

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, May 11, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 1:30 p.m. in the Schools' Office Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 100 Clawson Avenue, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator Emeritus

Jim Vlahovich, County Administrator

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Trudy Berry, County Schools Superintendent

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

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1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 specifically: the School Superintendent's Office.

Ms. Trudy Berry, County School Superintendent, thanked the Board for going over the budget and noted that the school budget would stay the same, which would include filling one position that does school billing and tax rates.

Mr. Vlahovich stated that this position had already been approved since it performs critical tasks.

Ms. Berry explained that revenue is brought in by charging school districts for federal fund administration services. She added that she did not anticipate any increases in the budget.

Vice-Chairman English asked how many employees worked for the schools office.

Ms. Berry said that there were a total of six employees who performed all the duties for all of the school districts countywide.

Vice-Chairman English asked if Ms. Berry had done a review of future expenses to come up with ideas that would save the County money.

Ms. Berry said that the department had already cut 25% through attrition and will leave positions vacant for six months.

Vice-Chairman English explained that she wanted departments to begin thinking about how to help fund the budget and noted that the Board did not want to implement mandatory cuts, but instead encourage each department to cut what they can and look at ways to streamline processes or use technology to be more effective and efficient.

Ms. Berry said she would begin looking at grants that could be used versus general fund use.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board