of Dalton Barlow as the district one representative to Mohave County Planning and Zoning Commission. Supervisor Lingenfelter.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to thank Mr. Dalton Barlow for his service to District one and I'd make a motion to approve.

Supervisor Gould stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Gould to approve item 42. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries. 43.

43. Discussion and possible action RE: Accept the resignation of Dalton Barlow as the District 1 representative to the Mohave County SIR/EBT, effective December 31, 2024.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated motion to approve.

Supervisor Johnson stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve item 43. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries 44.

44. Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the reappointment of Kathy Cook as the District 1 representative to the Mohave County Library District Citizen's Advisory Committee, term to be effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair motion to approve.

Supervisor Gould stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Gould to approve item 44. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated carries. 45.

45. Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the reappointment of Michael Bradshaw as the District 1 representative to the Mohave County Planning and Zoning Commission, term to be effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair. I'd like to thank Michael Bradshaw for his service to District one on PNZ and recommendation to approve discontinuation.

Supervisor Johnson stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve item 45. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries. 46.

46. Discussion and possible action RE: Approve the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act funds from District 1's allocation in the amount of \$5,074.40 to Dig It Kingman Community Garden for the payment of water utility costs.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair, District one ARPA project in the amount of just over \$5,000. Motion to approve.

Supervisor Bishop stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lingenfelter and seconded by Supervisor Bishop to approve item 46. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries. Item 47. This is to authorize the Attorney General's office as designee to defend Mohave County in tax lawsuits.

47. Discussion and possible action RE: Authorize the Arizona Attorney General's Office, or its designee, to defend Mohave County in the tax lawsuit, South Point Energy Center, L.L.C v. Arizona Department of Revenue and Mohave County, case No. TX-2024-000240.

Supervisor Gould stated motion to approve.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gould and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to approve item 47. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated motion carries. 48, Supervisor Johnson.

BUSTER JOHNSON, MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3:

- 48.** Discussion and possible action RE: Rescind the General Fund hiring freeze enacted on August 21, 2023, effective immediately.

Supervisor Johnson stated thank you, Madam Chair. it's become routine business to approve the hiring from the freeze, but it has been causing a problem for our departments, because sometimes if they can't get it on agenda three weeks before they can get out, start hiring people. And we're not these are all funded positions, so it's not like they're, they're just replacing people that they already have. So, I'd make the motion that we do away with the freeze on bringing them in front of the Board.

Supervisor Gould stated second.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair?

Chairman Angius stated excuse me.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated one discussion point for the County Manager, if I may, before we complete the vote.

Chairman Angius stated okay.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated County Manager Elters, the reason that we did this, and then that came from the Board, was take advantage of the vacancy savings when somebody leaves that we wouldn't fill that position until those vacancy savings were, were captured and I think that that was reflected in a big part of passing a budget this last year. It's still predicted that we're structurally unsound. We had to dip into the contingency this last year. My question to you is, is this hiring freeze, are we still seeing the benefit of the vacancy savings accruing?

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair, Supervisor Lingenfelter. I would say yes, we really have not, as supervisor Johnson pointed out, these are filling vacancies that are taking place to fill positions today. The

hiring freeze that the Board put in place in August of last year was put in place when we had other vacancies. Those who remain unfilled, these that come before the Board on monthly basis these are people that are departing, and we're coming to the Board asking permission as required to fill those positions. So, we continue to have vacancies. This may be an opportunity where we might be able to attract some additional, perhaps higher qualified talent if we can go out and fill. We're not asking for additional positions, these are all funded positions that were just determined necessary for the operation and the function of a given department. I hope I answered your question, but I'm happy to.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated Madam Chair, Manager Elters. I can't, I can't recall last year the date that we implemented that hiring freeze but going into this next fiscal year budget, do you see that we're going to have to re-institute a hiring freeze as a part of a solution?

