

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor

Absent: Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

Staff Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator; Sharon Gilman, Associate County

Present: Administrator; Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Vice-Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:15 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**

Vice-Chairman English read a letter from Mr. Robert Maloney, Licensed Realtor in Cochise County, that expressed how he wished Mr. Gilligan the very best as he moves on to the next stage in his career.

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***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of August 11, 2020.
2. Ratify a letter submitted to Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated August 19, 2020, regarding 2020 Army Partnership Awards for a Community Pandemic Exercise; a collaboration including Fort Huachuca, Cochise County and emergency response, law enforcement, and public works entities.

**County Attorney**

3. Approve the proposed settlement of the Small Tax Appeal, Karisma Resorts, LLC v. Cochise County, TX2018-000652, now pending in Arizona Tax Court, a division of the Superior Court of and for Maricopa County.
4. Approve the proposed settlement of the Small Tax Appeal Karisma Resorts, LLC v. Cochise County, TX2019-000229, now pending in Arizona Tax Court, a division of the Superior Court of and for Maricopa County.

5. Approve the Victims' Rights Program (VRP) Award Agreement (AG) 2021-002, between the Arizona Attorney General and the Cochise County Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$22,102, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

### **County Treasurer**

6. Adopt Resolution 20-11 authorizing Cochise County Treasurer to collect and disburse the property taxes for 2020.

### **Finance**

7. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

### **Workforce Development**

8. Approve the Title IB Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker contract #DI21-002289 between Cochise County and the Arizona Department of Economic Security, for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Service Delivery Area, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to approve items 1-8 on the consent agenda. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## ***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

### **Board of Supervisors**

9. Approve a Series #6 (Bar) Owner Transfer liquor license application submitted by Ms. Sandy A. Teachout for RD Steakhouse, located at 10348 Hwy. 191, Elfrida, AZ 85610.

Ms. Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board, presented this item. Ms. Lemons said this application has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the appropriate departments; property taxes for the parcel are current; there have been no formal protests and the applicant has paid the \$100.00 processing fee. Board staff is recommending approval.

Vice-Chairman English opened the Public Hearing and asked if any additional comments regarding the Public Hearing were received and Ms. Lemons stated there was none.

Vice-Chairman English closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Judd moved to approve a Series #6 (Bar) Owner Transfer liquor license application submitted by Ms. Sandy A. Teachout for RD Steakhouse, located at 10348 Hwy. 191, Elfrida, AZ 85610. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Borer absent).

## ***ACTION***

### **County Attorney**

10. Approve Grant Agreement with the Legacy Foundation, for assistance with the County Attorney's GRACe Program, in the amount of \$3,000, to issue September 30, 2020.

Mr. Britt Hanson presented this item. Mr. Hanson said the County Attorney's GRACe program diverts individuals charged crimes, who have been diagnosed as seriously mentally ill, out of the criminal justice system and into the mental health system as an alternative to continue processing them. He explained that as the program progressed, it was realized that many participants in the GRACe program do not have drivers' licenses, social security cards, and other documents that are necessary to apply for jobs or benefits. The County Attorney successfully applied to the Legacy Foundation to pay for these incidental costs, estimated to be about \$3,000 per year, to help these people live a stable life. Lastly, he stated that this grant agreement establishes the terms of the grant, and they recommend approval.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to approve Grant Agreement with the Legacy Foundation, for assistance with the County Attorney's GRACe Program, in the amount of \$3,000, to issue September 30, 2020. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Borer absent).

## **Health & Social Services**

11. Approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment No. 3, funding \$622,400 for WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Supplemental Nutrition, and \$63,824 for Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Programs, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Ms. Judith Gilligan, Preventive Services Director, presented this item. Ms. Gilligan stated the purpose of the IGA and gave the background, goals and eligible participants. She said the program is for income-eligible women, infants, and children that provides them with nutrition education and referrals to social services within the County, and she listed other program details. These programs serve over 10,000 individuals and are administered by twelve employees County employees.

Supervisor Judd thanked Ms. Gilligan for this extremely important program.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment No. 3, funding \$622,400 for WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Supplemental Nutrition, and \$63,824 for Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Programs, effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Borer absent).

12. Approve the Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement, Contract # ADHS18-1175366, for the Environmental Health Services program, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, in the amount of \$63,001, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Mr. Greg McQuaide, Deputy Director of Operations, presented this item. Mr. McQuaide stated the Smoke-Free Arizona Grant, which is an annual reimbursable grant provided to the County that provides smoke-free education, inspections, and complaint responses. This year's award amount is \$63,001, and is a revenue stream for Environmental Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services.

Mr. McQuaide answered questions from the Board.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to approve the Arizona Department of Health Services Intergovernmental Agreement, Contract # ADHS18-1175366, for the Environmental Health Services program, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, in the amount of \$63,001, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved. 2-0-1 (Borer absent).

### ***REPORT BY EDWARD T. GILLIGAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS***

Mr. Gilligan gave his last report as County Administrator. He outlined a few ongoing projects: 1) He and Ms. Gilman met with Sierra Vista City Manager, Chuck Potucek, to discuss the Court Consolidation Agreement, primarily budget numbers. A revised IGA will be submitted effective January 1, 2021. 2) A cost-effective Pedestrian Bridge Project for the Superior Court. 3) Previously, the Board approved a contract for Medical Director Services with Dr. Hippenmeyer. The contract has not been executed fully due to dramatic changes in Medical Malpractice Insurance. Dr. Hippenmeyer is having difficulty finding insurance coverage for the jail medical portion of her duties. Temporary Medical Director Services for the jail have been secured and the process of gathering bids for other companies to provide permanent Medical Director services for jail medical has begun.

Lastly, he stated August 31, 2020, will be the last day of employment for Health and Social Services Director Carrie Langley. He thanked her for her extraordinary leadership in Public Health throughout her tenure and her team in helping the County move through the initial stages of Covid-19 response.

### ***SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS***

#### **Report by District 1 Supervisor, Thomas E. Borer**

Chairman Borer was absent.

#### **Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English**

Supervisor English said even though Covid-19 numbers are going down, her district is not having any big events. She gave the timeline for the County Administrator recruitment and presented Mr. Gilligan with a certification of appreciation from the Board for his service.

#### **Report by District 3 Supervisor, Peggy Judd**

Supervisor Judd thanked Mr. Gilligan for his dedication and service to the County. She praised Ms. Carrie Langley for her service also. She detailed events in her district: Rex Allen Days, a livestock exposition, and a tractor pull event that includes seven states. She stated the number of Covid-19 cases are low in her district.

Vice-Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board