

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Monday, July 20, 2015**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 20, 2015 10:00 a.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: Jim Vlahovich, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Lois Klein, Finance Director
Michael McGinnis, Budget Manager
Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director, Community Development Department

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:12 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt the Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$186,365,548 (this amount is composed of \$81,454,005, in General Fund and \$104,911,543 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Decision Packages as set forth in attached exhibit.

Supervisor Searle discussed funding for Fort Grant Road.

Ms. Riggs said that it was currently unfunded.

Supervisor Searle said that it was a very important project that needed to be addressed and that he proposed using \$100,000 from District 3 discretionary funds and \$150,000 from the general fund.

Mr. Vlahovich said there should be enough funds available for this project.

Ms. Riggs asked if this was formal approval for the project.

Supervisor Searle said he wanted it added to the list.

Supervisor Searle moved to adopt the Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$186,365,548 (this amount is composed of \$81,454,005, in General Fund and \$104,911,543 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Decision Packages as set forth in attached exhibit. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. Vlahovich presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He gave a summary, overview, and

said he would cover recommendations, as well as give an update on cash balances, expenditures, and property tax values.

He also covered General Fund cash carry forward, projected losses, and the shortfall for the current year.

The Board asked about new construction property taxes.

Mr. Vlahovich said that most new construction would not be taxable until 2017 and some later dependent on when the project was finished.

Ms. Klein went over current personnel numbers and said that the loss of revenue impacted the ability to keep positions funded. Rs: yes.

Mr. Vlahovich continued with details on potential budget issues, ½ cent sale tax summary, fuel contingency and finished with a summary of the entire budget.

Vice-Chairman English said that she was in support of funding facility projects, but needed a capital project plan in order to ensure continuity and future planning.

The Board thanked staff for the update and their work on the budget.

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

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board