

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member (telephonically)
Absent: Patrick G. Call, Chairman
Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator
Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Vice-Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:34 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

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve a letter of support for Arizona Land and Water Trust's 2015 Military Installation Fund (MIF) Application.

Vice-Chairman English removed the item from consent.

Mr. Ortega explained that the letter was to ask for support from the Board for this application, which would allow Fort Huachuca to use funds to purchase land for open space purposes.

Supervisor Searle moved to approve a letter of support for Arizona Land and Water Trust's 2015 Military Installation Fund (MIF) Application. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English called for vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Call absent.)

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

2. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Bisbee for Legal Services for the period of March 25, 2015 to March 25, 2017.

Supervisor Searle moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Bisbee for Legal Services for the period of March 25, 2015 to March 25, 2017.

Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, gave the background and explained that the County was approached by the City of Bisbee to consult for legal services. He said that there was no conflict of interest as the County represented several other entities around the County. He noted that that they had been approached by the city to consult for legal services and would be able to pay \$60,000 towards a new position in the Civil Division of the County Attorney's Office.

Vice-Chairman English asked if the agreement could be canceled at any time.

Mr. Hanson said that it would be a two year agreement in order to be fair to the employee that would be hired.

Supervisor Searle asked about the vacancies at the Attorney's Office and if the County Attorney was supportive of this agreement.

Mr. Hanson said that they had several vacancies, but Mr. McIntyre would be discussing filling some of those vacancies with Mr. Ortega.

Mr. Ortega noted that another city was looking at entering into the same type of agreement, but that consideration would be brought to the Board at a future time.

Supervisor Searle asked if Mr. Hanson had an estimate of how many hours a week would be spent on City of Bisbee issues.

Mr. Hanson said his office would not be able to base their services on hours, but would respond to their needs.

Supervisor Searle asked if Mr. Hanson could keep track of hours and notify the Board of how much time was being spent by the County Attorney's Office as part of this agreement.

Mr. Hanson said he would keep the Board up to date.

Vice-Chairman English called for vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Call absent).

3. Approve a new position in the County Attorney Civil Division for either a Paralegal III or Legal Secretary III in order to extend the services of this division.

Mr. Britt Hanson requested the item be removed from the agenda.

Vice-Chairman English formally removed the item from the agenda.

Vice-Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board