

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 11:15 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
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager
Mark Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff
Thad Smith, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Tom Alinen, Deputy Sheriff Commander
Allen Smith, SEACOM Director
Joe Casey, IT Chief Information Officer
Martin Haverty, Public Works Director

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 11:19 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 specifically: SEACOM and Public Safety.

Sheriff Mark Dannels introduced himself as the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Chairman, Mr. Allen Smith, Executive Director of SEACOM, and Chief Deputy Thad Smith as the Operations Chair for the Operations Committee.

Mr. Smith presented this item stating he started with SEACOM in December 2019. He distributed budget handouts and a funding model and expressed there has been a lot of growth recently, hiring 5 new dispatchers and 2 new supervisors. To date, they have a total of 16 dispatchers and 2 supervisor positions. There is an administrator, GIS Clerk, and Ward Clerk. Subscribers include: Cochise County Sheriff, Sierra Vista Police & Fire, Huachuca City, Tombstone, Fry Fire District, Whetstone, Palominas, Bowie, San Simon, Sunsites, Naco, the National Park Services, and ambulance service for the County. They are trying to on-board other volunteer departments.

Mr. Smith stated the County runs the Information Technology side but the budget is prepared by Sierra Vista. This year's budget increased \$350,000, and he gave a detailed account, citing increases in staffing, overtime and training, computers, software, building maintenance, utilities, office supplies, furniture, and miscellaneous expenses that include transportation and a cell phone.

Chairman Borer shared his questions, comments, and concerns. Supervisor English had no comments, and Supervisor Judd had a question regarding how grant revenues are obtained. Mr. Smith informed her Mr. Gabe Lavine, Emergency Services Director, applies for their grants.

Mr. Dan Duchon, Budget Manager, stated he will follow up with Mr. Smith regarding the funding model to assure the costs for Sierra Vista and Cochise County are \$1.2 million to operate for one year.

Chairman Borer advised moving forward, all departments must maintain cost control and without money for upgrades.

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Tucker, Administrative Assistant