

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; 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

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman English asked if public comments on any agenda items were received and Ms. Lemons stated there were none.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of March 23, 2021.
2. Approve a proclamation to declare April 2021 as National County Government Month - "Counties Matter," especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic.

County Sheriff

3. Approve the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Grant 2021-207-062 in the amount of \$25,008.57, for two Intoxilyzer 9000 Instruments, one Kustom Signals Eagle 3 Dual Ka-Band radar, and one Kustom Signals ProLaser 4 Lidar unit, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with the understanding grant administration will be transferred to the County Finance Department in fiscal year 2022.

Elections

4. Approve the appointment of one Democratic Precinct Committeeman, by recommendation of the Cochise County Party Chairman or State Party Chairman, to serve through the October 1, 2022 term.

Finance

5. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Housing Authority

6. Approve a Fair Housing Proclamation to declare April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in Cochise County.
7. Approve the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Amendment AZ-H200016 submitted by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), changing the performance period to February 23, 2021 to February 22, 2024, from the original approved dates of March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2024.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve items 1-7 on the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

8. Approve a Series #6 (Bar) Acquisition of Control liquor license application submitted by Mr. Kevin A. Kramber, for T J's Bar and Grill LLC, located at 135 Frontage Road, Pearce, AZ 85625.

Ms. Lemons presented this item. She stated that the application had been reviewed and recommended for approval by the appropriate departments; property taxes are current; there have been no formal protests; and, the applicant paid the \$100 processing fee. Board staff recommended approval.

Chairman English opened the Public Hearing. No one chose to speak and Chairman English closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve a Series #6 (Bar) Acquisition of Control liquor license application submitted by Mr. Kevin A. Kramber, for T J's Bar and Grill LLC, located at 135 Frontage Road, Pearce, AZ 85625. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

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

ACTION

Elections

9. Approve Grant Agreement #AZ20101001 from the Arizona Secretary of State's Office in the amount of \$68,174.33 for election related expenses covered under the Help America Vote Act, with the understanding grant administration will be transferred to the County Finance Department in fiscal year 2022.

Ms. Lisa Marra, Elections Director, presented this item. She reviewed background information on Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grants, and noted that the County is receiving \$136,348.67, split evenly between the Elections Department and County Recorder. She reviewed the purposes for which the grant monies may be used.

The Board discussed the County Recorder's Office bringing its HAVA grant to the Board separately.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve Grant Agreement #AZ20101001 from the Arizona Secretary of State's Office in the amount of \$68,174.33 for election related expenses covered under the Help America Vote Act, with the understanding grant administration will be transferred to the County Finance Department in fiscal year 2022. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

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

Health & Social Services

10. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) ADHS18-177676, Immunization Services Amendment 5, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services for an additional \$1,000,000.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) ADHS18-177676, Immunization Services Amendment 5, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services for an additional \$1,000,000. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

Dr. Alicia Thompson, Health & Social Services Director, presented this item. She stated that Amendment 5 is for additional immunization services for the County, and reviewed background information on the immunization services grants and the purposes for which grant monies may be used. This additional funding will increase the capacity to reach individuals in hard-to-reach communities and those who have struggled to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Board and Dr. Thompson discussed potentially contracting with Chiricahua Health Center or another organization for this service in the future. The Board and Dr. Thompson also discussed staff's current focus, everything that is involved with going into the community to distribute the vaccine, and efforts to reach underserved communities, such as Points of Dispensing at various locations in the County.

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

11. Approve Contract 21-20-HEA-01 with Rapid-Trace for Staffing Services - COVID-19 Case Investigations and Contract Tracing, effective April 6, 2021 through October 6, 2021, with the option to extend as needed.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve Contract 21-20-HEA-01 with Rapid-Trace for Staffing Services - COVID-19 Case Investigations and Contact Tracing, effective April 6, 2021 through October 6, 2021, with the option to extend as needed. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

Supervisor Crosby noted a clerical correction to the agenda wording and motion, to change "Contract" to "Contact".

Mr. Craig Janiszewski, Emergency Preparedness Specialist, presented this item. He reviewed the County's practice for contact tracing and the Procurement process, and noted that the successful respondent is Rapid-Trace. In response to the Board, Mr. Janiszewski stated that the total budget is \$352,000; staff does not anticipate using that amount in the first six months, but there is the option to extend the contract.

The Board and Mr. Janiszewski discussed various wording in Rapid-Trace's Proposal Staffing Plan and in the Scope of Work, opinions on imposing mandatory measures such as contact tracing, and whether there is a potential to use the money for other purposes as COVID-19 trends are currently decreasing.

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

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

12. Discussion and possible action regarding state and federal legislative matters listed or described in the attached County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, and the proposed State budget, and other matters related thereto.

Chairman English noted that there have been a lot of election-related bills and that the budget is an area of concern. She asked the Board for questions or comments to pass on. The Board discussed House Bill 2801 and an omnibus border security bill.

No Board Action was taken on this item.

REPORT BY RICHARD G. KARWACZKA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS

Mr. Karwaczka reported on the construction of the Administration building in Bisbee and noted that the Public Defender's Office has returned there; construction to house other departments is ongoing. He acknowledged Dr. Thompson and her staff for their work.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Supervisor Crosby reported that he will not be attending the Legislative District 14 meeting.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English

Chairman English reported that she will be attending a ribbon cutting for the Bay Acres wastewater treatment plant expansion in Douglas.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Peggy Judd

Vice-Chairman Judd reported on COVID-19 vaccines in Bowie on Monday, April 12, 2021, the current state of COVID-19, and the West Fest Ranch Rodeo at the Willcox Quail Park Arena on April 25, 2021.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board