

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012 @ 1:00 P.M.
IN THE WELCOME CENTER AT TRIANGLE T RANCH
LOCATED AT 4190 DRAGOON ROAD, DRAGOON, ARIZONA**

Chairman Searle called the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 1:10 p.m. All three supervisors were present: Richard Searle, Chairman; Pat Call, Vice-Chairman (telephonically); Ann English, Supervisor. Also attending were Mike Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator (telephonically); Britt Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney (telephonically); and Arlethe Rios, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (MATTERS RELATED TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT - LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN)

Chairman Searle opened the Call to the Public. No one wished to address the Board and Chairman Searle closed the Call to the Public.

ACTION

ITEM 1

Approve an Intergovernmental agreement between Cochise County and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration for the Safety Net Hospital and Health System Funding pursuant to S.B. 1357 for Southeastern Arizona Medical Center.

This item was presented by Mr. Michael Ortega. Mr. Ortega reviewed the reason for the meeting and explained that the Board wanted more details on the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and understanding on the commitment from the City of Douglas. He said that although the original contract was between the County and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration (AHCCCS), the County could enter into another IGA with the City of Douglas to share the costs.

Mr. Hanson stated that signing the IGA does not commit the County funding to the project but merely allows the Southeastern Arizona Medical Center to apply for funding.

Mr. Ortega stated that he would meet with the Douglas City Manager, Carlos de la Torre to inquire about their financial commitment to the hospital. He reviewed the request from the hospital and stated the monetary request of \$300k was for the 2011-12 fiscal year, but that the hospital could also qualify for an additional five quarters in the 2012-13 year and one quarter in the 2013-14 year in which case additional funding would be needed from the County and City.

Supervisor English stated that although she supported this IGA she would like to meet with the hospital to review a plan for the future before actually disbursing any funds.

Supervisor English made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental agreement between Cochise County and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration for the Safety Net Hospital and

Health System Funding pursuant to S.B. 1357 for Southeastern Arizona Medical Center. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote; approved 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Richard Searle, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Katie A. Howard, Clerk of the Board