

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Member

Staff James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator; Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County

Present: Attorney; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Chairman Searle 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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***PRESENTATION***

Presentation of Proclamation to Mr. Harry Bowen, Arizona Office for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve declaring August 21 - 27, 2016 to be National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week.

Chairman Searle said he was pleased to present Mr. Bowen with this proclamation in support of our troops.

Mr. Bowen thanked the Board for their support.

***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of July 26, 2016.
2. Approve joining other counties in filing an amicus brief to the Arizona Supreme Court in support of the City of Phoenix in City of Phoenix v. Glenayre.
3. Approve a Proclamation declaring August 21-27, 2016 to be National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve week.

4. Approve the amendment to Joint Funding Agreement No. 2, for hydrologic investigation and data collection, between Cochise County and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to add \$12,914 to the USGS match, with no additional match required from the County.
5. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Sierra Vista for funding the Gila Water Adjudication Attorney in the amount of \$5,000.

### **Emergency Services**

6. Approve the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Subgrantee Agreement in the amount of \$94,633 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

### **Facilities**

7. Approve demands over six months to SunEdison for an electrical utility in the amount of \$44,457.60.

### **Finance**

8. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers. Warrants Nos. 10426-10453, 10464-10622, 10626-10662, 10677-10882, 10894-11021 were issued in the amount of \$3,112,175.19.

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>
130	Arizona Coalition for Victim Services	\$600.00
151	LexisNexis Matthew Bender	70.07
505	Canyon Vista Medical Center	225.00
227	Lord Priscilla	81.00
100	West Press	332.52

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

### **Health & Social Services**

9. Appoint Belvet Elsouhag as Public Fiduciary effective July 31, 2016, in accordance with A.R.S. §14-5601, subject to the certification by the Arizona Supreme Court pursuant to §14-5651.
10. Approve grant agreement ADHS15-096693:2, Health Start Program, between the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Women's & Children's Health, and Cochise Health & Social Services in the amount of \$306,180 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
11. Approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 funding for IGA# ADHS12-022007:5, Proposition 201 Smoke Free Arizona Act between the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and Cochise Health & Social Services (CHSS) in the amount of \$69,807 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

12. Approve an award of \$2,800 from the Legacy Foundation of Southern Arizona to the Cochise Health & Social Services to provide food for 150 participants of the *Healthy Communities Summit* on September 29, 2016.
13. Approve the award of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 16-24-HEA-04 for a Community Health Assessment to Health Management Associates, Inc. for the County Health and Social Services Department in the not to exceed amount of \$81,000.

### **Workforce Development**

14. Approve the appointment of Mr. David Howard to the Local Workforce Investment Board to fill an unexpired term, effective immediately and through June 30, 2018.
15. Approve the appointment of Mr. Wick Lewis to the Local Workforce Investment Board to fill an unexpired term, effective immediately and through June 30, 2018.

Supervisor English moved to approve items 1-15 on the consent agenda. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### ***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

#### **Board of Supervisors**

16. Approve an interim permit/person transfer liquor license application submitted by Ms. Lorena Guadalupe Gomez Rogers, for LaRamada Steakhouse & Cantina, located at 1948 S. Naco Highway, Bisbee, AZ 85603.

Ms. Arlethe Rios, Clerk of the Board, presented this item. Ms. Rios said the Sheriff's Office did not have a recommendation and the Planning and Zoning Department had recommended approval. The Environmental Health Division noted that they have no concerns with the issuance of the liquor license; the Treasurer's Office noted that all property taxes are current. The applicant has paid the \$100 processing fee and the Board staff recommended approval.

Chairman Searle opened the public hearing.

No one spoke and Chairman Searle closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to approve an interim permit/person transfer liquor license application submitted by Ms. Lorena Guadalupe Gomez Rogers, for LaRamada Steakhouse & Cantina, located at 1948 S. Naco Highway, Bisbee, AZ 85603. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

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

#### **Solid Waste**

17. Adopt Resolution 16-23 to approve the Solid Waste tipping fee of \$64/ton for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 as recommended by the Rate Review and Advisory Board in May 2016.

