

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 14, 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 Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board  
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:22 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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***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$250,049,871 (this amount is composed of \$96,547,090 in General Fund and \$153,502,781 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to adopt the Tentative County Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$250,049,871 (this amount is composed of \$96,547,090 in General Fund and \$153,502,781 in Special Revenue funds) and approve the Funding Requests as set forth in the attached exhibit. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

Mr. Duchon presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions throughout. Property and sales tax revenues are strong. Staff proposes making the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) payment of \$2.5 million in the current FY, to mitigate the decreased expenditure limitation. He reviewed end of year projections for the General Fund, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), and Capital Fund.

He compared the FY 2021-2022 budget and FY 2022-2023 tentative budget, detailing General Fund expenditure changes. He reviewed the various revenue sources for FY 2022-2023. The expenditure limit for FY 2022-2023 decreased by approximately \$755,000; mitigation steps include making next year's \$2.5 million PSPRS payment this year, and limiting the Capital projects budget to \$3.0 million. A potential 2.0% tax increase would dedicate approximately \$547,000 in additional payment to PSPRS. He summarized the Funding Requests included in the Tentative Budget, and reviewed the status of unfunded liabilities for PSPRS, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) and Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP).

The County is in a strong financial position. Vulnerabilities include pension liabilities and expenditure limit changes. Staff requests approval of the FY 2022-2023 budget. Once passed, the budget cannot be increased.

Mr. Karwaczka summarized the potential 2.0% tax increase, which was also proposed last year. The additional amount would go towards unfunded pension liabilities. If the Board decides that it is not necessary, a Truth in Taxation Hearing is still required. The Board discussed their thoughts and opinions on the Tentative Budget.

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

2. Set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to ARS 42-17107, for July 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to ARS 42-17107, for July 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy. Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

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

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board