

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor

Absent: Richard R. Searle, Chairman

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  
David Raber, Information Technology Director  
Tom Alinen, Sheriff's Office

Attendees: Eric Peterman

Vice-Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 11:02 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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***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Arizona to allow Cochise County to establish a fixed service path within the 6,875-7,125 MHz band in the County and allow the Arizona Public Media to locate an FM antenna on the County's tower.

Mr. David Raber, Information Technology Director, presented this item. Mr. Raber said that Commander Tom Alinen, Sherriff's Office, was the current project manager and with his help and the help of Mr. Gilligan the County was able to partner with Arizona Public Media (AZPM) for their support in the County's application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He noted that all the County's licenses were approved by the FCC, except for the two towers due to frequency interference, which would be alleviated now that AZPM has allowed the County to establish a fixed service path with their frequency band. In Exchange, AZPM asked that the County write a letter of support of their application to the Mule Mountain Users Association (MMUA) to locate an FM antenna on the County's tower. He added that this was a great partnership opportunity and staff would assist AZPM with their

application and ensure the MMUA was educated on the mission of AZPM.

Supervisor Call asked if MMUA was supportive of AZPM application.

Mr. Raber said that no one in the association had been opposed.

Commander Alinen noted that there was another radio station on the tower so an FM antenna should not be an issue. He stated that acquiring the frequency was critical to the completion of the microwave project.

Supervisor Call asked what would happen if AZPM's application was denied.

Commander Alinen said that we did not guarantee their application would be approved, we are just supporting their application as a member of the MMUA.

Mr. Hanson noted that AZPM's letter of support for the County had already been submitted to the FCC, therefore a denial of their application would not negatively impact the County's application to the FCC.

Supervisor English amended the motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Arizona to allow Cochise county to establish a fixed service path within the 6,875-7,125 MHz band in the County and support the Arizona Public Media application to locate an FM antenna on the County's tower on Mule Mountain with the Mule Mountain Users Association. Vice-Chairman Call seconded the motion.

Commander Alinen said that if the FCC application from the County was approved the next steps would be to look for partnerships with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to use their tower and in the future tie in with the State system.

Vice-Chairman Call called for the vote and it was approved 2-0-1 (Searle absent).

Vice-Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board