

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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; Ann English, Supervisor
Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator; Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy
County Attorney; 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Alfred Kern discussed his concern with the maintenance and grading of various roads, traffic counters on various roads, his understanding of the gas tax paying for grading of roads, and the roads with no homes on it and thus no gas tax.

Frances Alvarez spoke in opposition to the demolition of the Miracle Valley Bible College and reviewed historical information about, and her family's experience with, the property.

Theresa Walsh discussed her candidacy for District 1 Supervisor and reviewed her professional background. Vice-Chairman Crosby raised a point of order and asked if he is also allowed to make a campaign speech. Ms. Roberts stated that Ms. Walsh gave an introduction, not a campaign speech. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Roberts stated that Ms. Walsh gave information on herself and let people know that she is running for office; she did not seek votes or signatures.

Steve Allen spoke on behalf of Miracle Valley Oasis Center, and quoted from, and discussed, his understanding of A.R.S. § 41-862 in relation to the Miracle Valley property and the Board's responsibility for the property.

Kara Harris read an excerpt of an email to Chairman Judd from Randall Limbach in opposition to electronic voting machines, discussed her thoughts on the movie Sound of Freedom and interviews with Tim Ballard, and stated her support of requiring one day, in person precinct voting.

Johnny Lee Wilson, Sr., discussed a variety of topics including his support of Vice-Chairman

Crosby, his thought that mail in ballots are not legal, the number of voters in the recent Jail District election, the recent statewide Proposition 132, the lawsuit against the Jail District election, paper ballots and one-day voting.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of June 20, 2023.
2. Approve appointment of Ms. Sharon Gilman as Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, effective July 9, 2023.
3. Approve revisions to the 2023 Cochise County Meeting Schedule, to reschedule quarterly work sessions, and authorize the Interim Clerk of the Board to post the revised Public Notice of the 2023 meeting schedule.
4. Renew and/or revise committee appointments for members of the Board of Supervisors and executive staff for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year and approve continuing annual memberships for 2023-24, with payment of associated dues as described herein.

County Schools

5. Approve Fiscal Year 2023 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), additional (carryover) funding, in the amount of \$703.65, which will provide funding for the Jail Educator to attend the Arizona Correctional Educators Conference.

County Sheriff

6. Approve Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) among Cochise College, Sierra Vista Police Department, and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office to continue operating the Southeast Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (SEALETA), effective July 24, 2023 through May 31, 2024, which was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2023, to fix an error in section 8 on page 2.

Elections

7. Approve the appointment of six Democrat Precinct Committeemen by recommendation of their Cochise County Party Chairman to serve through the October 1, 2024 term.

Finance

8. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

9. Adopt Resolution 23-17 designating Ms. Monica Miranda as Chief Fiscal Officer for submitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limitation Report.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve items 1-9 on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

10. Approve Series 9 (Liquor Store) new liquor license application submitted by Andrea Lewkowitz, for Bowie Travel Center, located at 1275 Business Loop I-10, Exit 366, Bowie, Arizona 85605.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Series 9 (Liquor Store) new liquor license application submitted by Andrea Lewkowitz, for Bowie Travel Center, located at 1275 Business Loop I-10, Exit 366, Bowie, Arizona 85605. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Ms. Loewenheim presented this item. She stated that the application was reviewed and recommended for approval by the appropriate departments. Taxes for the parcel are current. The notice and application were posted as required by state law, and no formal protests were received. The applicant has paid the \$100 processing fee. Board staff recommends approval.

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

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

Development Services

11. Adopt Resolution 23-18 to approve Docket CPA-23-02 (Frugé), a minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Growth Areas and Land Jurisdiction Map of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan, and adopt Zoning Ordinance 23-11, to approve Docket RZ 23-09 (Frugé), to rezone parcels 202-76-227A and 202-76-098A from SR-43 (Single Household Residential, one dwelling per acre) to RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per 4 acres), pursuant to the application of Mr. Mark Frugé.

