

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

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

Attendees: Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Keith Buonocore, Finance Director
Joe Casey, IT Chief Information Officer
Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Chris Hiser, Commander, Sierra Vista Police Department
Chuck Potucek, City Manager, Sierra Vista

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 11:00 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 specifically: Southeastern Arizona Communications (SEACOM) and Public Safety.

Commander Hiser presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed SEACOM's mission statement, organizational chart, the Fire Departments/Fire Districts, Ambulance Transport and Law Enforcement Agencies served by SEACOM, and the number of calls received. He reviewed in detail: SEACOM's projected Fiscal Year 2020-2021 fund balance, significant changes to the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the budget by category and the change from the current Fiscal Year, and revenue contributions by agency. Significant changes include increases to personnel and overtime, and a change to the Motorola radio system. The County's contribution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is \$1,169,420. He reviewed SEACOM's funding model in detail. Potential changes at the state level may result in cities and towns currently funded by the state subscribing to SEACOM.

The Board, Commander Hiser, Mr. Potucek, and Sheriff Dannels discussed various items, including: the phone call categories; phone numbers for non-emergency calls; and, the potential for Willcox to subscribe to SEACOM. Sheriff Dannels provided information on the amount of money returned by the Sheriff's Office to the General Fund when the SEACOM Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed. Mr. Potucek spoke to the increased County and Sierra Vista contributions being due primarily to the purchase of the Motorola radio system, various potential revenue sources, uses of SEACOM's fund balance, and staffing needs.

The Board, Mr. Karwaczka, Commander Hiser, Mr. Potucek, and Sheriff Dannels continued the discussion, including: Fort Huachuca's involvement and participation; in-kind contributions, such as Information Technology costs; the JPA's method of determining subscription fees; recruitment for the SEACOM Director; reasons for Dispatcher staffing shortages, in addition to salary; the ability of those in the outskirts of the County to reach SEACOM; the training budget and requirements; and, Text-to-911 capabilities.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board