

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 11:00 a.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
Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney

Attendees: Paul Esparza, Planning Director
Anita Baca, Housing Director
Eric Petermann, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman Searle 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. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding development and implementation of a water grant program for residents of Cochise County under A.R.S. 11-254.09.

Chairman Searle said that the idea for a water grant program had been requested by a working group that was dealing with sulphur springs water issues.

Vice-Chairman Call asked who could contribute to the fund.

Chairman Searle said that any private entity could contribute and noted that the County general fund could not be used. He added that lack of water is an issue for some citizens and several residents are asking for a way to receive funding in order to address these issues.

Ms. Marra used a PowerPoint presentation to give detailed information and seek guidance from the Board if this program needs to be established.

Chairman Searle said that homes built before 1970 should be included.

Ms. Baca said that she did not support paying the entire cost to ensure that the homeowner also had some responsibility. She added that a rehab specialist was available to assist. She noted that the priority came as first come first serve to ensure equality.

Ms. Marra said that general funding could not be used for this program and that staff would have to consider administrative costs if the program grew, as well as establish reporting protocols.

Chairman Searle said he had reached out to non profits and there was no interest.

Vice-Chairman Call said that the program does not seem like it would be greatly used.

The Board directed staff to acquire all the information on the current program that La Paz County has and also to ensure there is a minimum amount that must be donated in order to implement and keep the program active.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board