

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member
Staff Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator;
Present: Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:05 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

PRESENTATION

Recognize Suzie East for her recent award as a Champion for Change in the Women, Infant, and Child (WIC) program by the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Chairman Call noted that Ms. East was not present. The Board congratulated Ms. East and the Health & Social Services Department for their outstanding achievement.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Warrants Nos.86629-86647, 86652-86799, 86800, 86818-86987 were issued in the amount of \$4,291,188.10.

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.

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

2. Ratify a letter to Congresswoman Martha McSally regarding the addition of the "Mexican Gray Wolf" with the "Gray Wolf's" removal from the Endangered Species List.
3. Adopt Resolution 15-04 amending the membership requirements for the Cochise Combined Trust (CCT).

Community Development

4. Adopt Zoning Ordinance 15-01 approving Docket Z-14-08, amending the zoning district designation for parcels 106-06-014D & 106-06-023D to MR-2 from GB, pursuant to the request of Mr. James Adams.

Emergency Services

5. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Cochise County and various facilities in Cochise County to serve as designated emergency locations for emergency functions in case an emergency is declared.

Finance

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Fleet Services Management

7. Approve the sale of one used fleet boot tractor/truck #2574 declared surplus by the Procurement Department Property Manager to the City of Tombstone for the amount of \$5,500.

Vice-Chairman English moved to approve items 1-7 on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Searle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

8. Approve the sale of parcel 123-22-143 to the City of Benson, as requested by their council per ARS 42-18303.E for transportation and access purposes.

Mr. Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Ortega said that the City of Benson had approached the County about purchasing the parcel. He noted that the reason for the request was because the parcel served as a right of way for several private properties and allowing the City to purchase the parcels would ensure the residents could access their properties without any issues.

Supervisor Searle moved to approve the sale of parcel 123-22-143 to the City of Benson, as requested by their council per ARS 42-18303.E for transportation and access purposes. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Chairman Call called for vote and it was approved 3-0.

STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

9. 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.

Vice-Chairman English said that there were several bills in the beginning stages and she would keep the Board informed on the progress of bills that impacted the County.

Mr. Ortega stated that the State's budget was a major concern due to proposals from the Governor's Office that would affect County funds.

Vice-Chairman English noted that the Governor had proposed a bill that added an \$8 surcharge to the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), but legislative support was very low.

Mr. Hanson said that another bill related to HURF stated that if a County wanted to move a street, the County would have to pay for the costs of moving the utilities, which are currently paid by the utility companies. He added that staff had submitted comments to the County Supervisors Association (CSA).

Chairman Call stated that many counties and cities are concerned with the State's budget proposal as it impacts their ability to keep providing services without proper funding.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Call opened the call to the public.

Ms. Lisa Wakatani, Sierra Vista resident, addressed the Board regarding the County's probation period policy.

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

No one else chose to speak and Chairman Call 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.

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

Mr. Ortega said that a budget work session was scheduled for February 24th for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. He added that the assessed values for property taxes would be determined soon and staff was looking into in different ways of paying for the Public Safety Retirement System (PSRS). He stated that he would be attending a County Managers Meeting on Friday to discuss the State's budget with other managers across the state. He also discussed staff researching different systems for the Elections Department.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Report by District 1 Supervisor, Patrick Call

Chairman Call said that he would be attending a University of Arizona Cooperative Extension presentation on local water issues, the Hereford Natural Resources Conservation District Meeting, and the Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association meeting.

Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English

Vice-Chairman English deferred her report.

Report by District 3 Supervisor, Richard Searle

Supervisor Searle said he attended the public hearing for the Whetstone/PBW Fire District Consolidation and that both districts approved the consolidation unanimously. He noted that he would be attending an Arizona Department of Water Resources meeting in Willcox to discuss several requests for Irrigation Non-Expansion Area designations.

8.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board