

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Friday, May 3, 2019**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Thomas E. Borer, Supervisor (telephonic)

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

Attendees: Janus Poppe, Judge, Justice Court 1  
Brisa Tapia, Court Manager, Justice Court 1  
Niltza Flores, Justice Court Administrator  
Tom Crosby, Citizen  
Lori Kilpatrick, Citizen

Chairman Judd 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. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020: specifically Justice Court 1.

Judge Poppe said that there was a downward trend financially and he was not requesting any additional funds from this fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Gilligan said that the justice courts overall were supplemented by the general fund for an approximate \$850,000 due to declining revenue and stable expenses.

Judge Poppe agreed with Mr. Gilligan, but noted that this trend had not reduced the workload for staff.

Vice-Chairman English asked if additional staff was brought in could that bring in revenue from backlog cases.

Ms. Flores said that the cases were up to date with a few exceptions, but the issue was the ability for citizens to pay their fees. She added that with the fair justice implementation it left Judges with the option to incarcerate or give community service to those that could not pay.

Mr. Gilligan encouraged all judges to focus on community service due to the burden that incarceration has on the County's general fund.

Vice-Chairman English inquired about salary adjustments.

Judge Poppe said he had not been in office during the adjustments, but Ms. Tapia confirmed that they had received salary increases.

Ms. Flores explained that the courts have a judicial salary committee that discusses salary proposals for court employees and the representative for the justice courts was the Justice Court Presiding Judge.

Supervisor Borer said it would be a good idea to review the process with all stakeholders to ensure clarity for all involved.

Chairman Judd thanked Judge Poppe for the information.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board