

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 1:30 p.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
Paul Correa, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Timothy Dickerson, Presiding Judge, Division IV
John Schow, Court Administrator
Niltza Flores, Associate Court Administrator
Trevor Ward, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
Amy Hunley, Clerk of the Superior Court
Teresa Rockrich, Administrative Finance Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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 2021-2022 specifically: Court Administration, JP, Superior Court, Adult Probation, Juvenile Detention, and the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office.

Judge Dickerson presented this item. He reviewed various accomplishments and challenges for Superior Court (Court) in the past year, including steps the Court took in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He outlined upcoming items, including: revenue from co-located Justice Courts; market-rate income to maintain the work force; challenges in maintaining the Bisbee Courthouse and potentially locating the Court closer to the jail; requirements from the state legislature and Arizona Supreme Court; addressing marijuana convictions; and, the new requirement for criminal proceedings for bond hearings.

Mr. Schow outlined the judicial team, governing statutes, and staff transitions. He reviewed in detail the budgets, for Probation, Juvenile Services, and Detention Services. Ms. Flores presented information on the Court Reporter shortage, including Senate Bill

1257, which would allow the Court to maintain digital audio rather than the transcription of Court proceedings, and discussed accomplishments. Judge Ward gave an overview of the Justice Courts, including changes in the past year, funding requests by Justice Courts, Precincts 4 and 5, and discussed the impact of the moratorium on eviction actions ending this year. Ms. Hunley stated that the Clerk of the Superior Court has no new funding requests and reviewed accomplishments in the past year.

Ms. Rockrich reviewed in detail Court's funding requests, Fund Sources, Fee Account, Wages and Employee-Related-Expenses, and total budget increases. Funding requests include the Court Strategic Plan, Detention Vehicle, General Fund Positions for Justice of the Peace 4, CAD Access Control, Pro Tempore hour increases for Justice of the Peace 5, and Carpet and Paint for Justice of the Peace 5.

The Board made comments and asked various questions throughout the presentation, and Judges Dickerson and Ward and staff responded.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board