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair, Supervisor Lingenfelter. I hope not. I honestly do not believe that we're going to we will have vacancy saving in this year that we will realize at the end of the year. So, and I think it will be, just judging by how many positions we have vacant and how long they have been Supervisor, I truly believe we will have a substantial vacancy saving that will go into balancing the budget in FY 26.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated thank you and last question, Madam Chair, if I may. Do you know if the State of Arizona, if they still have their hiring freeze in place? Because I know that the State of Arizona did institute a hiring freeze at the state level as well.

Manager Elters stated Madam Chair, Supervisor Lingenfelter. I honestly have not heard, received any updates to change that. So.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated they haven't revealed it?

Manager Elters stated yeah, I do not believe so. I believe it's still in place.

Chairman Angius stated okay do we have a motion? Okay, so I need a. So just answer me, do I have a motion in a second?

Clerk Skubal stated yes, you do. Supervisor Johnson and Supervisor Gould seconded.

Chairman Angius stated thank you.

Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Gould to approve item 48. Motion carried 4-1 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting no; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated this is put on by me. I'm going to for now, I'm going to skip 49 because I think we're going to go in executive session. I just get these two done with so people can leave if they want. Item 50.

50. Approve the Funding Agreement between the Bullhead City Morning Kiwanis and Mohave County for the distribution of \$15,620.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the payment of swim lesson registrations for Bullhead City area children and youth.

Chairman Angius stated this is a ARPA project in Bullhead City, so I make a motion to approve.

Supervisor Johnson stated second.

Motion was made by Chairman Angius and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve item 50. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated 51.

51. Approve obligating remaining \$640,432.12 of ARPA funds to the County General Fund under the Provision of Government Services expense category, and further approve year-end obligation of any remaining ARPA funds in the same manner.

Chairman Angius stated this is a discussion to approve obligating remaining of \$640,432.12 of ARPA funds to the County general fund. I think we've already said that this was mostly coming from your district.

Director Mournian stated Chairman Angius, members of the Board. This item is brought before you as you're well aware, the obligation deadline for our the ARPA is December 31 of this year and so the intent of this items was to ensure that any funds that are not obligated to a specific project in any of the five districts. We do have the option to obligate those to the general fund under the revenue replacement category. The County took a ten million standard election when the ARPA program was rolled out. We have capacity under that 10 million for the \$640,000 or so that is currently unobligated. The way that, that would be obligated is essentially the same way that we utilize the local assistance, tribal consistency funding, that \$12 million that we received a few years back. We basically used that to offset a portion of the public safety, salaries and expense and so that on the sheriff patrol side, as well as in the jail, and that's what I'm proposing today.

Director Mournian stated Chairman Angius, no, there's no reason that we cannot do that.

Supervisor Johnson stated to continue item to the December 23rd meeting.

Supervisor Gould stated second.

Motion was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Gould to approve continuing item 51 to December 23rd meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated we're going back to 49.

49. Approve a pay increase of 5% to the County Manager's current annual salary, effective November 7, 2024.

Chairman Angius stated I make a motion that we go into Executive Session.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Chairman Angius and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to go into Executive Session for item 49. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

Chairman Angius stated I call this meeting back to order. Item 49. I'm making to make a motion that we put this off until January, January 1, whenever, and sometime in January when the new Board is here with some fresh eyes and a new vision for the County and so we're just going to make. I'm just going to make a motion that we put this off till January. January. First meeting in January. Second meeting in January.

Supervisor Lingenfelter stated second.

Motion was made by Chairman Angius and seconded by Supervisor Lingenfelter to continue item to the January 21, 2025 meeting for item 49. Motion carried 5-0 with Supervisor Lingenfelter voting yes; Chairman Angius voting yes; Supervisor Johnson voting yes; Supervisor Bishop voting yes; and Supervisor Gould yes.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors this 21st day of October 2024,
Chairman Angius adjourned the meeting at 11:53 A.M.

MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hildy Angius, Chairman

ATTEST:

Laura Skubal, Clerk of the Board