

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 11:00 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

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

Attendees: Karen Riggs, Highway and Floodplain Director
Joaquin Solis, Highway and Floodplain Engineer
Marty Haverty, Solid Waste Management Director
Anissa Acedo, Business Manager, Highway and Floodplain Division
Ron Ellis, Operations Manager, Highway and Floodplain Division
Nancy Jean Welker, citizen
Eric Petermann, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman English 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

Community Development

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-18 for Highways & Flood Control.

Ms. Riggs stated that she would begin with the Highway side of operations. She noted that the Board had given the Highway Division permission to always keep 36 road workers on staff. She added that staff would finish the fiscal year with 75 miles and would be increasing that for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Ellis said that funding came from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) and the general fund. He noted that HURF funding was increasing and staff was improving processes to get materials for a good price as well as efficiencies of staff throughout the department.

Ms. Riggs referred to a list of maintained roads and explained that those listed in green should be worked on, but would most likely not be addressed due to staffing.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if roads were reviewed for improvement needs.

Ms. Riggs said that roads were reviewed and only those that needed to be addressed were.

Mr. Ellis said that he wanted direction from the Board regarding private/public partnerships and how to address those interested in these types of projects. He explained that there were Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)s in place for roads shared by the cities and the County. He added that he also hoped that the Board would budget for right-of-way acquisitions in order to work on roads.

Chairman English said that data would be useful in how to budget for right of way acquisitions.

Ms. Riggs moved on to traffic count studies to avoid accidents and proper speed.

Mr. Ellis said that retention was also a concern and added that with so much turnover current employees were having to work overtime, which was a major cost to the County.

Mr. Gilligan said he would work with staff to ensure overtime was only used when necessary.

Flood Control

Ms. Riggs gave the background and said she was having the two divisions work more closely together for efficiencies. She went over annual costs, projects, and staffing.

Chairman English asked why the Bisbee effluent project was part of the budget.

Ms. Riggs said that this project was budgeted because the County was part of the Cochise County Recharge Network (CCRN).

Vice-Chairman Call said that the budget would not be final until Bisbee would approve the project and clarified that all decisions regarding the project would come before the Board.

Ms. Riggs discussed the flood plain projects and how these were helping staff update flood maps in the area.

Chairman English thanked staff for the update on the two divisions.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board