

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 @ 10:30 A.M.
IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE ROOM
LOCATED AT 1012 N. G AVENUE, DOUGLAS ARIZONA**

Chairman Searle called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 10:43 a.m. All three supervisors were present: Richard Searle, Chairman; Patrick Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor. Also attending were Mike Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator; Dave Fifer, Deputy County Attorney; and Katie Howard, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Searle said he received a complaint of an Open Meeting Law violation regarding the posting of this meeting.

Mr. Dave Fifer addressed the open meeting law challenge and explained that the agenda needed to list sufficient information for a member of the public to determine whether to attend, but did not require including every attachment. He stated that he did not find a violation.

ACTION

ITEM 1

Approve the award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 11-02-CAO-01 to adopt a qualified list of nineteen (19) Attorneys to provide Indigent Defense Services.

Mike Ortega, County Administrator stated that almost two years ago, he suggested the Board establish a formal relationship with the contract attorneys. The County researched and found we were paying between \$50-\$105 per hour to the attorneys and so we embarked on a process of establishing a standard contract involving attorneys and addressing most concerns. There is historical information to show how much each type of case costs. RFQs were submitted and 21 responses were received (1 withdrew). After a formal review process we are recommending these 19 attorneys. Mr. Ortega said felonies will be handled the old way, until some issues have been resolved and there are strategies in place for monitoring costs.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve the award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 11-02-CAO-01 to adopt a qualified list of nineteen (19) Attorneys to provide Indigent Defense Services. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously, 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Katie A. Howard, Clerk of the Board