

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assessor's Office Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building B, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator
James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Lois Klein, Finance Director
Phil Leiendecker, County Assessor
Felix Dagnino, Deputy County Assessor

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 11:00 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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

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

Mr. Leiendecker reviewed current staffing levels and noted that there are six positions that have been held vacant.

Supervisor Searle asked if there was a certain position that was critical.

Mr. Leiendecker said that appraisers were needed in order to get assessments done and have the information necessary to finalize property values. He also reviewed full cash values and net assessed values for the last four fiscal years, and appeals for the last two years. He related lower property values to home sales, median home prices, and foreclosures and noted that appeals were down due to lower property taxes and some legal class changes. He said that after reviewing current assessments it did not look like the revenues from property taxes would be increasing in the near future.

Supervisor Searle asked about the property taxes for the solar/wind project in the north part of the County.

Mr. Leiendecker said that those would be taxable beginning in the summer of 2015. He added that the new hospital in Sierra Vista would not be fully taxable until 2017. He noted that there were no changes to his budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Board thanked Mr. Leiendecker and his staff for their work and the update on County assessments.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board