

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Emeritus; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County  
Present: Administrator; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board; Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County  
Attorney

Chairman Call 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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***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of April 28, 2015.

**Community Development**

2. Approve the Arizona Technical Assistance Panel Agreement with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to convene a panel of land law experts, at no charge, to discuss the long term implications of open space in subdivisions for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

**Finance**

3. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Warrants Nos. 89022-89165, 89174-89201, 89324-89340 were issued in the amount of \$700,131.91.

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.

## **Health & Social Services**

4. Approve a permanent schedule change for Suzie East, Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program, Health Educator – Lead, from a 9/80 Flex schedule to a 4/10 schedule.
5. Approve the appointment of Ronald Wagner to a four year term, (May 12, 2015 – May 11, 2019) as a second District No. 1 representative to the Cochise County Board of Health.
6. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Cochise Health and Social Services (CHSS) and Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc. to share space in the Willcox office and parking lot at the Willcox County Complex.

## **Workforce Development**

7. Approve the appointment of Ms. Simone McFarland to the Local Workforce Investment Board to fill an unexpired term, effective immediately and through June 30, 2018.

Vice-Chairman English moved to approve Items 1 - 7 on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Searle seconded the item and it was approved unanimously.

## ***PUBLIC HEARING***

### **Solid Waste**

8. Adopt Resolution 15-09 to increase the \$55.00 a ton Tipping Fee by \$2.75 to \$57.75 for Fiscal Year 2015-16 effective July 1, 2015 and increase an additional \$2.75 a ton to \$60.50 for Fiscal Year 2016-17 effective 60 days from today.

Chairman Call noted that this was a tabled item.

Supervisor Searle moved to remove the item from the table. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

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

Mr. David Horne, Solid Waste Department Director, presented this item. Mr. Horne explained why the item was tabled and noted that the Board had met with the Rate Review Advisory Board (RRAB) and both entities were able to come up with a plan to address the financial concerns as well as established expectations on how to move forward.

Supervisor Searle asked if all the cities were in support.

Chairman Call said that all members of the RRAB were on board to move forward with the recommendation and come up with a plan on how to address the financial concerns.

Vice-Chairman English said it was very helpful to have a meeting with the RRAB so that they could understand the Board's concerns and priorities. She clarified that although the debt to the County is of main concern the main priority is to finance the system and make it an enterprise.

Chairman Call noted that the RRAB had been directed to put together a request for bid to find out the possibility of privatizing the system and added that the Board supported the

system.

Chairman Call opened the public hearing.

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

Chairman Call stated that this approval could be reviewed next Fiscal Year if the plan put together by the RRAB changed.

Mr. Vlahovich clarified that the effective date should be July 12, 2015 as per statute to make fee changes effective 60 days after the public hearing.

Supervisor Searle amended the motion to adopt Resolution 15-09 to increase the \$55.00 a ton Tipping Fee by \$2.75 to \$57.75 for Fiscal Year 2015-16 effective July 12, 2015 and increase an additional \$2.75 a ton to \$60.50 for Fiscal Year 2016-17 effective July 1, 2016. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman English added that the cities would also be looking at operation costs to run their own transfer stations.

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

## ***ACTION***

### **Board of Supervisors**

9. Approve a Cooperative Agreement with Mission and Installation Contracting Command - Fort Sam Houston (on behalf of U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC)) in the Estimated Amount of \$10,000,000 effective May 12, 2015 through May 12, 2020.

Mr. Michael Ortega, County Administrator Emeritus, presented this item. Mr. Ortega gave the background and noted that this agreement was related to the acquisition of the Mansker and the Three Canyons properties in order to be able to transfer them into the County's ownership. He stated that Fort Huachuca needed this agreement to be approved by the Board in order for the County to have cooperative agency status through their process. He said that staff recommends approval even though there are some minor changes pending the Army's approval in order to get cooperative agency, but clarified that if the changes were substantial, the agreement would be brought back to the Board to approve changes made.

Supervisor Searle asked if the item should be tabled.

Mr. Ortega stated that he highly recommended the Board to approve the item today since it is in the County's best interest to acquire the designation needed in order to ensure the transfer of the properties occurred without any issues.

Vice-Chairman English moved to approve a Cooperative Agreement with Mission and Installation Contracting Command - Fort Sam Houston (on behalf of U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC)) in the Estimated Amount of \$10,000,000 effective May 12, 2015 through May 12, 2020. rs seconded.

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

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Call opened the call to the public.

Mr. Joseph C. Pones, Benson resident, addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the Pomerene River Estates rezoning and provided a copy of the letter from Mr. Mark M. Kartchner to the Board.

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 JAMES E. VLAHOVICH, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -- RECENT AND PENDING COUNTY MATTERS**

Mr. Vlahovich deferred his report.

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

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

Chairman Call said that on Wednesday he would be attending the Upper San Pedro Partnership (USPP) meeting; on Thursday Ms. Mary Darling, Darling Geomatics, would be doing a presentation on aerial photography capabilities using drones; and on Monday he would be attending the Cochise Family Advocacy meeting.

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

Vice-Chairman English said that the Kindergarten Tour has held last week and it was a successful event and noted that on Saturday the Photographic Memories for Douglas, A Smelter City, would be held at the Douglas Regional Service Center at 11:00 a.m.

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

Supervisor Searle said that he would be attending an Arizona Department of Water Resources meeting regarding water issues and a meeting in Willow Lakes on road issues.

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Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board