Supervisor English made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-18 to approve Docket CPA-23-02 (Frugé), a minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Growth Areas and Land Jurisdiction Map of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan, and adopt Zoning Ordinance 23-11, to approve Docket RZ 23-09 (Frugé), to rezone parcels 202-76-227A and 202-76-098A from SR-43 (Single Household Residential, one dwelling per acre) to RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per 4 acres), pursuant to the application of Mr. Mark Frugé. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Christine McLachlan, Planning Division Manager, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. This request is for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from B (Neighborhood Conservation) to D (Rural) and a downzoning to RU-4 on two parcels. The parcels are currently undeveloped and the applicant is proposing to use the parcels for a residential homestead. The parcels are separated by right-of-way, preventing their

combination. She displayed a map showing the growth categories throughout the County, photographs of the parcels, and maps showing the location, Comprehensive Plan Designation and Current Zoning of the area. The area was previously platted, with several partial plat abandonments taking place in 1996; the area remains largely undeveloped. State Trust land is to the north. She reviewed the factors in favor and against both the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Zoning Amendment, noting that four letters were received in favor of the request and two opposed to the request. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff both recommend approval of the request.

In response to the Board, Ms. McLachlan confirmed that the two parcels, both greater than four acres, are separated by the road. Reasons in the letters opposed to the request include that individuals feel there is enough residential property in the area and concerns of property value. There is currently no water on site, leaving the applicant the options to either drill and register a well through the state, or to haul water.

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

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

12. Adopt Zoning Ordinance 23-12 to rezone parcels 106-15-042 and 106-15-043 from SR-43 (Residential, one dwelling per 43,000 square feet) to RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per 4 acres), pursuant to the application of Mr. Dale Dickamore.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance 23-12 to rezone parcels 106-15-042 and 106-15-043 from SR-43 (Residential, one dwelling per 43,000 square feet) to RU-4 (Rural, one dwelling per 4 acres), pursuant to the application of Mr. Dale Dickamore. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Dan Coxworth, Development Services Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that this is a request to downzone two parcels in the Babocamari. These parcels were rezoned in 2005; a condition of approval required a subdivision plat be submitted within 18 months. The area was not developed and to remove the condition, the owner is required to revert the zoning to RU-4. The existing use is vacant and the proposed is single family homes. Mr. Coxworth displayed a location map and aerial photographs of the property. He reviewed the two factors in favor of approval, noting that none were identified as being against approval. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval.

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

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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

13. Adopt Resolution 23-19 authorizing the Purchase Agreement for the property located at 665 N. Garden Avenue, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 (Tax Parcel 106-65-017A), and authorizing the County Administrator to sign and execute the necessary closing paperwork to effectuate the purchase.

Supervisor English made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-19 authorizing the Purchase Agreement for the property located at 665 N. Garden Avenue, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 (Tax Parcel 106-65-017A), and authorizing the County Administrator to sign and execute the necessary closing paperwork to effectuate the purchase. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. He stated that Pioneer Title Company is requiring the Board to adopt this Resolution in order to close on the property. The Resolution restates action the Board took on March 28, 2023, to approve the purchase of the property for \$4.5 million; the purchase is funded through a grant rather than the General Fund. The Resolution also authorizes Mr. Karwaczka, as County Administrator, to sign the closing documents.

Vice-Chairman Crosby cited the second recital in the Resolution and stated that his platform is to prevent illegal entry into the United States. He discussed potential reasons that he may not support this in the future.

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

14. Approve County Policy 1604: Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) Pension Funding, effective July 11, 2023, and formally accept the County's share of the assets and liabilities under the system based on the system's actuarial valuation report.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve County Policy 1604: Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP) Pension Funding, effective July 11, 2023, and formally accept the County's share of the assets and liabilities under the system based on the system's actuarial valuation report. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Mr. Karwaczka presented this item. He stated that the Policy is brought to the Board every year. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 has been added. In FY 2024, for PSPRS Tiers 1 and 2, the assets and accrued liability increased. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability decreased from \$34 million to \$32 million, leaving the funding ratio at 48%. For CORP, the assets, accrued liability and unfunded accrued liability increased, with the funded ratio at 56.7%. In this new fiscal year, the County will be looking to contract for the independent actuarial analysis, located in Policy Section 4(C).

