

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 11:00 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, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Paul Correa, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, County Supervisors Association
Vanessa Fielder, Research & Analytics Manager, County Supervisors Association
Lisa Marra, Elections Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 11:00 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. County Supervisors Association (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding activities of the CSA for fiscal year 2021-2022, including activities from the recent legislative session and future legislative proposals.

Mr. Sullivan presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed CSA's the purpose and core goals, sponsored events, and affiliate organizations. He recognized Mr. Joe Casey, Chief Information Officer, on his work in the formation of an affiliate group focused on cybersecurity and related issues. He highlighted various aspects of the County Data Initiative, which provides visualizations of key information to support decision making, such as real-time revenues.

He reviewed the recent legislative session, noting that CSA compiled a summary of all bills passed during the legislative session; the general effective date is September 24, 2022. He discussed how various changes in the legislative environment impact legislative proposals. He reviewed key numbers from the fiscal year 2023 state budget, noting \$337 million in additional ongoing revenue reductions, \$5.4 billion in new one-time spending from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2025, and \$1.6 billion in new ongoing spending. He reviewed the various methods in which the new one-time spending will be used, and discussed with the Board the security of the funding. In

response to the Board, he stated that he will provide information on the amounts of money received by the executive and legislative branches.

He reviewed how the \$1 billion in transportation infrastructure funding, including County areas that will be impacted, and discussed with the Board the state's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program for rural counties. CSA's unresolved budget priorities include Probation Officer Salaries and State Mandate Relief. The Board and Mr. Sullivan discussed cost sharing amongst counties with different costs of living and the circuit breaker concept, where costs over a certain percentage are subsidized as a way to provide relief. Mr. Sullivan reviewed various county and election-related appropriations, with Ms. Marra noting that the County received funding for secure ballot boxes.

Mr. Sullivan summarized select bills regarding elections, COVID-19 and emergency response, general government, criminal justice, water, planning and zoning, tax policy, and pensions. He recognized Ms. Marra for providing feedback on various election-related bills. Mr. Sullivan discussed Senate Bill 1710, regarding sports authorities, and asked if the County has received any inquiries; the County has not. In response to the Board, Ms. Fielder stated that the latest rate of return for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) was -1%, with the year prior being 28%.

Mr. Sullivan reviewed various legislative ballot referrals and efforts by CSA to prepare for the next legislative session.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board