

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; 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 10:00 a.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**

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**Work Sessions are a time for County staff to inform and discuss agenda items with the Board of Supervisors and public comments will not be taken.**

***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding activities of the CSA, including activities from the recent legislative session and discussion of future legislative proposals.

Mr. Craig Sullivan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He began with a quick overview of the purpose and core goals of the County Supervisors Association (CSA). The three current strategic initiatives are a Research & Data Initiative to compile better data sets for counties to access, Public Safety Pensions, and COVID-19 Response, helping counties access federal resources.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the State Legislature 2021 Session and county-relevant bills. CSA's analysis of the State Budget showed a fairly healthy budget at the state level. There was a reduced assessment ratio of property taxes for both business and

homeowners, putting more pressure on counties.

There are multiple major issues concerning counties in the Fiscal Year 2022 state budget. The removal of the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) fee, direct appropriations to counties, water supply and development, probation system funding, veteran services, and the closing of the Florence prison were briefly highlighted. A list of transportation and infrastructure projects was shown, including projects expected in the County.

Available federal broadband grants were listed with investment opportunities. In response to the Board, Mr. Sullivan gave his perspective on how the funds may be distributed to different groups and counties, the impacts of corporate self-reporting, and how grants could be used to better serve communities.

The CSA Board adopted legislative priorities and successful bills were summarized. These bills did not impact the County. Other legislation being monitored by CSA were listed and included items in environment, taxation, general government, pensions & workers compensation, transportation & infrastructure, and the budget expansion of SB 1487.

Upcoming legislative proposal deadlines and scheduled meeting dates were shared with the Board and staff. The Board expressed their appreciation of the CSA's advocacy for counties and the day's presentation.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board