

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Monday, May 15, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference 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

Attendees: Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director, Health & Social Services Department  
Norm Sturm, Emergency Services Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services  
Nike Noack, Budget Manager, Finance Department  
Anita Baca, Housing Director  
Amadee Ricketts, Library Director  
Belvet Elsouhag, County Public Fiduciary

Chairman English 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. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 specifically: the Health & Social Services, Housing Authority, Library District, Emergency Services Departments.

Chairman English reminded everyone that these meetings were not focused on discussing compensation, but rather operations, goals, and future expenditures.

Health & Social Services

Ms. Langley began by stating that she had two funding requests and would work with facilities to accomplish a flooring project. She said that the second request involved the staffing at the jail to ensure that medical decisions were made by medical personnel.

Mr. Gilligan said that there were a couple of factors to consider and the prudent thing to do is add a couple of positions to offset use of other agencies and related costs.

Supervisor Judd said that she was supportive of the plan, but was concerned with the total cost.

Mr. Gilligan agreed that the cost was high, but said he would work with staff on a phased approach.

Chairman English said she was worried about medical staffing at all jail facilities run by the County as the main concerns do come from the smaller jails. She requested that staff schedule a work session on satellite jails.

Housing Authority

Ms. Baca said that the housing authority continued to be completely grant funded and she was not requesting

any funding from the County. She did an overview of current programs and the services that had changed. She said that program was not expected to receive additional federal funding, but it was also expected to keep the same level of funding.

#### Library District

Ms. Ricketts said she was not requesting any additional funding or positions and noted that she would not fill the four vacancies in her office until she had a long term plan. She noted that the department had ceased bookmobile services, but was focused on providing the same level of support to those users in other ways.

Chairman English commended Ms. Ricketts for making hard decisions for the good of the entire system and looking at technology to address needs.

#### Emergency Services

Mr. Sturm said he was asking for an additional position and a half for the upcoming fiscal year. He said this request would still include a comprehensive reorganization of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Division and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to combine the two and increase shared services between the two.

Chairman English said that at this time the Board was concerned with keeping the same level of service and did not think it would be appropriate to add staffing to provide additional services.

Mr. Gilligan said he supported the efforts in Health and would work with staff to ensure services were being provided with current staff, as well as work on succession planning.

The Board thanked staff for the update.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board