Supervisor English stated that the Legislature intended to ensure that the public knows that every county has a plan to pay for PSPRS unfunded liabilities; the Policy is the Board's intent to pay what is owed. The Policy uses the state's actuarial valuations for PSPRS and CORP until the County has its own actuarial valuation.

Vice-Chairman Crosby stated that the combined total unfunded liability for PSPRS and CORP is \$39.4 million; the County contributed \$8 million to it last year, which reduced the unfunded liabilities by \$2 million. Mr. Karwaczka stated that while it decreased unfunded liability by \$2 million, it also increased the assets. Vice-Chairman Crosby stated his opinion that this is not like a mortgage, and that the goal is to be 100% funded.

Chairman Judd discussed her agreement with being 100% funded and the Board's efforts to improve the situation.

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

15. Approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 3: Tipping fees for St Vincent de Paul to dispose of spoiled and junk donations, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Community Enhancement Fund expenditures for District 3: Tipping fees for St Vincent de Paul to dispose of spoiled and junk donations, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman Judd presented this item. She stated that Saint Vincent de Paul is in a crisis and approached her for assistance. This request is to pay the tipping fees; Saint Vincent de Paul will do all of the work themselves.

In response to the Board, Ms. Roberts stated that this would not be considered a gift as Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization that is working in the community.

The Board noted that the funding will not be given directly to Saint Vincent de Paul; rather, it will go to Solid Waste to pay for the disposal fees. Chairman Judd noted that the amount is not to exceed \$2,000 and may be below that amount.

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

County Attorney

16. Approve the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement DC-24-021 in the amount of \$148,186.18, between the ACJC and Cochise County, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Grant Agreement DC-24-021 in the amount of \$148,186.18, between the ACJC and Cochise County, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Ms. Roberts presented this item. She stated that this Grant recurs every year and pays for 1.6 Prosecutor positions in the County Attorney's Office. There is a matching funds requirement of \$37,046.55.

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

17. Approve the Crime Victim Compensation Grant VC-24-002 between the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Cochise County Attorney's Office in the amount of \$125,341, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve the Crime Victim Compensation Grant VC-24-002 between the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Cochise County Attorney's Office in the amount of \$125,341, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Annette Quiroz, Victim Compensation Coordinator, presented this item. She stated that this Grant is to assist victims of crime with various costs such as medical bills or travel to court, due to the crime. Funding is federal, from the COVID-19 relief fund.

In response to the Board, Ms. Quiroz stated that the funding is to assist any victims of a crime in the County. Requests are presented to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, who then decides whether to approve funding. Payment may be for a variety of reasons, such as medical, mental health, travel to court or to meet with prosecutors, or prescription costs. This is only for out of pocket expenses that have already been paid, after all other means have been used, and individuals must show receipts that are in their name.

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

18. Approve Interfund Transfer of \$138,891.32 from Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund 136-0600-0610 to Fill the Gap Fund 138-0600-0610 to move funds that were transferred from the Court to an incorrect fund line in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Interfund Transfer of \$138,891.32 from Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund 136-0600-0610 to Fill the Gap Fund 138-0600-0610 to move funds that were transferred from the Court to an incorrect fund line in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Ms. Roberts presented this item. She stated that this item is to move funds that were incorrectly credited into the incorrect fund line, from Fund 136 to Fund 138. This will resolve the majority of the negative fund balance in Fund 138.

Chairman Judd and Ms. Roberts discussed this item correcting the problem and it not occurring again.

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

County Schools

19. Approve Master Services Agreement with Navigate360, LLC, and the Cochise County School Superintendent for security monitoring services at all county public and charter schools, effective June 30, 2023 through June 29, 2026, in the amount of \$270,768.78.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Master Services Agreement with Navigate360, LLC, and the Cochise County School Superintendent for security monitoring services at all county public and charter schools, effective June 30, 2023 through June 29, 2026, in the amount of \$270,768.78. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Dr. Jacqui Clay, School Superintendent, and Cynthia Meyers, Outreach Coordinator, presented this item. Dr. Clay stated that after a review process, Navigate360 was selected as the vendor for security monitoring services at County schools; Navigate360 meets statutory requirements. She discussed the review process and noted that a vendor comparison was provided. School safety requires a mult-layered solution that includes interoperability, a partnership with law enforcement, and a complete package of

school safety and security needs. A solid action plan includes prevention, preparedness, and recovery. She discussed the importance of education and training before incidents occur. Navigate360 utilizes ALICE training and educational tools.

