

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.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, telephonic

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

Attendees: Jon Drummon, Constable, JP 3  
Kevin Beyer, Constable, JP 4  
Juan Frisby, Budget Manager  
Monica Miranda, Finance Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION**

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 specifically: Constables for Justice of the Peace Precincts 3 and 4.

Chairman English apologized for this item not being addressed at the April 20, 2023 Work Session. Mr. Karwaczka stated that the Constables for Justice of the Peace (JP) Precincts 3 and 4 were newly elected and there was no budget for them. The Constables' request includes a salary; staff is seeking clarification from the County Attorney's Office and the salary will not be discussed today.

Constables Drummond and Beyer presented this item. Constable Beyer stated that equipment as listed in the budget request is needed; once approved, the workload will be there. The Constables will be able to assist local law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office with their workload. Constable Drummond further discussed the Constables' ability to assist the Sheriff's Office, such as failure to appear warrants and potentially taking individuals to Justice Court for their appearance. He stated that he is a certified Instructor by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST). Constable Beyer is a certified private investigator and previously worked with the Los Angeles Police Department. Both Constables have their own body armor. Constable Drummond discussed the volume of work for JP 5 Constable Melissa Wirthlin, noting his hope to supplement Constable Wirthlin as needed.

Constable Drummond stated that Judges in remote areas have only one security

officer, causing difficulties when Court is in session. The Constables can act as bailiffs, leaving security personnel at the door. The Constables need vehicles; he spoke with Sheriff Mark Dannels, who is willing to help equip the vehicles to be on the same radio frequency. The Sheriff indicated he can also help with computers. Constable Drummond requested portable radios, County cell phones, and a County patch, noting that he is working on office space. In response to the Board, Constable Drummond stated that the Constables have not yet started work as they are waiting for equipment, for safety reasons.

Vice-Chairman Judd arrived virtually at 2:09 p.m. and Supervisor Crosby confirmed his presence telephonically since the beginning of the meeting. Chairman English summarized the discussion and the Constables' request, noting that the salary will be looked into. Constable Beyer discussed the need for office equipment, such as printers. Ms. Gilman noted that the line in the budget handout for fleet is not for the vehicle, but for fuel and maintenance.

In response to the Board, Constable Drummond discussed various training opportunities, noting that both Constables will keep their firearms qualifications and any other firearms training up to date. Both Constables are members of the Arizona Constables Association (Association). Constable Beyer stated that Constable training is paid for by the Association. Ms. Gilman stated that the Constables both have County email accounts.

Mr. Karwaczka stated that as the Constables get set up, they will be able to present activity logs to the Board. He will work with the Constables when he receives clarification regarding the salary request, and will keep working with the Constables and Sheriff regarding equipment.

Constables Beyer and Drummond discussed the backlog of work, and noted that Constables are able to assist in adjacent precincts.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board