

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, May 22, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.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 (telephonic)

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

Attendees: Michelle Ziatz, Finance Manager, Finance Department

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

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1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 specifically: General Government.

Ms. Nowlan said that the two topics being discussed today is the general government fund line and the general government overhead fund line. She began with the breakdown of the general property taxes and discussed the penalties and interest on delinquent taxes. She moved on to expenses with a focus on salaries.

Vice-Chairman Call asked where a department could acquire funding from if they did not have any salary savings.

Mr. Gilligan said that the County had a fund in the general fund to cover market adjustments if necessary.

Ms. Nowlan continued with the main budget and discussed the mechanics of how budgets are created.

Vice-Chairman Call noted that there were a lot of unused fund lines and he would like to get rid of those and clean up fund lines in general.

Ms. Nowlan said staff was working on this. She noted that they would also be removing frozen positions from department fund lines to avoid confusion of which salaries are funded.

Mr. Gilligan said that the money previously put aside for frozen positions would be used to fund the compensation plan and noted that the Court system has always had their own compensation fund line and they would be funding their own salary increases.

Supervisor Judd asked about the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Nowlan said that by statute the County was required to provide them with space. She moved on to the expenditures portion of general government.

Mr. Gilligan said that the County was not in bad shape and staff was saving money where they could, but revenue streams still needed to be addressed in order to ensure sustainability of current services, programs, infrastructure, economic development, and staffing levels.

Chairman English said that she did not want to mine savings, but instead keep revenues consistent.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board