

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

A special meeting/executive session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Phil Leiendecker, County Assessor  
Cathy Traywick, County Treasurer  
Christine Roberts, Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Maria Pitzlin, Chief Deputy County Treasurer

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**

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***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

*This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A)(3).*

1. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed settlement with Plaintiffs concerning tax appeal actions challenging Arizona Department of Revenue's (ADOR) full cash values on three centrally assessed properties; tax appeal case numbers TX2016-000968, TX2017-000534, and TX2017-000511.

Ms. Orduno requested that the Board go into executive session in order to brief them on the tax appeals.

Chairman English reminded all attendees that everything discussed in executive session was confidential.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to go into executive session at 9:01 a.m. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:25 a.m.

Supervisor Judd moved to accept the proposed settlement with Plaintiffs concerning tax appeal actions challenging Arizona Department of Revenue's (ADOR) full cash values on three centrally assessed properties; tax appeal case numbers TX2016-000968, TX2017-000534, and TX2017-000511. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Ms. Traywick stated that the County had done nothing wrong, but nonetheless this settlement would impact County communities. She stated that most of these communities had budgeted expecting that this settlement would be won and added that she would handle communication with each of the entities. She said that it was important that the public understood that the County is fiscally responsible, but fighting this settlement would not fall under that category due to the position of the State.

Mr. Leiendecker stated that centrally valued property is self-reporting to the Arizona Department of Revenue with the Arizona Attorney General making all legal decisions and this took the County Board of Supervisors and County Assessor out of the decision-making process. Agreeing with the proposed settlement is the fiscally responsible choice to make since acquiring the appropriate experts to litigate would be very expensive.

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

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board