

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator; Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator; Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Tim Mattix, Interim 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Jennifer Druckman was called upon to speak but was not present.

Mr. William Gronlund addressed the Board and spoke regarding Oaths of Office, COVID-19, and his support of Intergovernmental Agreement CTR057557.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of February 22, 2022.
2. Approve a letter to the Arizona Department of Gaming granting the Cochise County Fair Association permission to apply to host live horse racing on April 16, 17, 23 and 24, 2022.

Finance

3. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

4. Approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 3: Sunsites Community Center Parking Lot Chip Seal, in the amount of \$16,847.

Vice-Chairman Judd presented this item. She gave background information on the Sunsites Community Center (Center) and stated that the Center's parking lot is becoming hazardous; the Center is a polling location. In response to the Board, she stated that this is solely for the parking lot; the Center is contributing \$5,000 to the project.

In response to the Board, Ms. Roberts stated that expenditure of the funds is appropriate as the Center is a 501(c) organization.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 3: Sunsites Community Center Parking Lot Chip Seal, in the amount of \$16,847. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

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

Human Resources

5. Approve the Cochise Combined Trust premium rate structure for medical, dental and vision benefits for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve the Cochise Combined Trust premium rate structure for medical, dental and vision benefits for fiscal year 2022-2023. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

Ms. Jennifer Graeme, Acting Human Resources Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. She stated that the Cochise Combined Trust trustees recently met to review the performance of the Trust and to vote on new rates and benefit changes. It is anticipated that 714 employees will participate in the next fiscal year. She reviewed the number of employees enrolled by plan and plan changes for fiscal year 2022-2023; changes include elimination of the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) Buy Up plan, various increased coverages, and a change in vendors. Medical premium rates across all plans will increase, with a total employee contribution of \$135,000; this increase is proposed to be absorbed by Cochise Combined Trust. There are no increases for the dental and vision plans.

The Board, Mr. Karwaczka, and Ms. Graeme discussed the number of employees enrolled in the HDHP; elimination of the HDHP Buy Up plan, though the HDHP plan

still remains; and, the member agencies of the Cochise Combined Trust.

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

Public Works

6. Approve Agreement with the City of Sierra Vista to utilize the city's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examiner to provide CDL Testing to Cochise County employees who have been identified as requiring a CDL, at a cost of \$150 per employee, effective February 9, 2022.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve Agreement with the City of Sierra Vista to utilize the city's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examiner to provide CDL Testing to Cochise County employees who have been identified as requiring a CDL, at a cost of \$150 per employee, effective February 9, 2022. Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. Marty Haverty, Public Works Director, presented this item. He stated that this will formalize an informal arrangement for the County's use of the city's CDL Examiners. Examiners contract with the Arizona Department of Transportation to perform tests. He noted that this arrangement works well for the County.

In response to the Board, Mr. Haverty stated that two employees are currently waiting to test; approximately 10 per year need testing, depending on turnover and recruitment. The Examiner is employed by the City of Sierra Vista.

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

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

7. 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 stated that the Board all receives the information from the County Supervisors Association and AACo, and encouraged the Board to use the state's system to comment on legislation.

No action was taken on this item.

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

Mr. Karwaczka reported on the status of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system and electrical panel at the Sierra Vista Foothills Complex and the Courthouse construction.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Supervisor Crosby deferred his report.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English

Chairman English deferred her report.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Peggy Judd

Vice-Chairman Judd deferred her report.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Interim Clerk of the Board