In response to the Board, Ms. Meyers discussed the purpose of the grant that funds this program. Additional needs include preparedness, recovery, and prevention aspects of safety, all of which Navigate360 covers. The Board and Ms. Meyers discussed the method by which schools will communicate with the Sheriff's Office.

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

County Sheriff

20. Approve Grant Agreement HT-23-2912 with the City of Tucson, Southwest Border Arizona Region High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program, and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Southern Arizona Major Investigative Team (SAMIT) in the amount of \$95,746 for salaries, partial fringe benefits (ERE), services, and supplies, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Grant Agreement HT-23-2912 with the City of Tucson, Southwest Border Arizona Region High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program, and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Southern Arizona Major Investigative Team (SAMIT) in the amount of \$95,746 for salaries, partial fringe benefits (ERE), services, and supplies, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Lieutenant Sean Gijanto, Sheriff's Office, presented this item. He stated that this recurring Grant pays for a task force officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to support the narcotics fighting effort. The Grant pays for the salary but not the full ERE; the County will pay a maximum of \$46,000 for EREs, with funding from Proposition 207 revenues.

In response to the Board, Lieutenant Gijanto stated that the assignment is rotated, with one individual typically staying in the role for no more than five years. The Sheriff's Office may borrow the individual if needed, though the individual's primary assignment is with the task force.

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

Development Services

21. Approve the designation of Richard Karwaczka, County Administrator, as the Certifying Officer for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Review Records, including the initial Environment Review Record and the subsequent Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Environmental Reviews (attached Appendix A) for each assisted housing unit.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve the designation of Richard Karwaczka, County Administrator, as the Certifying Officer for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Review Records, including the initial Environment Review Record and the subsequent Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Environmental Reviews (attached Appendix A) for each assisted housing unit. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Susan Bronson, Planner I, presented this item. She stated that Development Services is preparing the CDBG application; as part of the application, Environmental Review Record documents must be submitted. County Administrators customarily sign those documents, and staff is requesting that the County Administrator be designated as the Certifying Officer.

In response to the Board, Ms. Bronson stated that Development Services will perform the Environmental Reviews.

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

22. Approve a 20-year Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement between Cochise County and Vogel Family Properties, LLC, in the amount of \$1,049 a year, to construct a 60-foot by 60-foot hangar and associated office space for personal use at the Cochise County Airport in Willcox.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve a 20-year Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement between Cochise County and Vogel Family Properties, LLC, in the amount of \$1,049 a year, to construct a 60-foot by 60-foot hangar and associated office space for personal use at the Cochise County Airport in Willcox. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Mr. Coxworth presented this item. He stated that this Ground Lease is for the construction of a 60-foot by 60-foot hangar at the Cochise County Airport. The original Ground Lease was for a 100-foot by 100-foot hangar; the new Fixed-Base Operator requested that space and this will move the Vogel Family Properties to a different location. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process has been completed for this project. Mr. Vogel is now prepared to fully retire and come to Arizona to build the hangar.

In response to the Board, Mr. Coxworth stated that the original Ground Lease was approved by the Board, though never signed by Mr. Vogel, and discussed the various reasons Mr. Vogel did not sign. It will now be a smaller hangar.

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

Emergency Services

23. Accept the Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Program Award 693JK2240018HMEP, administered by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in the amount of \$20,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023, effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Supervisor English made a motion to accept the Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Program Award 693JK2240018HMEP, administered by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in the amount of \$20,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023, effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Daniel Duchon, Emergency Services Director, presented this item. He stated that this \$20,000 Grant for the hazardous materials program that is managed by ADEQ. Grant funds may be used for travel, training, and tabletop exercises; this will be used for the

hazardous materials response plan. He anticipates that this will be completed in the first quarter of this fiscal year.

