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BRONSON LEAD BOARD DECISION TO CONTINUE IMPROVMENTS IN AJO

Curley School and Volunteer Fire Department Received Support from BOS

Pima County, Arizona - April 2, 2008-- The Pima County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve two agenda items today that will positively affect Ajo, Arizona. The first item approved will donate an 18 cubic foot refrigerator to the Ajo-Gibson Volunteer Fire Department. The second item approved an application for acquisition of the historic Curley School Gymnasium under the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program.

The Ajo-Gibson Volunteer Fire Department recently had to replace the existing 2002, 18 cubic foot, Whirlpool refrigerator with a dual control unit in order to better meet Vaccine For Children (VFC) requirements for vaccine storage. The old refrigerator had to be removed from daily use because it did not meet the VFC requirements for immunization storage. However, the new refrigerator being donated by Pima County does meet the VFC standards and will be used routinely and be available to the community in times of emergency. The Ajo-Gibson Volunteer Fire Department will pick up and remove the refrigerator at no cost to the county.

The Board of Supervisors also voted to approve an application by Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation to pursue the acquisition of the historic Curley School Gymnasium under the USDA Rural Development Facilities Grant Program. The International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) is offering the historic Curley School Gymnasium for sale to Pima County to develop a much needed facility for public and community use. USDA Rural Development provides matching grant funds for the acquisition and development of essential public use community facilities.

Supervisor Bronson has represented the Ajo area since 1997 and says, "Ajo is a unique community and Pima County looks forward to helping them anyway we can." Bronson said it was her privilege to move these important items on the community's behalf.

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