

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:00 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; 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

Attendees: Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Tom Alinen, Chief of Staff
Robert Watkins, Commander
Celina Ybarra, Finance Manager
Monica Miranda, Finance Director
Juan Frisby, Budget Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 specifically: Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dannels and Chief Alinen presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board throughout. Sheriff Dannels thanked the Board for their continued support and stated that the Sheriff's Office priority is retention and recruitment of personnel.

Chief Alinen reviewed various challenges facing the Sheriff's Office, accomplishments, and statistics of the Major Crimes Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Community Outreach Program, Search and Rescue, Animal Control, Patrol Activities, Criminal Interdiction Team, Detention and Southeastern Arizona Border Region Enforcement (SABRE). The Sheriff's Office obtained federal grants totaling \$37,921,631 for border security and an additional total of \$6.5 million was received from Arizona DPS Strike Force, Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona, and Arizona Attorney General.

Chief Alinen reviewed the Sheriff's office budget requests in detail. Requests include: 5% compensation increase for Detention, Sworn and administrative staff, totaling \$661,402 after deducting \$239,044 for Detention staff, which is offset by Detention Border Security Funding; an increase of \$154,768 for body cameras and tasers;

\$15,000 increase in training; \$20,000 increase to the extradition budget; and a \$13,802 increase in Professional Service to meet the demands of animal shelter operations. The total increase requested is \$1,484,049.

In response to the Board, Commander Watkins stated that the Sheriff's Office hires approximately 10 to 15 employees per year and one to five of those are lateral hires from other agencies.

There was detailed discussion regarding recruitment, staffing levels, the increase in contract amount for body cameras and tasers, and a potential animal shelter in Whetstone.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board