

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.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
Amy Mignella, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Mark Dannels, Sheriff
Kenneth Bradshaw, Commander
Megan Kennedy, Detention Medical Services Manager
Celina Ybarra, Finance Manager
Juan Frisby, Budget Manager
Monica Miranda, Finance Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

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Work Sessions are a time for County staff to inform and discuss agenda items with the Board of Supervisors and public comments will not be taken.

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Directors

1. Budget Work Session - Discussion of the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, specifically: Jail District

Richard Karwaczka, County Administrator, stated the Board of Supervisors had reconvened the meeting as the Jail District and introduced Sheriff Mark Dannels.

Sheriff Dannels presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board throughout. Sheriff Dannels thanked the Board and introduced his staff. Sheriff Dannels stated there are significant challenges which include an increase in inmate population, largely attributed to border-related factors and law enforcement programs. He stated an influx of illicit drugs, particularly fentanyl, posed a

liability, despite efforts to prevent the entry of the drug into jails. Lastly, he stated mental health issues among inmates are also acknowledged as a pressing concern, compounded by ongoing compliance with federal regulations.

Commander Bradshaw is requesting to maintain consistency with the Sheriff's Office by allocating \$2,600 per employee for all detention personnel. He stated the total requested salary increase is \$191,192. Commander Bradshaw stated there is a request for an extra \$20,000 in a specific line to cover expenses related to transporting individuals from other jurisdictions, which is ultimately decided by the County Attorney. Lastly, Commander Bradshaw requested to increase the jail district's overtime budget by \$150,000 to meet the growing demand, as the current budget of \$78,000 has remained unchanged for a decade despite increasing needs.

Megan Kennedy, Detention Services Medical Manager, stated this Fiscal Year 24/25 funding request is to ensure all staff salaries align with or surpass 93% of market rates. She is requesting a \$32,000 increase in the professional service budget, previously grant-funded. Ms. Kennedy requested a \$4,200 for the training and travel budget to facilitate out-of-state education opportunities. She stated to cover offsite appointments, there is a request of an extra \$60,000 and a \$9,600 increase in the office and operating budget to account for inflation. She noted overall, the total increase being requested amounts to \$238,800, all of which falls within the established budget parameters set by the Board for the Jail District's revenue streams.

The Board of Supervisors made comments and thanked staff.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board