

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator/Interim Clerk of the Board
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Deputy Clerk of the Board

[Due to technical difficulties this meeting was not recorded].

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt the Tax Rates and Levies for Cochise County Taxing Entities as set forth in the attached Exhibit.

Supervisor English made a motion to adopt the Tax Rates and Levies for Cochise County Taxing Entities as set forth in the attached Exhibit. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman Judd joined the meeting by speaker phone due to technical difficulties.

Vice-Chairman Crosby opened the Public Hearing.

Vice-Chairman Crosby proposed deleting the \$2.23 million Flood Control District portion of the budget and he stated that would save each county resident \$17. He referred to research from Dr. Byron Schlomach of the Goldwater Institute indicating that tax cuts create jobs. He expressed concern that, and his opposition to District 1 paying more for the County's Flood Control District proposed projects and getting less for its share of taxes.

Vice-Chairman Crosby stated that he suspects that the Flood Control District was established improperly.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to amend the Flood Control District rate to zero percent, and the levy to zero. The District would operate on their remaining money and the Budget Director would amend the budget accordingly. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Supervisor English stated that the tax rate has not risen since last year, and property valuations have increased.

[The Public Hearing was not closed].

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

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board