

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

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

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Supervisor
Absent: Richard R. Searle, Vice-Chairman
Staff Present: Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman English opened the call to the public.

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

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.

PRESENTATION

Certificates of Appreciation presented to Cochise County employee volunteers for their participation in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) "Make Generosity Blossom...Weed Out Hunger" event held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 to collect food for local not-for-profit organizations.

Chairman English and Supervisor Call thanked all the volunteers and presented each of them with a certificate of recognition.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of March 11, 2014.
2. Approve the appointment of the following person as Precinct Committee person for the Republican Party of Cochise County: Precinct #28 SV Busby, Bonnie Burer.
3. Approve the appointment of the following person as Precinct Committee persons for the Democratic Party of Cochise County: Precinct #04 BI Bisbee, Pauline Marie Sherman.

Community Development

4. Adopt Resolution 14-06, establishing Apache Pointe as a declared County Highway as described therein.

Finance

5. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Warrants Nos. 77606-77795, 77813-77996 were issued in the amount of \$1,382,477.80.

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. The voided warrants are listed below:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
549	Brian Oertel	500.00

Issued warrants are listed as an attachment at the end of the minutes

Juvenile Probation

6. Approve the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) award from the Arizona Governor's Office of Children Youth and Families, (GOCYF) in the amount of \$21,778 effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Call moved to approve items 1-6 on the Consent Agenda. Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried 2-0 (Searle absent).

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

7. Approve a letter of recommendation for John Ladd to be appointed to the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

Supervisor Call moved to approve a letter of recommendation for John Ladd to be appointed to the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC). Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. Mike Turisk, Planning Manager, presented this item. Mr. Turisk gave the background information and noted that Mr. Ladd had a lot of experience and would be an asset if appointed for the position.

Supervisor Call stated that Mr. Ladd was an excellent choice.

Chairman English called for vote and it was approved 2-0 (Searle absent).

County Assessor

8. Approve a contract with Harris Systems USA, Inc. authorizing continuation of data processing software services necessary for processing the annual assessment roll effective January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,331,135.92 for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 .

Mr. Leiendecker noted that the correct cost was \$133,135.92.

Chairman English moved to approve a contract with Harris Systems USA, Inc. authorizing continuation of data processing software services necessary for processing the annual assessment roll effective January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$133,135.92 for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. Supervisor Call seconded the motion.

Mr. Phil Leiendecker, County Assessor, presented this item. Mr. Leiendecker explained that this change was made because the original vendor went bankrupt and Harris System bought them. He said that this program was essential to process the assessment rolls for the County and was excited to work with the new vendor, who is going to establish stability in the program before doing any upgrades.

Chairman English called for vote and it was approved 2-0 (Searle absent).

Court Administration

9. Approve the award of Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 14-29-FAC-03 to Sunsites Construction for the construction of an Addition and Alteration of JP6 Courthouse in the amount of \$174,010.14.

Supervisor Call moved to approve the award of Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 14-29-FAC-03 to Sunsites Construction for the construction of an Addition and Alteration of JP6 Courthouse in the amount of \$174,010.14. Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. Terry Rutan, Interim Procurement Director, presented this item. He gave the background, and said this had been a request from the Facilities Management Department. He said that the Sunsites Construction Company had been the lowest bid and that staff recommended approval. He noted that the pre-construction would begin on Thursday, March 27th and that the company had 120 days to complete the project from the start date.

Chairman English called for vote and it was approved 2-0 (Searle absent).

Human Resources

10. Approve the funding for the proposed schedule of benefits and rates adopted by the Cochise Combined Trust for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Chairman English moved to approve the funding for the proposed schedule of benefits and rates adopted by the Cochise Combined Trust for fiscal year 2014-2015. Supervisor Call seconded the motion.

Mr. Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator, presented this item. He said rates for the Cochise Combined Trust (CCT) were approved annually and that no increases were anticipated for the upcoming fiscal year. He gave details on changes based on the Affordable Care Act and noted that the trust was very healthy. He explained that there would not be any increases because the trust planned on taking the increases out of their cash carry forward.

Chairman English asked what the \$97,000 increase covered.

Ms. Wendy De La Cruz, Benefits Coordinator, stated that the \$97,000 increase covered changes that had to be made to the insurance based on the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. She specifically noted that the increase was based upon the addition of pre-existing conditions which were not now covered.

Supervisor Call asked if the \$97,000 was an estimated cost.

Ms. De La Cruz stated that there was no way of knowing how much would actually be used once the new changes took place, but that after extensive research the recommended cost was \$97,000.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-0 (Searle absent).

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.

Supervisor Call noted that SB1483 (county supervisors; population threshold; membership) continued to move forward.

Chairman English noted that she had been working with Governor's staff in case the bill was approved. She said that the budget was still pending and that the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) was expected to be reviewed to return some money to the counties.

Both Chairman English and Supervisor Call agreed that a letter to the Governor should be prepared regarding the impact of approving SB1483.

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

Mr. James E. Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator, was present for Mr. Ortega, who was out sick. Mr. Vlahovich deferred his report.

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 was absent.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board