In response to the Board, Mr. Duchon stated that this Grant will be for a contractor to write the response plan; ADEQ previously completed a commodities flow study. This will be used by Fire Departments for a combined understanding of how to respond to a situation based on the type of material involved. Mr. Duchon discussed the reasons why the item is being presented to the Board at this time rather than earlier in the term of the Grant.

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

Facilities

24. Approve Contract 23-22-FAC-01 with Desert Springs Construction & Remodeling, LLC for the Finance Department Remodel in the amount of \$117,500, effective July 11, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Contract 23-22-FAC-01 with Desert Springs Construction & Remodeling, LLC for the Finance Department Remodel in the amount of \$117,500, effective July 11, 2023. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Darrel Crowley, Interim Facilities Director, presented this item. He stated that this is a needed remodel for the Finance Department; it is a very tight space and currently, there is no control of how staff moves in and out of the area.

In response to the Board, Mr. Crowley stated that this will use the existing space in a better fashion.

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

Health & Social Services

25. Approve Amendment 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR055282, Healthy People Healthy Communities, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, to revise terms, in the amount of \$556,421, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Amendment 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR055282, Healthy People Healthy Communities, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, to revise terms, in the amount of \$556,421, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Suzanne Hagle, Prevention Services Division Director, presented this item. She stated that this IGA combines several programs into one IGA: tobacco prevention, Tobacco Prevention, Health in Arizona Policy Initiative and Chronic Disease Prevention, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, and Suicide Mortality Review Program. The programs funded by the IGA address the following health priorities: cardiovascular disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases, Alzheimer's, obesity, teen pregnancy, tobacco use, worksite wellness, school health wellness, and suicide mortality review. She described the various outreach methods. The IGA funds eight positions and has a total budget of \$556,421.

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

26. Approve Amendment 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR055207, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, to extend the grant program through June 30, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Amendment 3 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR055207, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, between the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, to extend the grant program through June 30, 2024. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Kimberly Mitchell, Public Health Preparedness Program Coordinator, presented this item. Ms. Mitchell stated that the IGA is with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program, and reviewed the various functions, tasks, and duties of the County's PHEP team. PHEP improves the County's preparedness, response, and recovery options. PHEP recently ensured functional- and access-need patients were evacuated during the Hereford fires. For recovery, PHEP gives out resources to help community members rebuild. PHEP participates in regional meetings, exercises and trainings, to bring new ideas back to Cochise Health & Social Services. PHEP updates and establishes response plans, which helps guide, prepare and respond to any health emergencies.

In response to the Board, Ms. Mitchell stated that this extension is for the fifth year and is in the amount of \$241,241. In addition to response plans for hospitals, PHEP takes on other responsibilities, such as vector and rabies surveillance, and helps in all other public health responses. She detailed biosurveillance, noting that it is to survey diseases that could come to the County, and discussed PHEP's role in surge operations. She stated that PHEP's job is to coordinate with community partners, and discussed border health surveillance.

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

27. Approve Government Agreement GRA-STATE-24-1242-01 between The Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board (First Things First) and Cochise Health & Social Services, for the Child Care Health Consultation strategy, in the amount of \$114,625, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Government Agreement GRA-STATE-24-1242-01 between The Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board (First Things First) and Cochise Health & Social Services, for the Child Care Health Consultation strategy, in the amount of \$114,625, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Maira Ibarra, Clinical Services Division Director, presented this item. She stated that the intent is to fund the Child Care Health Consultation strategy. A registered nurse and health educator will provide education to childcare centers to increase knowledge and compliance with health and safety practices.

In response to the Board, Ms. Ibarra confirmed that the source of funding is through the state and from the tobacco tax.

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

28. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR066426, Tuberculosis Control, between Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, in the amount of \$14,000, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CTR066426, Tuberculosis Control, between Arizona Department of Health Services and Cochise Health & Social Services, in the amount of \$14,000, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Ms. Ibarra presented this item. She stated that Cochise Health & Social Services has the responsibility to conduct screening, investigation, and treatment for suspected or latent Tuberculosis cases. The funding assists with covering expenses such as testing, treatment, and review of any active cases. Staff works closely with Dr. Erik McLaughlin, Medical Director, to provide these services.

