

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Informal Session at 9:00 a.m., September 19, 2005 in the Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max W. Wilson, Chairman, District 4; Don Stapley, Vice Chairman, District 2, Fulton Brock, District 1; Andrew Kunasek, District 3, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Juanita Garza, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITHIN MARICOPA COUNTY

Item: A presentation and update will be given by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health's, Bio-Defense and Preparedness Response Division on the current state of emergency preparedness within Maricopa County. An overview will be given on Public Health's emergency management efforts as well as the Cities Readiness Initiative, which is a pilot program, to aid cities in increasing their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency such as a bioterrorism attack or a nuclear accident. (C8606024M00) (ADM2154)

Robert Burg, Interim Director, Public Health Emergency Management

Robert Burg introduced the Public Health's Emergency Management Home Team; Dr. Robert French Deputy Director; Carolyn, Logistics, Matt Monaghan, Interim Administrator; Shawn Tennant, Planning; Masada Siegel, Risk Communications; and Darin Daniels, Operations.

Mr. Burg distributed a set of handouts for the Supervisors to refer to as he made his PowerPoint presentation. The handouts included USA Today articles on threat analysis regarding; flu pandemic, national security, chemical plants, 9/11, terror attacks, and bioterrorism defense. Mr. Burg also distributed a pamphlet on Family Preparedness with information on "What can you do to be prepared?" Mr. Burg recommended families have a disaster plan in place and a disaster supply kit.

Mr. Burg gave an overview of Public Health's Emergency Management (PHEM) mission and vision and added that PHEM was been funded by a grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Emergency Management's new approach is 1) to function as an integrated office within public health, 2) develop response capabilities, 3) leverage public health assets, 4) organize the full structure, and 5) clearly define response roles. Mr. Burg added that PHEM's current primary focus was on Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI). CRI is an emergency preparedness project to ensure the ability to provide antibiotics to each affected person within 48 hours. Mr. Burg said that a lot of time and effort has been spent on working on CRI initiatives for Maricopa County to develop a system of local dispensing sites called "PODs" (points of dispensing) using high schools and community colleges. He reported that 82 high schools and 10 community colleges have committed to serve as local dispensing sites. The goal is to have 100 PODs in place and to focus on staffing and training, possibly, county employees and community volunteers to deliver the medications during a disaster. Mr. Burg added that PHEM was working along with the Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies to prepare for the distribution of antibiotics if necessary during a disaster. He also pointed-out a map that geographically represented the location of the PODs and stated that each POD could distribute to 40,000 people and the target was to have the capability to treat 1.6 million people by January 2007.

Mr. Burg gave a brief overview of the department's future challenges: to involve every agency in the valley by the year 2007, Super Bowl in 2008, and to develop partnerships with Federal State and other local agencies. He stated that in order for an emergency plan to function, it must have good coordination and communication with the Federal State and other local agencies. Mr. Burg also emphasized the importance for each department to have a back-up plan on how to function if communication systems fail.

Supervisor Stapley raised a question regarding the security of the fuel pipelines at the Tank Farm. Mr. Burg suggested meeting with Osman Aloyo at Emergency Management or the Sheriff's department to discuss the security issue and find out who was responsible for overseeing the security of the tank farm. Supervisor Brock requested that Mr. Burg follow-up on this matter and report back to the Board.

In response to questions from Supervisor Brock, Shawn Tennant responded that Public Health was still in the process of developing MOUs with high schools as PODs. The plan calls for a certain number of PODs to service the entire county. The team expects to have 100% of those sites within the next two weeks by first targeting high schools and then going to elementary or middle schools to secure enough sites.

Mr. Burg responded to Supervisor Brock's second question and said that preparing for any type of disaster was an ongoing process of working together and implementing the plans already in place. Mr. Burg assured that PHEM had plans and resources available, but the challenge was communications and logistics. All of the stakeholders need to have the integrated equipment in order to effectively communicate in a disaster situation.

Supervisor Wilcox expressed her concern about last year's scarcity of the flu vaccine and asked if Maricopa County was prepared this year to handle a similar situation. Ms. Tennant replied that 250 doses have been reserved for distribution to the refugee clinics and the homeless. Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager, said that Maricopa County would go out for an RFP to distribute flu vaccines with other providers if it becomes necessary for Maricopa County to step-in. She noted that a number of different vendors around the community are also prepared to distribute the vaccine. Ms. Wilson added that Public Health was working closely with ADHS to keep them informed, but were not anticipating encountering a similar situation as last year. Supervisor Wilcox requested to be kept informed on this matter.

