

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Monday, July 16, 2018**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

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

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 1:12 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt Resolution 18-12 to adopt the Final County Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$198,248,679 (this amount is composed of \$83,408,179 in General Fund and \$114,840,500 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in attached exhibit.

Mr. Gilligan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that there had been no changes made to the budget since the tentative budget discussion. He added that there would be an increase in the levy to keep the current tax rate and noted that the public would be able to comment on that regard during the public hearing.

Mr. Gilligan said that the total budget for the upcoming fiscal year would see a 5% increase from the previous year. He showed a graph depicting that most of the general fund revenue came from taxes and then went into detail about the other sources. He then went over general fund expenses and noted that public safety and the judicial system made up an estimated 50% of all expenses with the health department following at 17.6%. He added that the main general fund expense increases came from the Southeastern Arizona Communications Center (SEACOM), retirement system increases, and health insurance increases totaling an increase of \$2,012,134.

He moved on to funding requests and highlighted a \$65,000 request for an electronic access system for Melody Lane's interior doors as a security measure.

In summary he said:

- Funding requests align with the Board's Strategic Plan
- Revenues and expenses are increasing and overall property valuation has increased .78%
- Recommended holding tax rate at 2.6747
- Request approval of the Cochise County Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Final Budget

Supervisor English said that she was supportive of keeping the tax rate the same to address increasing costs and noted that even with increased revenues the increase in expenses was still greater and that the County was still recovering financially.

Chairman Judd opened the public hearing and noted that the hearing was both to hear comment on the Truth in Taxation notice and on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

No one chose to speak and Chairman Judd closed the public hearing.

Supervisor English moved to adopt the Final Budget of the Library District for fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$2,069,430. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Call asked about the increase for SEACOM.

Mr. Gilligan stated that the increase was due to maintenance costs associated with the microwave system and explained that as members joined these costs would decrease for the County.

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

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board