

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, March 9, 2015**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 9, 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; Britt W.  
Present: Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:12 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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***CONSENT***

Item 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Supervisor Searle.

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of February 24, 2015.

**County Attorney**

2. Approve the proposed settlement of the Tax Appeal in Richard D. Lynton v. Cochise County, ST2014-000516, now pending in Arizona Tax Court, a division of the Superior Court of and for Maricopa County.
3. Approve the proposed settlement of the Tax Appeal in TDD Properties, Inc. v. Cochise County, TX2014-000449 (Assessor parcel No. 104-54-039-D), now pending in Arizona Tax Court, a division of the Superior Court of and for Maricopa County.

**County Schools**

4. Approve matching funds for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grant in the amount of \$70,000 from fund line 279-9000-491.100.

Supervisor Searle requested this item be removed from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Searle asked if this item had been included in the budget for the current fiscal year.

Ms. Trudy Berry, School Superintendent, presented this item. Ms. Berry said that when this item was originally approved, the schools office did not specify what fund line the funds would come from and noted that the project had also been at a stand still due to personnel transitions in the office. She added that the

finance department had requested that the Board approve the expenditure of funds and clarified that this was not a request for additional funding of the project.

Mr. Ortega said that the funds were part of special revenues, not the general fund and added that during the auditing process the lack of a specific fund line had been cited.

Supervisor Searle moved to approve matching funds for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grant in the amount of \$70,000 from fund line 279-9000-491.100. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

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

### **County Sheriff**

5. Approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the Sheriff's Assist Team to pay veterinary bills for animals requiring care that are picked up by Cochise County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officers.
6. Approve reallocated funds contract from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$18,073 from reallocated, previously unspent Stone Garden funds, for the purchase of additional equipment to be utilized by the Sheriff's Office.
7. Approve Modification of Grant or Agreement #12-LE-11030518-001, Modification 003, between the USDA Forest Service and the Sheriff's Office for a term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in the amount of \$10,000 for overtime, employer related expenses and fleet costs for Sheriff's deputies to patrol various recreation areas of the Coronado National Forest.

### **Elections & Special Districts**

8. Approve the appointment of the following persons as Precinct Committeeman for the Republican Party of Cochise County upon the recommendation of the Party Chair: Precinct #15 Hereford: Danny R. Brown & Roseanna L. Brown Warrior; Precinct #19 Palominas: Paul D. Langer; Precinct #26 SV Avenida Del Sol: Stephen F. Lo Galbo; Precinct #31 SV College: Elizabeth K. White; Precinct #41 SV Village Meadows: Zanetta L. Boughan & Robert W. Boughan; Precinct #42 SV Vista Village: Craig A. Mount; Precinct #49 WI Willcox: Peggy Judd.

### **Emergency Services**

9. 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**

10. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Warrants Nos.87337-87346, 87355-87528, 87546-87724 were issued in the amount of \$813,787.04.

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>
205	VCA Apache Animal Hospital	218.50
100	Education Foundation of Sierra Vista Inc.	10.00

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

Vice-Chairman English moved to approve items 1-3 and 5-10 on the consent agenda. Supervisor Searle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **ACTION**

### **Health & Social Services**

11. Approve the new Cochise County Community Used Sharps Disposal Program, a two phase program created and administered by Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS), offering free sharps disposal locations to County residents, with Phase I beginning by April 1, 2015, and approval to move forward with funding and community partners for Phase II.

Supervisor Searle moved to approve the new Cochise County Community Used Sharps Disposal Program, a two phase program created and administered by Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS), offering free sharps disposal locations to County residents, with Phase I beginning by April 1, 2015, and approval to move forward with funding and community partners for Phase II. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Ms. Mary Gomez, Health & Social Services Director, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gomez gave the background for the program and said that the program helped with the safety of disposing needle type items countywide. She noted that the total cost of \$375 would come from a grant, therefore, the general fund would not be impacted.

Vice Chairman English, who sits as member of the Board of Health, said that this would help the County's solid waste system as well as the community.

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

## **STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

12. 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 was very concerned that the legislature did not address any of the counties concerns and noted that lowering speeding ticket fines, which was added by local legislators, would cause a big impact to the courts in the County.

Chairman Call said that staff would have to start planning for worst case scenarios for the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mr. Ortega stated that many of the bills affecting counties were passed as permanent law.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Call opened the call to the public.

No one 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 staff was working on the budget and the budget team would begin having meeting with individual departments.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Report by District 1 Supervisor, Patrick Call**

Chairman Call said he would be giving a presentation on the Sierra Vista subwatershed to the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension program. He also mentioned that the Sierra Vista Herald newspaper had hired Mr. Francis Wick as their new publisher.

**Report by District 2 Supervisor, Ann English**

Vice-Chairman English presented a plaque to the Board from Graham County for their assistance in the elections in 2014. She also noted that she had attended a meeting in Portal to listen to the concerns of citizens about the effects of the Hurricane last fall on their roads.

**Report by District 3 Supervisor, Richard Searle**

Supervisor Searle stated that he attended the ribbon cutting for the St. David Pathway Project; a telephonic meeting with the Arizona New Mexico Coalition of Counties regarding the Mexican Wolf law suit; a meeting with the Forrest Service in Sierra Vista; and a meeting with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in Benson.

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Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board