Supervisor Kunasek commented on his experience at an emergency preparedness seminar and acknowledged the great work of the Phoenix Fire Department mutual aid model that broke through barriers that could hinder effective communication during a disaster situation. Supervisor Kunasek urged departments to refer to and review the Phoenix model when developing plans.

Chairman Wilson commented that Maricopa County contemplated possible catastrophic scenarios and tried to figure out an evacuation plan, by looking at different facilities such as the schools and Universities for shelter sites and means of transportation.

Mr. Burg said, "The school option is a start; the ultimate solution is to have a multi tiered strategy using government buildings, schools, and churches." He stated that law enforcement in the valley made the final decision to use the schools because they could better support the school option. Mr. Burg added that once the schools were in operation PHEM would pursue other options.

Supervisor Brock commented that the County has a lot to learn from the Katrina disaster, especially in the communications and transportation areas. Supervisor Brock requested a briefing from Emergency Management for further elaboration on emergency preparedness and for the opportunity to generate more ideas.

David Smith, County Manager, agreed that this was an important discussion and assured everyone that the Emergency Management staff was working on updating the current emergency plan. Mr. Smith commented that emergencies are unpredictable, "we need to always be in the state of readiness." "We can not solve every single problem in a disaster situation, but will execute to the limit of our resources and be creative in solving problems."

PRESENTATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TEN-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Item: Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed ten-year capital plan for Maricopa County's Regional Park System. (C3006008M00) (ADM3200-003)
William Scalzo, Assistant County Manager

Bill Scalzo narrated the slide presentation that showed many photos of beautiful desert and mountain sites stretching through the thousands of miles incorporated in the many different parks in Maricopa County. Mr. Scalzo's presentation covered the Maricopa County parks and recreation revitalization plan, the park's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) mission, and CIP goals. He gave an overview of the Parks' Renaissance Ten Year CIP which proposed necessary improvements for the west side and east side parks including:

- o Adobe Dam Regional Park
- o Buckeye Hills Regional Park,
- o Cave Creek Regional Park,
- o Estrella Mountain Regional Park
- o Lake Pleasant Regional Park
- o McDowell Mountain Regional Park,
- o San Tan Mountain Regional Park
- o Utery Mountain Regional Park,
- o Vulture Mountain Regional Park
- o White Tank Mountain Regional Park

The necessary improvements for these parks included projects such as: irrigation systems, a visitor center, monument sign improvements, entry station improvements, master plans for development of parks, boundary fencing, playground shade structures, and trail construction, ADA fishing dock, family campground, picnic ramadas, new grills, and restrooms.

Mr. Scalzo said that the Buckeye Hills Regional Park ten-year plan included a design for a public shooting range. He stated that it was important to develop good shooting areas for the public.

In response to a question from Chairman Wilson, Mr. Scalzo replied that the vast majority of revenue produced by the parks covered all the operational costs with a minimum allocated to capital. He agreed that there was a need to charge additional fees i.e. shooting range fee, which would produce more revenue to cover operational costs plus any other costs.

Supervisor Stapley asked if Estrella Park had camping facilities in conjunction with Phoenix International Raceway (PIR). Mr. Scalzo responded that the camping facilities are group campgrounds; there are no formal campground amenities such as bathrooms or showers. Mr. Scalzo indicated that formal campsites would bring more people during PIR for more camping experiences, for longer periods of time. Mr. Scalzo added that the projects involve new capital dollars; but the department plans to pursue grants and partners with development groups for joint park projects. Also the Lake Pleasant Regional Park Improvement Plan includes a desert outdoor center for the summer season and a shaded fishing dock that would provide accessibility for children and disabled individuals.

Discussion ensued on the need for the parks to generate enough revenue to invest back into the parks. Mr. Scalzo noted that Lake Pleasant produced its own self-sustaining revenue. He emphasized the importance of providing good and safe facilities to accommodate the public and to attract more people to the parks to help produce revenues.

Mr. Scalzo reported that \$1 million dollars were dedicated to all of the parks for trail improvements. He indicated that trails are the highest use of Arizona parks by the public. The Maricopa Regional Trail project commits about \$10.1 million to help with land acquisition, trail construction, parking and lighting, vehicles and equipment, and restrooms and infrastructure.

