PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
LOCATED AT 1415 MELODY LANE, BUILDING G, BISBEE, ARIZONA

Chairman English called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 10:17 a.m. Ann English, Chairman; and Richard Searle, Supervisor were present; Supervisor call was absent. Also attending were Mike Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator; Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; and Arlethe Rios, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board.

CONSENT

ITEM 1
Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Cochise County and the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) authorizing USBP to assign Agents to the Sheriff's Office border crimes unit on a full time basis for the purpose of enhancing and specifically targeting crimes with a border nexus.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to approve the consent agenda. Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried 2-0 (Call absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 2
[ITEM TABLED FROM JULY 9, 2013 MEETING] Adopt Resolution 13-22 approving the $1.00 increase to the Solid Waste Rural Transfer Station fee schedule for a final rate of $3 per bag, $5 per car/van/suv and $8 per pick-up load effective August 15, 2013.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to remove the item from the table. Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried 2-0 (Call absent).

Vice-Chairman Searle said he asked for the item to be tabled and had received the information he was looking for from Mr. Haverty, but could not support the increase at this time because it would not address the drop in revenues.

Chairman English complimented staff on their work, but suggested other alternatives be explored in order to solve the issue without raising fees every year.

There was no motion and the resolution failed.

ACTION

ITEM 3
Adopt the Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of $184,092,363 (this

amount is composed of $80,843,762 in General Fund and $103,248,601 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Decision Packages as set forth in attached exhibit.

Mr. Ortega, County Administrator, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Ortega gave a brief overview and said most of the details were covered with the Board in various work sessions earlier in the year.

Chairman English asked how much cash the County keeps in the bank for operations.

Mr. Ortega said that there is usually $21,000,000 at any given time, which prevents the county from having to use credit lines and also covers any debt for a period of one month in case of an emergency situation. He noted that staff had a four year projection timeline and outlined the revenues that the County would be using for the upcoming fiscal year.

Vice-Chairman Searle asked about costs for the solar projects currently taking place.

Mr. Ortega noted that the costs would be reflected in FY 15-16.

Chairman English asked about elections equipment costs.

Mr. Ortega said that those costs were already included in this year's budget. He stated that the shortfall this year would be an estimate of $1,300,000. He explained that the biggest impact to the shortfall was a decrease in property valuations countywide, but noted that the County was in good financial position overall. He gave his recommendations on how to reduce the shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year: 1) use capital case monies as cash carry forward 2) use vacancy savings 3) reduce expense budget in light fleet and delay replacement of vehicles.

Chairman English asked about the cost to care for sexually violent individuals.

Mr. Ortega said that each individual costs about $87,000 annually, but staff is working with court administration to look at getting costs reduced by having a professional treat these individuals locally. He mentioned that the courts were interested in using special revenue funds to unfreeze a position and that he would be bringing up that topic during a formal meeting at a later time. He stated that there were no other changes with the budget, but listed additional decision packages: 1) radios for the Sheriff's Joint Communication effort 2) wellness coordinator in conjunction with a wellness program for employees 3) sound enhancement system for the courts and 4) software for inspection tracking for community development.

Chairman English asked if the coordinator would be available to Cochise College employees.

Mr. Ortega said that the college would be involved in developing the wellness program.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to adopt the Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of $184,092,363 (this amount is composed of $80,843,762 in General Fund and $103,248,601 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Decision Packages as set forth in attached exhibit. Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried 2-0 (Call absent).

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED: ______________________________
Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST: _______________________________
Clerk of the Board