

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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  
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, County Supervisors Association  
Yvonne Ortega, County Supervisors Association  
Lynette Nowlan, Finance Director  
Nike Noack, Budget Manager, Finance Department

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. County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding legislative activities and discussion of future legislative proposals.

Mr. Sullivan used a PowerPoint presentation to convey information about CSA to the Board. He went over the organization's purpose and goals and stated that he truly appreciated County staff's timely responses which influenced how his staff approached certain issues. He noted that the work of Supervisors had also made a critical difference to the State's reaction to county issues.

He listed items on the State budget that resulted positively for counties. He noted that the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) is still a concern as the funds for this have been taken to fund the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Chairman English asked why other sources of revenue were not considered to fund DPS.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the State was using whatever revenue sources they felt were more stable to fund their biggest liabilities and balance their budget. He noted that his staff had worked on getting \$23,000,000 back to counties and they had been able to get back \$19,300,000.

He moved on to discuss pension modifications and noted that an advisory group to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) had been created in order for the employers to participate and give feedback on decisions being made.

Mr. Gilligan added that the Correction Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) would soon be in the same situation as PSPRS and would have to have changes made in order to avoid issues in the future.

Vice-Chairman Call voiced his frustration with State decisions to take funding from the counties that could be used to address issues with retirement systems or other projects. He added that the County had already raised taxes; was considering stopping services, like keeping satellite jails open; and raised building fees; and that would still not be enough to cover the upcoming \$2,000,000 PSPRS payment.

Chairman English said that the County's only plan would be to look at other revenue sources since they did not have any power over what costs were shifted from the State.

Mr. Sullivan said it was critical that all County elected officials send a message to the legislators regarding cost shifts.

The Board thanked Mr. Sullivan for the presentation and information.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board