

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, August 3, 2015**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 3, 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: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy 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

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:06 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt Resolution 15-17 to adopt the Final 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.

Mr. James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Vlahovich noted the changes from the tentative budget: Changed the ½ cent sales tax balance with current numbers for Fiscal Year 14/15 and noted that all cash carry forward numbers have also been updated to reflect revenues/expenses from Fiscal Year 14/15. He added that they were projecting \$14,500 in expenses for the Willcox Animal Shelter; \$16,000 in expenses for the Spillman maintenance contract; and \$9,062 to cover fluctuations in Judicial salaries. He also noted that staff had budgeted \$3,500 for Public Information Officer (PIO) services provided by Amanda Baillie, a consultant. He explained that these were all internal changes and did not change the total budget.

He listed the recommendations that the Board had approved in order to address the \$1,790,000 shortfall for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Use \$1,500,000 of cash carry forward funds,

use \$300,000 of fuel savings/contingency, and use \$500,000 of vehicle replacement funds.

He also discussed personnell concerns budget issues. He stressed that he would continue to seek direction from the Board in order to address ongoing shortfall concerns for the future.

Chairman Call opened the public hearing.

No one chose to speak and Chairman Call closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Searle moved to adopt Resolution 15-17 to adopt the Final 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.

Supervisor Searle asked if the \$12,000 in 1/2 cent sales tax would be restricted since it was being used for projects.

Ms. Klein, Finance Director, stated that it would become restricted once the payment had been made.

Vice-Chairman English noted that it was unfortunate that although the County had the funds to pay up front for certain projects, the expenditure limit forces the County to acquire loans and pay interests and said that she wanted legislators to address this problem in the upcoming legislative session.

The Board thanked everyone for their work on completing the budget.

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

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board