

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
Monday, July 10, 2017**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Member

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Lynette Nowlan, Finance Director  
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:11 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**

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***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Adopt Resolution 17-11 to adopt the Final County Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$187,758,003 (this amount is composed of \$80,085,677 in General Fund and \$107,672,326 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in attached exhibit.

Mr. Gilligan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Gilligan said that the total budget is unchanged, but he did want to go over some of the information previously discussed during the tentative budget. He gave a brief overview of the 2018 budget. He moved on to the Compensation Plan and noted the amounts per department had not changed since the presentation for the tentative budget adoption. He noted many departments are working on adjusting salaries for their employees based on performance.

He showed the current and future budget impacts to cash and said that expenses continue to escalate, specifically when it comes to retirement costs in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and the Elected Official Retirement Pension (EORP). He recommended raising the property tax by .0471 cent in order to help address the increases of the retirement systems.

Vice-Chairman Call asked Mr. Gilligan about a PSPRS meeting in Bisbee this week to discuss concerns about the system.

Mr. Gilligan said he would be attending this meeting and would also be meeting with Craig

Sullivan, County Supervisors Association (CSA), to discuss how other counties plan to address this growing concern. He noted that the Sheriff's Office had a significant number of personnel who would be eligible to retire within the next five years.

Chairman English said it was a problem that PSPRS was not held accountable for their mismanagement of the system.

Vice-Chairman Call said he also had a question about State costs shifts. He asked how much they had cost the County since 2008.

Ms. Nowlan said that it was close to \$10,000,000 over the last seven years.

Vice-Chairman Call said that those funds could have been used for other County purposes and that he did not think it was fair that the State balanced its budget by taking County funds and expecting counties to then pass those costs along to their citizens.

He then asked if special revenue fund positions had been included in the slide on compensation.

Mr. Gilligan said that the slide only showed the costs that would impact the general fund.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if staff could put together the information on how much special revenue fund positions were getting for their compensation. He asked if the Courts and the Sheriff's Office had any special revenue positions.

Mr. Gilligan said that both departments had special revenue fund positions. He noted that the courts were funding their compensation plan with the \$800,000 they had saved from salary and vacancy savings. However, the Sheriff's office was mainly funding their compensation from general fund monies and fleet savings.

Chairman English opened the public hearing.

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

Supervisor Judd moved to adopt Resolution 17-11 to adopt the Final County Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$187,758,003 (this amount is composed of \$80,085,677 in General Fund and \$107,672,326 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in attached exhibit. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

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

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board