

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 12, 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, telephonic; 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 11:38 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt Resolution 22-18 to adopt the Final 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 made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-18 to adopt the Final 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 seconded the motion.

Chairman English opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Duchon presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. There are no changes from the Tentative Budget. Staff anticipates future amendments due to state cost shifts; he reviewed the cost shifts. He reviewed end of year projections for

the current fiscal year and summarized the fiscal year 2022-2023 Final Budget for all Funds.

Supervisor Crosby distributed a handout. The Board discussed their opinions on the proposed tax increase and Public Safety Personnel Retirement System unfunded liabilities. In response to the Board, Mr. Karwaczka stated that the Final Budget was prepared based on a 2% increase. Today's meeting is to adopt the Final Budget; the tax rates will be adopted on August 15, 2022. The adopted Final Budget's expenses may decrease. Public notice has been provided for the August 15, 2022 tax rate adoption.

No one chose to speak and Chairman English closed the Public Hearing.

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

2. Truth in Taxation Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed increase in the primary property tax levy of fiscal year 2022-2023.

Chairman English opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. The Truth in Taxation Hearing is necessary both because the assessed values increased and the budget proposing a tax increase to go towards an additional payment for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) unfunded liabilities. On August 15, 2022, the Board may choose to adopt either the tax rate with the proposed 2% increase or the previous tax rate.

In response to the Board, Mr. Duchon summarized the increased levy due to assessed value and stated that the proposed 2% for PSPRS would result in \$547,423.

The Board discussed their opinions on the proposed tax increase, and noted that it is one potential solution to address the PSPRS unfunded liabilities.

No one chose to speak and Chairman English closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board