

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

This executive session is authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, Subsection (A), paragraph (4), the Board may go into executive session in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations.

1. [TABLED FROM August 27, 2018 MEETING] Discussion and possible action regarding amending the Southeastern Arizona Communication Center (SEACOM) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding the governing structure and other incidental provisions.

Chairman Judd opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Kelly Glenn-Kimbrow thanked the Board for allowing this conversation and for being open-minded.

Ms. Mackenzie Kimbro also thanked the Board and asked that they consider a couple of options during the amendment process.

No one else chose to speak and Chairman Judd closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Call made a motion to remove the item from table. Supervisor English

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Hanson said he researched the legality of the Board to move forward with amendments to the IGA and he concluded they could.

County Attorney McIntyre agreed with that conclusion.

Supervisor English said for the citizens and Sheriff's Office her goal was to have a 911 service to help in a time of crisis no matter where you were in the County or whatever service you need addressed. This could be handled through a communications center with everyone working together, is more cost effective. As a taxing entity, The County is not willing to give up the control of the costs for this center. This organization is here to serve all, but we must distinguish between decision making for policy and funding. Funding is approved by the City of Sierra Vista and Cochise County based on a cost metric.

Mr. Gilligan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the purpose of the communications center:

- Provide better public service through improved dispatch services across the County
- Improve efficiencies and realize an economy of scale to reduce overall cost of dispatch services to multiple jurisdictions
- Equitable –principals and partners each have one vote on the Board
- All public safety leaders in member organizations have a voice on the Operations Committee
- The Center is professionally managed by an Executive Director

Mr. Gilligan continued that the structure is solid, but we do have problems and we have failed to define the structure in a confident way for everyone. He recommended:

- Do not move forward with the amendments as drafted
- Consider further amendments
 - Allow member organizations to select one representative to the Board of Directors
 - Require approval of the governing bodies of the principals to ratify the funding metric and increases to the total operating budget.
- Consider further amendments
 - Work with the City of Sierra Vista to identify support functions which could be transferred from the County to the City
 - Require SEACOM to retain independent legal counsel
 - Maintain the advisory nature of the Operations Committee and the ability of committee members to elect a chairperson
 - Expanded fiscal oversight
- The Board of Supervisors would select a representative to serve on the SEACOM Board
 - Consider appointing Sheriff Mark Dannels to that role
- Less responsibility for support functions

Vice-Chairman Call agreed with the direction, but he wants the City of Sierra Vista to be a part of the conversation and suggested meeting again after Mr. Gilligan researches further with them.

Chairman Judd agreed with the appointment of Sheriff Dannels but also wants the City of Sierra Vista to be involved.

Supervisor English asked that the amendments to the IGA be in writing before a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Hanson said he has started the process, but he did not know what the direction from the

Board would be today.

Supervisor English asked that the fiscal responsibility stay with the taxing entities and are a part of the IGA.

After a short discussion the Board agreed that at least two weeks and possibly longer would be a good timeframe to put together a final amended IGA.

Mr. Gilligan said SEACOM is currently operating but the fee metric has not been finalized.

Vice-Chairman Call thanked the County Attorney's Office for clarifying the legality of the IGA and asked that they be available as the IGA is amended.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board