Ms. Karen Riggs, Community Development Services Administrator, presented this item. Ms. Riggs said that the recommendation to raise the tipping fee had come from the Rate Review Advisory Board (RRAB). She stated that staff and the RRAB used background information, including an external report done by a consultant, to come up with a recommendation that was suitable for operations. She gave the history of past approved tipping fees and said that due to

concerns for the funding of the system, staff realized that the \$50.60 fee per ton would not be adequate for continued operations. She noted that at a Work Session with the Board staff was directed to look at using the 1/2 cent sales tax, but due to the expenditure limit, that was not feasible for the current fiscal year. She added that after careful consideration staff's recommendation to address concerns with the system is to raise the tipping fee to \$64 per ton for this fiscal year.

Supervisor English asked if there were changes made to rural transfer station fees.

Ms. Riggs confirmed that there were no changes to the per bag fee, but there would be an increased fee for larger loads.

Supervisor English said that she thought the rural transfer station fees should be equitable to the tipping fee.

Ms. Riggs said that the cost of \$6.45 per cubic yard for larger loads at rural stations would be equitable.

Chairman Searle asked if rural transfer station fees would be included with the adoption of this resolution.

Ms. Riggs said that they would be included and noted that there would be a 30 day waiting period before the fees go into effect.

Vice-Chairman Call asked Ms. Riggs to explain how the system works along with the County's effort to privatize the system.

Ms. Riggs said that the system was created from a need for the County and the cities to partner on solid waste management. She noted that the RRAB was then created and that entity recommended a fee be brought before the Board for approval since it impacts each of them. She stated that earlier in the year the County solicited bids to privatize the system to see if it could be run more efficiently and at a lower cost. After only having one bid come in that did not qualify, staff decided to move forward with solving the problem internally.

Chairman Searle opened the public hearing.

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

Supervisor English moved to adopt Resolution 16-23 to approve the Solid Waste tipping fee of \$64/ton for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 as recommended by the Rate Review and Advisory Board in May 2016. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

The Board agreed that continuing to raise the tipping fee was not a viable solution and the system needed to be looked at to come up with a better solution.

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

## ***ACTION***

**County Sheriff**

18. Approve the Sheriff's Office request to create an additional Administrative Assistant position to assist the Administrative Manager and the jail utilizing Jail Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$40,231.09 annually.

Thad Smith, Chief Deputy County Sheriff, presented this item. Chief Smith gave the background, said the position would be in charge of all jail administrative duties; and noted that jail enhancement funds, which are separate from the County's general fund, would be used to fund this position. He stated that the jail has never had an administrative person to handle administrative issues, resulting in the jail commander having to use a detention officer to perform administrative duties, which means there is one less detention officer manning the jail.

Supervisor English said that her only concern was that the County was currently not trying to expand personnel and noted that if the Sheriff's Office wanted to shift the use of jail enhancement funds, the general fund would not be able to continue to fund this position.

Chief Smith said that at this time no other projects were slated for the use of jail enhancement funds and he understood that if jail enhancement funds could no longer fund the position, then it would have to be vacated.

Vice-Chairman Call asked why jail enhancement funds were available to fund this position.

Chief Smith said that the detention officer pay plan was now being funded by the general fund, so jail enhancement funds had become available.

Mr. Vlahovich said that he was in full support of this request and thought it was a good utilization of jail enhancement funds.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to approve the Sheriff's Office request to create an additional Administrative Assistant position to assist the Administrative Manager and the jail utilizing Jail Enhancement Funds in the amount of \$40,231.09 annually. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

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

## **Health & Social Services**

19. Approve proposed changes to the Public Support Services (PSS) organizational chart.

Mr. Norm Sturm, Emergency Services Manager, presented this item. Mr. Sturm went over the proposal, gave the background, and explained that emergency services and prevention health services had similar missions and it made sense to have them grouped together. He added that with staff retirements, it was also a good way to put a succession plan into place.

Supervisor English moved to approve proposed changes to the Public Support Services (PSS) organizational chart. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Searle opened the call to the public.

Jack Cook addressed the Board on matters of personal concern.

No one else chose to speak and Chairman Searle 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 said that he had attended the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool (ACIP) meeting last week, as well as the County Managers Association (CMA) meeting.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

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

Vice-Chairman Call said he would be attending several meetings: Hereford Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD), the opening/tour of Cochise College's new Downtown Center, and meet with Senator Flake's staff.

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

Supervisor English said that the last beam at the new emergency center in Douglas had gone up and it would be a couple of weeks before final construction was done. She added that this was crucial for the City of Douglas, as the only hospital had closed last year.

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

Chairman Searle said he would be attending the Mayor/Managers Luncheon in Bisbee on Thursday and the Greenlee County Cattle Grower's Association meeting on Saturday.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

