

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:00 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 11:11 a.m.

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

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. County Supervisors Association's (CSA) annual County Outreach Tour: update regarding activities of the CSA for fiscal year 2022-2023, including activities from the recent legislative session and future legislative proposals.

Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Sullivan introduced his team; Vanessa Fielder, Director of Research and Analytics; Jacob Emmett, Legislative Liaison; and Yvonne Ortega, Executive Assistant and Special Projects Manager. Mr. Sullivan outlined activities related to the association's work. He stated the activities categorized into different sections, including information, capacity development, data and analytics, and legislative matters.

Mr. Sullivan explained the mission of CSA and the various State committees the organization collaborates with on issues of county interest. Specifically he mentioned the Public Safety Pension System, broadband initiatives and the Governor's Water Council.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Association is engaged in various significant research projects, one of which focuses on Workforce Recruitment and Retention in law enforcement. He stated the team secured an \$800,000 grant from the Arizona Board of Regents to conduct this study, recognizing the need for better information on this issue.

Mr. Sullivan stated the legislature also considered changes in the funding model for state-funded probation officers, which could have resulted in a cost shift to the counties. He explained the Association worked to address this issue and prevent additional financial burden on counties. The presentation highlighted the four bills that the Association took to the legislature, which are now laws.

Mr. Sullivan stated the Association's role in reactive advocacy, involving responding to hundreds of bills that affect county operations, was emphasized. He reviewed slides on

a variety of policy areas that the Association address during the legislative session.

In response to the Board, Mr. Sullivan discussed the history and functions of the various pension systems.

In response to the Board, Mr. Sullivan discussed the complexity of water issues around the state and the impact of water policy on the legislative session.

In response to the Board, Mr. Sullivan discussed changes and adjustments made to the assumptions used for the EORP (Elected Officials' Retirement Plan).

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board