

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Monday, August 17, 2015**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 17, 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 Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Lois Klein, Finance Director
Cathy Traywick, County Treasurer

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

1. Adopt the Tax Rates and Levies for Cochise County Taxing Entities as set forth in the attached Exhibits.

Supervisor Searle moved to adopt the Tax Rates and Levies for Cochise County Taxing Entities as set forth in the attached Exhibits. Vice-Chairman English seconded the motion.

Mr. James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Vlahovich gave the information on the proposed rates and levies.

Ms. Cathy Traywick, County Treasurer, gave the background on the equalization issue for certain entities. She said some special districts were working with budgets higher than the amount they were actually receiving. She stated that the Sierra Vista Unified School District (SVUSD) was an example of this, as they were not taking into account that they were not receiving enough funding from their tax levies to pay back into their credit lines. She noted that staff was working with the Department of Revenue to address the issue and added that the correction could not be made now.

Supervisor Searle asked if there were any districts that would not be charging enough to

meet their budgets.

Ms. Traywick said that she did not believe so, but would be notifying all districts to ensure they were aware of the issue.

Vice-Chairman English said that the issue for the equalization of the money not received by the school districts was actually started by the State because they had put in the wrong amounts and the school districts did not notice and budgeted for the larger amount. She also added that the tax rates did reflect the budget for the school districts.

Supervisor Searle asked for an update on Tombstone.

Ms. Traywick said that Tombstone was keeping up with their credit line payments. She said one way to help the districts not use their credit line was to spread their payments year round.

Chairman Call opened the public hearing.

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

Vice-Chairman English said that staff needed to communicate with the districts that the tax rates are not the focus; the focus needs to be the revenues to ensure they can cover their bills.

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

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board