

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Keith Buonocore, Finance Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$222,391,550 (this amount is composed of \$95,376,068 in General Fund and \$127,015,482 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit.

Mr. Karwaczka and Mr. Duchon presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board throughout. Mr. Karwaczka noted that in fiscal year 2020-2021, the County received historically high revenues; staff did not consider those highs in forecasting fiscal year 2021-2022 revenues. Staff is confident in a recurring revenue increase. \$1 million is included so the County can be more competitive in the market with salaries. The Tentative Budget includes an option to begin to address Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) unfunded liabilities; PSPRS unfunded liabilities will be scheduled for an upcoming Work Session discussion.

Mr. Duchon reviewed the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, including revenues and expenditures. For fiscal year 2020-2021, the CARES Act stimulus package allowed the County to save considerable money in the General Fund. He presented the fiscal year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget, noting that the General Fund will increase from \$84 million to \$95 million, with all funds increasing by \$34.5 million. He detailed expenditure changes, total budget changes, general fund and special revenue fund revenues, general fund expenses by Department or Office, and approved funding requests. He detailed unfunded liabilities for PSPRS, Correction Officer Retirement Plan (CORP), and Elected Official Retirement Plan (EORP), and discussed the differences between the County's sole responsibility (PSPRS and CORP) and pooled responsibility (EORP).

The Board discussed the State of Arizona's budget not yet being finalized and potential impacts to the County's budget. Supervisor Crosby noted his opinion regarding PSPRS payments and decreasing taxes.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$222,391,550 (this amount is composed of \$95,376,068 in General Fund and \$127,015,482 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-1 (Crosby opposed).

2. Set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to ARS 42-17107, for July 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy.

Chairman English noted that Truth in Taxation Hearing requirements were explained previously.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to ARS 42-17107, for July 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

