

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman, Telephonic; Ann English, 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; Lara Loewenheim, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Alfred Kern discussed concerns about the evaluation, maintenance and grading of various roads.

Allison Morse spoke regarding the Pride event in Bisbee and the LGBTQ+ Community in the County. Ms. Morse also discussed County employee turnover and accountability and transparency in regards to inquiries going unacknowledged by elected officials and unresolved public records requests specifically regarding the Vote for Crosby Campaign Finance Report, and the Code of Ethics for County employees.

Frances Alvarez spoke in opposition to the demolition of the Miracle Valley Bible College and her family's experience with Miracle.

Ronald A. Moen spoke on behalf of the Miracle Valley Oasis Center organization and thanked the Board for their support of the preservation of the Miracle Valley Bible College.

Johnny Lee Wilson, Sr. spoke regarding the necessity of a new jail, questioned the timing of the Jail District tax election, and his opinion on gender and national political issues.

CONSENT

Adult Probation

1. Approve Proclamation declaring the week of July 9-15, 2023 as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Week in Cochise County.

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2. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of June 6, 2023.

Court Administration

3. Approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Court Improvement Program (CIP) funding agreement, as provided by the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in the amount of \$49,140, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Finance

4. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Juvenile Probation

5. Adopt Resolution 23-15 to approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Family Counseling Funding Agreement as provided by the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), in the amount of \$12,011 and the required \$3,003 matching funds, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve items 1-5 on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

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6. Adopt Resolution 23-16 and approve the accompanying bill of sale for the sale of the small modular 1990/1991 trailer at 915 Tovreaville Road to the City of Bisbee for \$1.00.

Supervisor English made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-16 and approve the accompanying bill of sale for the sale of the small modular 1990/1991 trailer at 915 Tovreaville Road to the City of Bisbee for \$1.00. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Ms. Gilman presented this item. Ms. Gilman stated that this was a request from the City of Bisbee to purchase the trailer that was set to be removed for a future animal shelter project, for a project. The bill of sale was approved by the County Attorney's office and the sale meets the required statutory rules for reduction of surplus equipment.

Supervisor English explained that, as a government entity, the County has the right to transfer property at a minimal cost to another government organization.

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

Emergency Services

7. Approve the extended period of performance of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMF-2022-EP-00009-S01, with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, to complete the radio project upgrade.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve the extended period of performance of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMF-2022-EP-00009-S01, with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, to complete the radio project upgrade. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Dan Duchon, Emergency Services Director, presented this item. Mr. Duchon stated that this was a request for an extended spending period for the grant for the radio project upgrade due to a supply chain issue. Some of the equipment for the radio truck will not be delivered until after July 1 and there are no changes in expenses or equipment.

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

Indigent Defense

8. Approve Professional Services Agreement between Katsarelis Law, PLLC and Cochise County for legal services and expertise necessary in order to perform Early Resolution Court Cases (ERC) for the Indigent Defense Office to the satisfaction of the County at a cost of \$150,000 per year, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Professional Services Agreement between Katsarelis Law, PLLC and Cochise County for legal services and expertise necessary in order to perform Early Resolution Court Cases (ERC) for the Indigent Defense Office to the satisfaction of the County at a cost of \$150,000 per year, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. Mr. Karwaczka stated that because of the loss of personnel and the difficulty in recruiting in the defense offices, a bid was put out to law offices to bid to provide defense services at the County. However, no one replied. He stated that Mr. Katsarelis obtained several cases in the County and has a good reputation. Mr. Karwaczka stated that Mr. Katsarelis has 3 attorneys that can rotate to handle five to eight ERC cases per week. Supervisor English stated that it is important to keep ERC in place and discussed the reasons.

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

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

9. 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 Judd stated that the Transportation Bill is uncertain for funding through Metropolitan Planning Organizations and if Maricopa County does not receive their funding, there will be less funding for rural counties. If anyone is interested, she can get them in contact with the legislature.

Supervisor English stated that the legislature is looking to put some of these issues on the

ballot, which will complicate the process for the public being able to understand the issues on the ballot. She reported that the Governor vetoed the bill for the 100% hand count.

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

Mr. Karwaczka reminded everyone about the 4th of July celebrations happening throughout the County.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Vice-Chairman Crosby wished everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English

Supervisor English deferred her report.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Peggy Judd

Chairman Judd deferred her report.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Interim Clerk of the Board