

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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; Tom Crosby, Supervisor
Staff: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator; Sharon Gilman, Deputy County
Present: Administrator; Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Tim Mattix, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT
THE MEETING**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Mary Sparkman addressed the Board and spoke regarding open range issues and noted that Vice-Chairman Judd is aware of Fire District concerns.

Mr. Eli Dalton-Webb 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 April 5, 2022.

County Sheriff

2. Approve Cooperative Service Agreement 22-73-04-0228-RA between Cochise County and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Wildlife Services, to assign a Wildlife Specialist to Cochise County for predator and disease control under the Wildlife Damage Management program to be conducted, in the amount of \$46,385, effective July, 1 2022 through June 30, 2023.
3. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Phoenix Police Department and Cochise County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement funding supporting investigation and prosecution of internet child sexual exploitation crimes, effective for five years from the date of signing the IGA.

Development Services

4. Approve the appointment of Mr. John Pintek to the Board of Adjustment, representing District 2, effective April 19, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

Elections

5. Approve the appointment of seven Democratic Precinct Committeemen by recommendation of their Cochise County Party Chairmen to serve through the October 1, 2022 term.

Finance

6. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Workforce Development

7. Approve the reappointment of Mr. Ron Curtis, Mr. Jack Bauer, Mr. Jason Bowling, Ms. Evonne Cummins, Ms. Doris Tolbert, Ms. Kathleen Bullock, Mr. Wick Lewis, and Mr. Matt Bolinger to the Local Workforce Investment Board, effective immediately and through June 30, 2026.
8. Approve Amendment 1 to the Southern Arizona Workforce Investment Area for Local Governance Agreement between ARIZONA@WORK and Cochise County, for job training services, to revise terms of the Agreement related to firewalls.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve items 1-8 on the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

9. Approve Letter of Agreement with HighGround, Inc. for public affairs consulting and related services regarding a public involvement process and potential Countywide election, in the amount of \$3,500 per month, effective May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

Mr. Karwaczka reviewed previous direction from the Board to move forward with the Jail District. A consultant is needed to assist in the public involvement and election process. Mr. Paul Bentz, HighGround, Inc., presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. HighGround will assist in strategic planning, messaging and communications, and opinion research. Mr. Bentz reviewed each area in further detail. HighGround will work with the County team to create a strategic timeline for the election advisory committee and to develop a strategy and process. Community and staff involvement will be critical; he stressed the importance of discipline and deliberation in communications. HighGround will also assist in understanding the benefits and challenges of elections in both 2023 and 2024.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Letter of Agreement with HighGround, Inc. for public affairs consulting and related services regarding a public involvement process and potential Countywide election, in the amount of \$3,500 per month, effective May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

In response to the Board, Mr. Bentz confirmed that the \$3,500 monthly fee is the retainer fee. The Board discussed their thoughts and opinions on the proposal; costs of services not included in the proposal and incurring debt; the importance of discipline in messaging; and, their support of community experts.

Supervisor Crosby noted for the record that he will allow the jail district to go before voters and as such will abstain from voting.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Crosby abstained).

County Attorney

10. Approve Arizona Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Agreement ACESF-22-001 between the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Cochise County Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$7,332, for technology supplies used in the Victim/Witness Program, effective March 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023.

This item was considered by the Board immediately after agenda item 11.

Mr. Kenny Reeves, Administrative Manager, presented this item. He stated that the Grant is for Board members of the Victim Compensation Program to have access to certain technologies and training, due to not everyone being able to meet in person.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Arizona Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Agreement ACESF-22-001 between the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Cochise County Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$7,332, for technology supplies used in the Victim/Witness Program, effective March 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

The Board discussed their thoughts and opinions on the Grant Agreement.

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

County Sheriff

11. Approve Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Contracts 21-AZDOHS-OPSG-210420-01 in the amount of \$434,672 for overtime and mileage and 21-AZDOHS-OPSG-210420-02 in the amount of \$11,880 for equipment, both effective March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, with the understanding that grant administration will be transferred to the County Finance department for fiscal year 2023.

Lieutenant Ken Foster, Sheriff's Office, presented this item. The recurring OPSG grants are to combat human- and drug-trafficking-related crimes. He reviewed the purpose, benefits, and amounts of each grant; the equipment covered by the grant is the license plate reader service. Last year, the Board and Sheriff's Office agreed for Deputies to work eight hours per pay period as opposed to 10 hours a week, and the grant amount for overtime and mileage was reduced accordingly. He reviewed OPSG statistics, including: 1,997 traffic stops; 102 arrests; 4 pursuits; and, 557 illegal immigrants turned over to Border Patrol in 2021. To date in 2022, there have been 655 traffic stops, 45 total arrests, 12 pursuits and 225 illegal immigrants turned over to Border Patrol.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Contracts 21-AZDOHS-OPSG-210420-01 in the amount of \$434,672 for overtime and mileage and 21-AZDOHS-OPSG-210420-02 in the amount of \$11,880 for equipment, both effective March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, with the understanding that grant administration will be transferred to the County Finance department for fiscal year 2023. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

The Board and Lieutenant Foster discussed overtime funding and the impact of reducing the amount of overtime worked; the impact of OPSG grants on unfunded pension liability; and, finding a balance in the amount of overtime worked. Supervisor Crosby noted for the record that his position is to prevent illegal entry.

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

Development Services

12. Approve Contract with Progressive Roofing to repair the roof of the large hangar located at the Bisbee-Douglas International Airport, in the amount of \$40,889.02.

Mr. Dan Coxworth, Development Services Director, presented this item. The large hangar roof was recently damaged by a recent windstorm; roof replacement is approximately \$400,000. Staff is proposing to repair the roof to maintain its integrity and address the structure in the future. The repair will be funded by the 1/2 cent sales tax.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve Contract with Progressive Roofing to repair the roof of the large hangar located at the Bisbee-Douglas International Airport, in the amount of \$40,889.02. Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion.

In response to the Board, Mr. Coxworth clarified that staff is looking at the structural integrity of the hangar and its potential to generate revenue.

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

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

13. Discussion and possible action regarding state and federal legislative matters listed or described in the attached County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) Legislative Policy Committee Agenda, and the proposed State budget, and other matters related thereto.

Chairman English noted that a skinny budget was introduced at the state legislature.

No action was taken on this item.

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

Mr. Karwaczka reported on the Courthouse Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Bisbee-Douglas International Airport stucco repair projects. He recognized Mr. Alberto Reyes, Engineering Technician II, for passing the professional engineering examination, and introduced Mr. Rafael Melendez, Cochise Health & Social Services financial officer.

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 deferred her report.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board