Vice-Chairman Crosby and Ms. Ibarra discussed Dr. McLaughlin, including his role in this program and at the County.

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

29. Approve Agreement between Cochise Health & Social Services and Cochise County Community College District for clinical practicum and/or internship/externship educational experiences to nursing and allied health students, effective August 1, 2023, through July 30, 2028.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Agreement between Cochise Health & Social Services and Cochise County Community College District for clinical practicum and/or internship/externship educational experiences to nursing and allied health students, effective August 1, 2023, through July 30, 2028. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Ms. Ibarra presented this item. She stated that this Agreement allows nursing and allied health students to get clinical experience by partnering them with medical health professionals at Cochise Health & Social Services. This has been in place for some time. She described her experience with the program and noted that it can also benefit the County by assisting in recruitment.

The Board and Ms. Ibarra discussed this being an unpaid internship program.

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

Procurement

30. Approve Contract 23-14-REC-01 with Authentix, LLC and Pro Vote Solutions for Ballot Fraud Countermeasures, at costs noted in the attached pricing proposals, effective July 11, 2023.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve Contract 23-14-REC-01 with Authentix, LLC and Pro Vote Solutions for Ballot Fraud Countermeasures, at costs noted in the attached pricing proposals, effective July 11, 2023. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

David Stevens, County Recorder, presented this item. He stated that these are the responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the ballot security grant. Payment was already provided to the first vendor [Runbeck Election Services (Runbeck)]. The proposed costs are in the RFP responses; approval will allow the vendors to be reimbursed to move forward with Tasks 1 and 2 of the grant.

Supervisor English asked about the payment to the first vendor. Recorder Stevens replied that the Board previously approved payment to Runbeck for approximately \$182,000. Discussion ensued; Recorder Stevens stated that as Runbeck is in the state contracting system, a RFP was not required. These vendors are not in the system and followed a different process. Supervisor English stated that the grant included a provision that there will be no award to any vendor without prior approval from the Board, and stated that the Board did not approve the vendor. Recorder Stevens responded that no work was done until the vendor received payment.

Supervisor English asked about the grant deadline, and Recorder Stevens responded that it was extended to the end of the year. Supervisor English noted that the grant was supposed to have expired April, 5, 2023, and nothing has been received in writing about extending it. Discussion ensued. Recorder Stevens stated that he will work on getting something in writing.

In response to Chairman Judd, Recorder Stevens confirmed that the item can wait two weeks and stated that he will attempt to contact the Legislature, noting the Legislature's recent and planned calendar and availability. Supervisor English stated that she does not know if the Board should act on it as the deadline has passed and there is nothing written saying that it has been extended. Recorder Stevens discussed reasons for the delay with the project, including problems with the supply chain for paper and discussed contacting the Legislature to get something in writing about the extension.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to table item 30, the approval of Contract 23-14-REC-01 with Authentix, LLC and Pro Vote Solutions for Ballot Fraud Countermeasures, at costs noted in the attached pricing proposals, effective July 11, 2023. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Mr. Karwaczka requested that the motion include the date specific to which the item will be tabled.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to table item 30, until July 25, 2023, the approval of Contract 23-14-REC-01 with Authentix, LLC and Pro Vote Solutions for Ballot Fraud Countermeasures, at costs noted in the attached pricing proposals, effective July 11, 2023. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

Chairman Judd noted that there are speaker requests; Ms. Roberts stated that they will need to come to the next meeting. Chairman Judd thanked those who signed up to speak on the item and noted that they will be included when the Board discusses the item.

[The Board proceeded to agenda item 31 before voting on the motion to table this item.]

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

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

31. 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 noted that no activity is currently happening at the Legislature. No Board action was taken on this item.

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

Mr. Karwaczka deferred his report.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Tom Crosby

Vice-Chairman Crosby deferred his report.

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 11:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board