

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 1:30 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**

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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Legislative discussion with State Representative-Elect, Drew John.

Mr. John thanked the Board for meeting with him and explained that he wanted to meet with the people he is going to represent before he takes office in January to discuss their concerns and inform himself on what issues exist in his district.

Vice-Chairman Call said that he was most concerned with the region's water issues. He explained that the Federal Government was not a partner on local issues.

Supervisor English said she was concerned with the Port of Entry in Douglas. She added that the State needed to be more supportive of this issue as it was of significant economic benefit to the entire State.

Mr. John said that he along with the Eastern Counties Organization would be looking at border issues with a focus on socio economics. He added that it was important to him that he stay in touch with the counties he represented and become familiar with their issues.

Chairman Searle said he also thought border issues and water issues were important, but wanted Mr. John to be aware of legislation that needed to be changed in order to address current County issues like the Highways User Revenue Funds (HURF) and State cost shifts.

Mr. Vlahovich said that the County Assessor had concerns regarding property tax changes on commercial property.

Vice-Chairman Call said that he was glad to have a legislator familiar with rural issues and looked forward to a supportive and helpful relationship with Mr. John.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board