

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Keith Buonocore, Finance Director
Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Jackie Watkins, Director Eng & Natural Resources
Teresa Garcia, Engineering & NR Administrative Mgr
Elda Orduno, HR Director

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 10:43 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

1. Adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$187,842,969 (this amount is composed of \$84,675,999 in General Fund and \$103,166,970 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit.

Vice-Chairman English made a motion to adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$187,842,969 (this amount is composed of \$84,675,999 in General Fund and \$103,166,970 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

Mr. Duchon presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Duchon said this year's budget has been reduced by 7 million dollars from last year. He said the projections are strong, but it could be a trend that we normally see.

Mr. Gilligan, using the PowerPoint graphs, said the April revenues were not as bad as anticipated and collections locally were greater than last year, but it is important to remember, because of lower returns in the summer months, we are experiencing a sharper decline. There is a two-month lag in the reporting. He discussed the revenue peaks that are mostly based on tourism and the importance of keeping it vital.

The Board discussed the need to be conservative regarding revenues and expenditures, the importance of not borrowing, and to reassess each quarter.

Mr. Duchon said the State sales tax chart is more sporadic. The year-end projections are healthy with a cash balance. The Special Revenue Fund's figures are not available yet.

Mr. Gilligan talked about the long recovery from the 2008 recession and that the budget has remained balanced because of the cash carry-over.

The Board reiterated the County's operating costs and the importance of our savings account.

Mr. Duchon gave the budget summaries, general fund revenues, and changes for the next fiscal year. He also outlined the property tax history.

Mr. Gilligan discussed incentives for keeping expenditures low.

Mr. Duchon detailed the expenditure changes, funding requests, and unfunded liabilities.

Mr. Gilligan outlined suggestions received for paying down those unfunded liabilities and said future collaborative discussions are in order.

Mr. Duchon said the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) is not included in the budget and outlined his recommendations for funding requests, holding the financial situation stable and the primary tax rate flat at 2.6747.

The Board thanked staff and administration for the detailed presentation.

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

2. Set a public hearing for Truth-in-Taxation, pursuant to ARS 42-17103, for July 14, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy.

Chairman Borer asked that the location of the public hearing be noted in the official publication of the tentative budget adoption.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to set a public hearing for Truth in Taxation, pursuant to ARS 42-17103, for July 14, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board