

**RESOLUTION 23-\_\_**

**TO FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC LANDS COUNTIES,  
A BODY GOVERNED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Revised Statutes § 11-952 authorizes two or more public agencies to enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Cochise County contains 901,672 acres of federal lands; and

**WHEREAS**, County governments are leaders in the intergovernmental partnership with federal lands management agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors moved to develop the National Center for Public Lands Counties (The Center) at the 2022 NACo Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, The Center's mission is to advance the policy and practice study, research, and learning networks for America's public lands counties; and

**WHEREAS**, The Center will be governed by a body consisting of the WIR Executive Committee, the NACo Public Lands Policy Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chairs, the state association executive from the WIR Immediate Past President's home state, and the NACo CEO/ Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, NACo and WIR have requested contributions to fund The Center from each public lands county general fund in the amount equivalent of 1% of each county's allocation from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF); and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County is expected to receive a total LATCF allocation of \$5,798,697.32; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be managed under a 501(c)(3) within the NACo Research Foundation to support WIR's collaboration with the National Center for Public Lands Counties and these funds will not be used for any partisan political purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve a one-time financial contribution from the County General Fund in the amount of \$57,987.00 to The Center.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 10th day of January 2023.

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Ann English, Chair  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Tim Mattix  
Clerk of the Board

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Kris Carlson  
Civil Deputy County Attorney