

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator; Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator; Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board; Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Douglas Bouley addressed the Board and spoke regarding issues with drainage and grading at his residence.

J. Nayer Hardin was called upon to speak but was not present.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of August 31, 2021.
2. Approve the appointment of Mr. Frank Molina to the Redistricting Advisory Commission as a representative from District 2.

3. Adopt Resolution 21-19 accepting a grant award from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) in the amount of \$88,919 for the Sunsites-Pearce Fire District Fire Truck Replacement project, replacing an out-of-date firefighting brush truck; grant funding is awarded through a portion of the GRIC's revenue sharing pursuant to the terms of the Gaming Compact agreement between Arizona Tribes and the State of Arizona Government.
4. Approve an application for a Temporary Extension of Premises liquor license submitted by Mr. Franklin Hirrill for American Legion Riders Post 52 located at 12 Theater Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.
5. Approve a Proclamation designating September 17-23, 2021 as Constitution Week.

County Sheriff

6. Approve Contract 2022-PTS-016 between Cochise County and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$28,670 (\$13,170, for overtime and employee related expenses; \$15,500 for 3 Radar and 3 Lidar units) for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Finance

7. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve items 1-7 on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Supervisor Crosby noted that agenda item 5 is a proclamation.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

8. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the United States Department of the Interior, Fort Huachuca, Cochise County, and the City of Sierra Vista, for Cooperative Monitoring and Management of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) and Surrounding Areas within Cochise County, Arizona, effective upon signing by each party.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. He reviewed the four participating entities and the work leading up to the MOU. The MOU is a means for regional partners to evaluate the work done on the Resource Management Plan and to collaborate with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He reviewed the objectives and shared goals detailed in the MOU. Mr. Mark Apel, Environmental Projects Coordinator, stated that the MOU is an agreement to work together on projects in place since the 1990s. The MOU outlines a process to protect the regional aquifer and riparian habitat. Mr. Apel detailed the work involved on SPRNCA and the methodologies used to preserve and protect the area.

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County, and the City of Sierra Vista, for Cooperative Monitoring and Management of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) and Surrounding Areas within Cochise County, Arizona, effective upon signing by each party. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

In response to the Board, Mr. Apel responded to various questions from the Board regarding measurement of the San Pedro River level; adequate water needs; the history of the County's partnership with the BLM; and, confirmed that the MOU does not put the County at risk. The Board discussed the success of MOUs in watershed and forestry matters; the importance of partnering with the BLM; and, the various reasons for their support of, or opposition to, the MOU, partnership with the BLM, and SPRNCA. Supervisor Crosby distributed a handout.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-1 (Crosby opposed).

County Attorney

9. Approve Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pinal County to provide Juvenile Detention Services, for a term of five years, with one additional five-year renewal term.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. He stated that the IGA with Santa Cruz County cannot continue and the Pinal County IGA is being amended to meet the County's needs. He summarized the amendments. In response to the Board, he confirmed that the Amended IGA will ensure that the County's juveniles are treated in the most appropriate and legal manner.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pinal County to provide Juvenile Detention Services, for a term of five years, with one additional five-year renewal term. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

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

County Sheriff

10. Approve Interfund Transfer of \$65,254 from Fund 205 Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) to Fund 202 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant (HIDTA) in the amount of \$34,511 and to Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control grant, formerly known as Byrne (DGVCC) in the amount of \$30,743 for the county match.

Ms. Celina Ybarra, Finance Manager, Sheriff's Office, presented this item. She stated that this typically is included in the Sheriff's Office budget but was overlooked this fiscal year. Transferred funds will cover the matching funds requirement for the HIDTA and DGVCC grants.

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In response to the Board, Sheriff Mark Dannels stated that the Sheriff's Office focuses

on quality rather than a quota, and Ms. Ybarra confirmed that RICO funding can be used for providing matching contributions for state or federal grants.

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

County Treasurer

11. Approve the recommendation of the County Treasurer for the abatement of property taxes and interest on personal property and the removal of personal property tax liens on Treasurer's Certificate of Clearance No. 2021-066 to 2021-098.

Ms. Cathy Traywick, County Treasurer, presented this item. She recognized the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in working on these matters.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve the recommendation of the County Treasurer for the abatement of property taxes and interest on personal property and the removal of personal property tax liens on Treasurer's Certificate of Clearance No. 2021-066 to 2021-098. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

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

Health & Social Services

12. Approve Amendment 4 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR040363, between the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Cochise County Health & Social Services Department, for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Services and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC), in the annual amount of \$663,000 for WIC and \$63,824 for BFPC, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Mr. Caleb Wilson, WIC Program Director, presented this item. He provided background information on WIC funding through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the goal of USDA programs. He reviewed the purposes of and services provided by the WIC and BFPC Program and the number of individuals receiving service.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve Amendment 4 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR040363, between the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Cochise County Health & Social Services Department, for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Services and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BFPC), in the annual amount of \$663,000 for WIC and \$63,824 for BFPC, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the poverty level in the County. In response to the Board, Mr. Wilson stated that the program offers referrals for substance abuse matters. Board members expressed their support for the Program.

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

Workforce Development

13. Approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Report for AZ@Work Southeastern Arizona.

Ms. Vickie Simmons, Deputy Director, AZ@Work Southeastern Arizona (Agency), presented this item. She provided background information on state and federal requirements for the Agency's budget, and noted a \$400,000 decrease this year due to Arizona faring better than other states through the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall budget is \$4.6 million, an increase over the last fiscal year due to carryover funds; 12 of 28 expenditure items decreased. The Agency enrolled 261 participants, with 110 successful completions; there were 27,000 visitors across its four office locations. She reviewed details of an H-1B One Workforce Grant that the County received with Pima and Santa Cruz counties.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Report for AZ@Work Southeastern Arizona. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

In response to the Board, Ms. Simmons clarified the number of participants and those who successfully completed the training; provided additional information about the H-1B One Workforce Grant program and the funding split with other Counties; and, confirmed that the Agency provides online training.

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

Ms. Simmons noted Job Fairs on October 1, 2021 in Sierra Vista and October 8, 2021 in Douglas.

REPORT BY RICHARD G. KARWACZKA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS

Mr. Karwaczka reported on the status of projects at the Courthouse Bridge; Bisbee-Douglas International Airport water improvement project; increased mowing in County rights-of-way; chip sealing at Shelton Road and Arzberger Road; and, the closure of I-10 near Willcox on September 18-19, 2021. He announced that the County Fair starts next week.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Supervisor Crosby deferred his report.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English

Chairman English deferred her report.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Peggy Judd

Vice-Chairman Judd reported on the upcoming I-10 closure at Willcox; various events she attended on Saturday, September 11, 2021; the Truck and Tractor Pulls from September 16-18, 2021; and, Rex Allen Days in October, 2021.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board