

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, June 14, 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, telephonic; 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
Mark Napier, Chief of Staff, Sheriff's Office

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. Discussion and Possible Direction regarding the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Fund.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item using several handouts. He reviewed the history of the GIITEM Fund, noting that the Sheriff's Office receives funds from the General Fund while grant reimbursements go into the GIITEM Fund. Last year, the Board gave the Sheriff's Office approximately \$560,000; Mr. Karwaczka recommends that the remaining balance in the GIITEM Fund, approximately \$200,000, be returned to the General Fund at the end of the Fiscal Year. The Board and Mr. Karwaczka discussed the reasoning for transferring \$560,000 from the General Fund to the Sheriff's Office budget.

Chief Napier explained that the purpose of the GIITEM Fund is to pay salary and employee-related expenses for the Border Strike Force task unit. Seven positions are currently being reimbursed by the Southeast Arizona Border Region Enforcement (SABRE) grant; up to nine positions are eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement is 75%; the remaining 25% is from the Sheriff's Office budget. A new accounting method has been established; beginning July 1, 2021, costs will be directly debited from the

GIITEM Fund. In response to the Board, Chief Napier confirmed that he can prepare materials on SABRE accomplishments to present in the future.

The Board and staff discussed consolidating grant administration for all County Departments and Offices under the Finance Department; potentially holding a future Executive Session or Work Session to discuss SABRE accomplishments and the Sheriff's Office security plan; and, the window of time after July 1 before the current Fiscal Year is closed.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board