Mr. Scalzo presented information about the construction/trails compound building where all the repairs and improvements for the parks and the equipment are done and listed the equipment needed to help facilitate the planned improvements.

The possibility of on-line campground reservations system is also being explored. On-line reservations make it easier for the public to register for campgrounds from anywhere; this system also makes collecting money easier and quicker.

Mr. Scalzo reiterated the necessary improvements to enhance or provide for safe facilities; playground shade structures for all the parks in the next 10 years, boundary fencing, water tank improvements for a safe water system, amphitheater improvements and ramada improvements with metal roofs.

A handout was given to the Supervisors that illustrated an accelerated three-year plan. The handout also demonstrated a break-down of the proposed improvement costs for each park ranked by most essential improvements, parks that would generate greater revenue and the parks most used by the public.

In response to a question from Supervisor Stapley, David Smith, County Manager, responded that capital was available for some of the CIP projects; it was just a matter of finalizing which plan is most essential.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Brock, and unanimously carried (5-0) to recess and reconvene in Executive Session to consider items listed on the Executive Agenda dated, September 19, 2005.

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION -- ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

Compromise Cases – Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel

Bricklin, Richard	Quam, Regan
Castaneda, David	Ramirez, Raquel
Dias, Alexis	Rosa, Carla
Keillar, Micah	Rusing, Shae
Martinez, Daniel Andrew	Salas, Lynette
Patterson, Kristine	Simpson, Jill

Write-Off Cases – Barbara Caldwell, Outside Counsel

Aschenbrenner, Elizabeth Marie
Kirk, Portia Mabel
Welsh, Shawn

PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY – ARS §38-431.03(A)(7)

Real Property exchange with City of Phoenix

David Smith, County Manager
Dennis Lindsey, County Real Estate Services Manager
William Riske, Deputy County Attorney

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

Vondell Baird, et al., v. Maricopa County, et al., CV2004-007622

Richard A. Stewart, Deputy County Attorney
Dennis Carpenter, Deputy County Attorney
Peter Crowley, Risk Manager
Patrick Spencer, Claims Manager

PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

AMP v. Maricopa County

Peter Crowley, Risk Manager
Patrick Spencer, Claims Manager
Richard Hood, Outside Counsel
Craig McCarthy, Outside Counsel
Joy Rich, Director, Planning and Development
Terry Eckhardt, Deputy County Attorney

PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

Dream Palace et al v. Maricopa County Civ 97-2357 PHX SMM

Joy Rich, Director, Planning and Development
Scott Boehm, Outside Counsel
Terry Eckhardt, Deputy County Attorney

RECORDS OR INFORMATION EXEMPT BY LAW FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION; LEGAL ADVICE – ARS §38-431.03(A)(2) AND (A)(3)

Maricopa Managed Care Systems Provider Appointments and Reappointments

Deborah Morgan, Medical Services Director
Mike Schaiberger, Chief Operating Officer, MMCS
Phyllis Biedess, CEO, Maricopa Managed Care Systems
Tim Casey, Outside Counsel
Martin Demos, Deputy County Attorney
Anne Longo, Assistant Chief Counsel

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION -- ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

Complaints filed by J. Christopher Carey, M.D. against Maricopa County et al

Christopher Keller, Chief County Counsel
Tim Casey, Outside Counsel

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

Mesa General Hospital Medical Center v. Maricopa County and related cases (CV1998-001664) and Air Evac Services, Inc. v. Maricopa County (LC2003-000173-001-DT)

Christopher Keller, Chief County Counsel

Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Shawn Nau, Director, Health Care Mandates
Jan Ringgenberg, Health Care Mandates
Donald W. Bivens, Outside Counsel
Michael Ross, Attorney, Outside Counsel
Kym Nichols, Paralegal, Outside Counsel
Bruce White, Deputy County Attorney

CONTRACT SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)

Employee benefits and health insurance plan changes

Martin Demos, Deputy County Attorney
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Mike Schaiberger, Administrator for Innovation
Pat Vancil, Manager, Employee Health Initiatives

LEGAL ADVICE; CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

Health Plan Transition to SHCD

Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Christopher Keller, Chief County Counsel

MEETING ADJOURNED

After discussion on the above items and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board