

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Vice-Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Supervisor  
Staff Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator; James E. Vlahovich, Deputy County  
Present: Administrator; Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the  
Board

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING**

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***CALL TO THE PUBLIC***

Chairman English opened call to the public.

Mr. Jack Cook addressed the Board on matters of personal concern.

Ms. Jan Wilson, Sierra Vista resident, addressed the Board on matters regarding the treatment of inmates at the County Jail.

No one else chose to speak and Chairman English closed the call to the public.

*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda.*

***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of February 11, 2014.
2. Approve the appointment of the following person as Precinct Committee person for the Republican Party of Cochise County: Precinct #05 BI San Luis, Benny Earl Scott.

## **County Sheriff**

3. Approve Grant Agreement 12-LE-11030518-001 amendment 2 between the USDA Forest Service and the Sheriff's Office and the associated Operating and Financial Plan, 12-LE-11030518-001 for a term of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$10,357.99 for overtime, employer related expenses and fleet costs for Sheriff's deputies to patrol various recreation areas of the Coronado National Forest.

## **Court Administration**

4. Approve reappointments of Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore, Donna M. Beumler, pursuant to ARS 12-141; Juvenile Court Commissioners/Judges Pro Tempore Margaret Macartney, and Ann Battaglia-Roberts, pursuant to ARS 8-231 and 12-141; and approve authorization to call upon an appropriately appointed Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore from another county in extenuating circumstances pursuant to ARS 12-144; for the period beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

## **Finance**

5. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Warrants Nos. 76887-77067, 77085-77223 were issued in the amount of \$1,193,902.22

Pursuant to A.R.S. §11-217(C), the published minutes shall include all demands and warrants approved by the Board in excess of one thousand dollars except that multiple demands and warrants from a single supplier or individual under one thousand dollars whose cumulative total exceeds one thousand dollars in a single reporting period shall also be published.

## **Procurement**

6. Approve the sale of used office furniture declared surplus by the Procurement Department Property Manager, to the Sunnyside Fire Department in the amount of \$100.

## **Workforce Development**

7. Approve the appointment of Cherla Ramsey to the Local Workforce Investment Board to fill an unexpired term, effective immediately and through 6/30/2014.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to approve consent agenda items 1-7. Supervisor Call seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## ***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

## **Community Development**

8. Adopt Zoning Ordinance 14-03, a request to amend the Cochise County Zoning Regulations, Section 1819.02 Water Conservation Measures – Sierra Vista Sub-watershed Overlay Zone.

Ms. Beverly Wilson, Planning Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Wilson gave the background and explained that this item has already been to the Planning and Zoning Commission and as a work session item in front of the Board. She highlighted some main points and said that groundwater is the primary source of water in the

County. She showed a map of the Sierra Vista Subwatershed and noted that in 2006 the Board adopted the Sierra Vista Subwatershed policy plan. She stated that the plan is currently in effect and that it is an important document for the planning division. She listed intent of the amendments: reduce rate of depletion and overall per capita water use; comply with most current conservation fixtures, appliances, and techniques; and ensure efficient delivery of hot water in new developments. She said that staff is recommending approval and noted that there had been a change in language suggested to the planning staff which was important so the County could meet the standards for the water sense program.

Chairman English opened to public hearing.

Ms. Jere Fredenburgh, Sierra Vista citizen, addressed the Board on her concerns over the restrictions of using timers and temperature sensors for the on demand hot water systems.

No one else chose to speak and Chairman English closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Call moved to adopt Zoning Ordinance 14-03, a request to amend the Cochise County Zoning Regulations, Section 1819.02 Water Conservation Measures – Sierra Vista Sub-watershed Overlay Zone. Vice-Chairman Searle seconded the motion.

Chairman English asked Ms. Wilson to address Ms. Fredenburgh's concerns.

Ms. Wilson clarified that the language regarding hot water on demand was in the original document presented to the Board and addressed overuse using timers and temperature sensors on the hot water on demand system.

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

## **ACTION**

### **Health & Social Services**

9. Approve the Cochise County Medication Disposal Program, a two phase collaborative program between the Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS) with Phase I beginning by May 1, 2014, and approval to move forward with formal research and gathering community support for Phase II.

Ms. Mary Gomez, Health & Social Services Director presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gomez credited Jennifer Steiger, Health & Social Services, and Carol Capas, Sheriff's Office with the idea of the program. She stated that this was a very serious problem in the County, specifically with unintentional drug overdoses. She noted that Cochise County is the second highest county in the state for accidental overdose and drug abuse and misuse. She listed the main reasons why proper med disposal is important: environmental concerns, illegal distribution, nonmedical/recreational use and said that this program would alleviate all those issues. She said that funds to pay for phase 1 of this program would come out of a grant and that they were not asking for any County funds to implement it. She said that the total cost for phase 1 would be \$14,000 and that staff is recommending approval. She briefly explained what phase 2 would be, but clarified that this would only be brought back to the Board if necessary.

Chairman English said that the County Board of Health had actually been researching this topic for many years and was glad to see it was moving forward.

Vice-Chairman Searle moved to approve the Cochise County Medication Disposal Program,

a two phase collaborative program between the Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS) with Phase I beginning by May 1, 2014, and approval to move forward with formal research and gathering community support for Phase II. Supervisor Searle seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Searle asked why phase 2 would be necessary and about the volume the phase 1 incinerator would be able to handle.

Ms. Gomez said that if the incinerator from phase 1 could handle what was collected, phase 2 would not be necessary and said that the incinerator could handle 55 gallons at a time.

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

10. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Contract No. ADHS14-063015 between Cochise Health and Social Services (CHSS) and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for the Public Health Department Accreditation project effective January 6, 2014 - September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$44,800.

Ms. Mary Gomez, Health & Social Services Director, presented this item. She gave the background and said that there were many benefits in receiving this accreditation: process will improve the services we currently have, measurement against national standards, increased accountability/credibility, show our communities that we care about the services we are providing, access to best practices, and improved job descriptions. She noted that a consultant and coordinator would have to be hired and said that the accreditation would be good for five years.

Vice-Chairman Searle asked if there would be a cost every five years.

Ms. Gomez said that every five years the County would have to pay to be accredited, but noted that this accreditation will most likely be required for health systems in the future. She clarified that the coordinator had to be external so that there would not be any conflict of interest.

Chairman English stated that this would become a requirement for grants.

Supervisor Call asked Mr. Ortega and Mr. Vlahovich if they supported this request.

Mr. Ortega said that with Ms. Gomez's research and future requirement he did support moving forward.

Supervisor Call moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Contract No. ADHS14-063015 between Cochise Health and Social Services (CHSS) and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for the Public Health Department Accreditation project effective January 6, 2014 - September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$44,800. Vice-Chairman Searle seconded the motion.

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

**STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding state and federal legislative matters, including but not limited to the items in the attached County Supervisors Association Legislative Policy Committee Agenda and the proposed State budget.

Chairman English commented on her meeting with the County Supervisors Association and said that the representative noted he was not in favor of SB1483.

**REPORT BY MICHAEL J. ORTEGA, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS**

Mr. Ortega said that he was currently working with staff on the budget, but was still waiting for the projections for sales tax revenues and did not expect them to offset the \$1.3 million shortfall for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Report by District 1 Supervisor, Patrick Call**  
Supervisor Call deferred his report.

**Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English**  
Chairman English deferred her report.

**Report by District 3 Supervisor, Richard Searle**  
Vice-Chairman Searle deferred his report.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board