

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference 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  
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Karen Riggs, Highway and Floodplain Director  
Joaquin Solis, Highway and Floodplain Deputy Director  
Ron Ellis, Highway and Floodplain Operations Manager  
Lois Klein, Finance Director  
Mike McGinnis, Finance Budget Manager  
Nike Noack, Financial Services Manager  
Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:30 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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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding an Overview of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget, specifically: Follow-up to previous budget discussion and Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for Highways & Flood Control.

Jim Vlahovich, County Administrator, stated that he, Karen Riggs and Nike Noack had reviewed the budget previously and would be presenting today.

Ms. Riggs distributed several handouts and began with an overview of proposed chip seal maintenance projects of approximately 68 lane miles including lane miles due for chip seal that need to be moved to FY2016-17 because of budget constraints.

The Board asked questions regarding the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of the proposed projects and Ms. Riggs stated that manpower versus funds was the limiting factor in completing some projects.

Mr. Ellis explained the rationale of the proposed projects based on the maintenance cycle, integrity, higher ADTs, smoothness, so on.

Ms. Riggs explained the project funds secured from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (ADEMA) for infrastructure damage caused countywide by Hurricane Odile and will get that list to the Board. She discussed the schedule, costs and reimbursement percentages.

Ms. Riggs explained the costs to remove and replace (R&R) .5 mile of Ft. Grant Road with asphalt at \$500,000. Mr. Ellis had the road analyzed for chip seal versus asphalt and suggested the Board take a look at that report.

Supervisor Searle said that Airport Road needs to be redone because of the damage done during installation of the solar project. Ms. Riggs said that project is funded but cannot happen until 2016. The damage has been documented with photos, etc.; the County is keeping the road repaired and will use the bond later to do the work in house. The bond will cover the complete costs.

Ms. Riggs discussed Public Private Partnership and stated there were two roads not listed: Webb Road in Elfrida, total cost \$320,000, residence share \$86,000/County share \$234,000; Baker Road in Kansas Settlement area accesses the Buffett Farm, total cost \$270,000, applicant share 55,000, County share 215,000. She is not recommending doing either project because of funding issues. Supervisors Searle and English agreed.

Ms. Riggs added there is one tentative project for FY2016-17 on the list as a placeholder, which will be looked at after sewer issues are taken care of and the Ranchos San Pedro Subdivision plastic seal, which rejuvenates the asphalt, will be applied this year.

Nike Noack, Financial Services Manager outlined the Highways budget projection; use of Cash Carry Forward (CCF); Revenues; Expenses - increased revenue was distributed 60% materials, 20% as temporary labor. Projections are that revenues are up, and expenses down, with 95% of projected CCFs being used most fiscal years.

Vice-Chairman English asked what is included in professional services. Ms. Riggs said engineering; design; surveying topo; permitting; Gleason Road; and more engineering costs for Davis Road mileposts; with an average of \$325,000 projected for 2015-16.

The Supervisors discussed fencing costs, and agreed to increase the budget from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Ms. Riggs said the use of inmate labor will help to get through the backlog of projects; trying to take care of Gleason Road to keep cattle out; the cost share program is successful and that budget is used each year. That program puts fences along roads that have never been fenced not for repairing existing fences.

Ms. Riggs said the project to rebuild the drainage on Coronado Road will start in September, 2015, and she summarized other projects. She requested filling up to 36 operators, short-term vacancies with temps to keep operator level up; the Supervisors agreed.

Supervisor Searle approved using the balance of District 3 discretionary funds for the Fort Grant Road project, starting at the .5 mile curve.

Mr. Ellis said that Ft. Grant, Moson, Davis, and KS Settlement Roads, are all equally at risk,

and work on them needs to be prioritized, because of the traffic/safety factor.

Supervisor Searle would like to explore other avenues, probably through the legislative process, to get a different road classification to help fund roads that are the County's main transportation route for commerce, versus depending only on HURF funding.

Vice-Chairman English agreed with this direction for the future but it does not answer today's funding issues.

Chairman Call asked the Highway Department to come back to the Board with recommendations for the 4 roads not only from a commerce standpoint but also safety and usage. Supervisor Searle asked that from the commerce standpoint that Naco Highway be included in the discussion.

Ms. Riggs announced that the Arizona Association of County Engineers will be here on Thursday and Friday and Chairman Call will deliver opening comments.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlathe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board