

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
September 25, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Edwards called the Special Joint Meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the Payson Library, 328 N. McLane Rd., Payson, Arizona.

Mayor Edwards asked each of the attendees to introduce themselves and state their affiliation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bob Edwards, Vice Mayor Tim Fruth, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Susan "Su" Connell, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member John Wilson, and Council Member Mike Vogel (arrived at 5:27 p.m.).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney, and Terry Morris, Library Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk, Steve DeHaan, IS Manager and Tonia Erin, IS Technician.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. Joint Meeting with Gila County Board of Supervisors, Town of Star Valley Town Council, the Tonto Apache Tribal Council, and Rose Harper and Bill Decker, representatives of the Pine/Strawberry communities.
2. Discussion/possible action re: Potential Southeast Payson Loop.

Chris Tilly, Payson Loop Task Force Leader, explained what the Task Force has accomplished so far.

Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, believed it was important to let ADOT know that Payson wants a Southeast Loop.

Shirley Dawson, District Three County Supervisor, discussed loop legislation.

The attendees discussed putting up Seed money. It could take a \$1.5 million dollars to do a cooridor study.

3. a. Discussion/possible action re: Existing and Potential Future County Facilities in Northern Gila County.

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1. Court and Probation Facilities

2. Juvenile Facilities

3. Jail

4. Recorder's/Election Services

b. Discussion/possible action re: September 7, 2006, letter from The Honorable Robert Duber II, Presiding Judge, Gila County Superior Court.

Judge Duber II, presiding Judge, Gila County, presented his cost proposal for a new facility. Judge Duber II expressed his concerns about the risks and dangers in the Globe Court House also. The Judge was in support of a new facility if Star Valley builds a new facility and has the County lease. Judge Duber felt it could increase cost by doing more services in Payson.

Mayor Edwards read the letter he received from Judge Cahill.

Mayor Chuck Herron, Star Valley, explained that Star Valley was dealing with the Forest Service to obtain five acres to put in a Town Hall. Mayor Herron proposed that the 33 acres west of the County Yard could be used to build the facility. Mayor Herron believed the County was also looking into putting two wells located out there into production. The Judge believed everyone should consider doing a bond to take care of all of these problems.

Bill Rapport asked if the facility in Globe would close. Judge Duber II responded no.

Mayor Edwards felt the County already has the land. The Mayor believed someone could build the facility for the County to lease.

Tomi Martin Cline, District One Supervisor, stated she was told that the 33 acres could only have rubber tired vehicles on the land and did not believe it could be built on.

The attendees discussed Juvenile Detention.

Mayor Herron asked if the jails could be privately staffed and if longterm prisoners could be farmed out to another county. Judge Duber II replied that longterm prisoners are farmed out. The Judge felt a tent city is the worst condition to staff and monitor because of all the contraband.

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, Payson, stated the County Recorder's Office would know about any new equipment after July of next year. Signatures for the past election had to be verified in Globe because the software was only licensed in Globe.

Daisey Flores, County Attorney, stated that only trained people can verify the signatures. Mayor Edwards asked for a commitment from the Recorder's office for the next election.

Mayor Edwards recessed the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m. The Mayor reconvened

the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Tim Fruth, Vice-Mayor, Payson, expressed his concerns regarding Juvenile Detention.

Judge Dorothy Little, Justice of the Peace, Payson Magistrate Court, voiced her concern that Superior Court was not required to be in Payson and could be lost. Judge Duber II expressed his issues about transportation. Randy White, Vice-Mayor, Star Valley, felt a task force could be put together to look at the opportunities for more land and include a cost study to build County facilities. The task force could include a judge, the sheriff, someone from the Police Department and someone from each town. Mayor Edwards would like to have a facilitated meeting for the task force to define goals of the task force. Mr. Carpenter would put together a list of who should be on the task force.

Mayor Edwards opened discussion on the County Transportation excise tax. Mr. Carpenter explained that the existing system would have to change if anything is to be done.

Shirley Dawson explained that the County had gone to all of the towns to explain that they needed help getting the tax and at that time all towns declined to take part.

Tommie Cline Martin stated that the County has a lot of dirt roads to grade. Ms. Martin had received legal advice that the County should not go against the will of the original voting public.

Mayor Edwards asked for closing remarks. The attendees agreed to wait another month before the next meeting and pull together their goals.

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:13 p.m.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 25 of September, 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk