

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

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

There was no audio on the video recording due to technical difficulties.

Supervisor Judd requested the Board perform the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman English agreed.

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

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.
2. Approve the reappointment of Mr. John Pintek to the Board of Adjustment representing District 2, effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to approve items 1-2 on the consent agenda.
Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

3. Approve the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cochise County and Southeastern Arizona Communications Center (SEACOM), effective January 1, 2025.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cochise County and Southeastern Arizona Communications Center (SEACOM), effective January 1, 2025. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

Richard Karwaczka, County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Karwaczka stated that the County and the City of Sierra Vista concluded that it is in the best interest of all parties, including SEACOM, to transfer all personnel/ human resources and associated fiscal duties from the City to the County. He stated that Cochise County Sheriff will be on the SEACOM Board in an ex officio capacity.

Chairman English stated she was glad to see the IGA amendment as it was one step closer to making SEACOM stand on its own.

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

4. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Cochise County and Cochise County Facilities Department for the obligation of \$75,859.09 for the purchase of updated HVAC air filters in County public facilities to improve indoor air quality and mitigate the risk of exposure to infections like COVID-19.

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Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator, presented this item. Ms. Gilman stated funds for the installation and improvement of ventilation systems can be used for projects that respond to the pandemic's public health impacts. She stated the facilities department will install ionizers in county HVACs, focusing on areas most used by the public. She stated the MOU is required by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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

5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Cochise County and Cochise County Health and Social Services for an obligation of \$16,661.73, in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Cochise Health and Social Services for mobility and portability of computer tablets and rapid drug detection tests to improve community outreach capabilities for Public Fiduciary Guardian Administrators and Community Health Workers.

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Sharon Gilman presented this item. Ms. Gilman stated the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will help Cochise Health and Social Services for mobility and portability of computer tablets for the Public Fiduciary and rapid drug detection tests to improve community outreach capabilities for Community Health Workers.

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

PRESENTATION

Presentation to recognize outgoing elected officials in appreciation of their dedicated service and contributions to Cochise County.

Richard Karwaczka, County Administrator, presented recognition plaques to Supervisor English, Supervisor Judd, Mr. McIntyre, and Judge Dickerson. Mr. Karwaczka commented on each individual's years of service and dedication to the County.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board