

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator
Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Lois Klein, Finance Director
Tyson Mock, IT Director
Ruben Miranda, Fleet Services Director

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Expenditure Limit and financing options for Information Technologies Equipment, Fleet Vehicles, and the Jail Remodel.

Mr. Michael Ortega, County Administrator, gave the background specifically on the impact of the expenditure limit and discussed several options. He noted that even if a financing plan was not established, educating the voters on the expenditure limit and its impact was crucial as the voters would have to vote on raising the expenditure limit for the County.

Chairman Call said that another option was to approach legislators about the expenditure limit.

Vice-Chairman English stated that one of the reasons the expenditure limit is a concern is that Cochise County is one of the counties that lost a big portion of its population last year, which directly impacts the amount of the money the County can invest in projects to better the entire community and quality of life.

Mr. Ortega noted that there would be phases to carry out major projects like the jail remodel, upgrading IT network/microwave equipment, and purchasing fleet vehicles and heavy equipment.

Vice-Chairman English asked about the next steps if financing was the Board's choice for moving forward.

Mr. Ortega said that the Procurement Department had done the request for bid and Bank of America had the best financing option. He stated that he would bring back the details of entering into a contract with them for the leasing option at a future Board meeting.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board