

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, May 9, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator  
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator  
Mike McGinnis, Budget Manager  
Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Susan Pater, U of A Cooperative Extension

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.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. Budget Work Session - Discussion of County budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 specifically: the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Searle stated who was in attendance for Ms. Pater who attended telephonically.

Mr. Vlahovich referred to the one-page budget that indicated no increases for next the fiscal year and asked Ms. Pater if she had any comments.

Susan Pater, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, stated she had no new requests for increases; there are two new faculty members, whose salaries are paid by University of Arizona and they had space in Willcox for their offices.

Supervisor English asked who the Cooperative Extension pays rent to and Ms. Pater said it was to University of Arizona-South Foundation, a separate, non-profit organization.

Chairman Searle asked about Directors for other Arizona County Extension Offices and

how their travel expenses are covered.

There was a general discussion among the members about the County's share of the budget, which is \$115,813 of the Extension's approximate total budget of \$700,000.

Ms. Pater, stated that the WaterWise Program is currently under the supervision of Mark Apel and managed by Sandra Hurlbut.

The Board had no further questions and Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

After a short break the Board reconvened the meeting at 1:47 p.m.; Ms. Pater was no longer in attendance.

Supervisor English said the Cooperative Extension and 4-H programs have changed over the years and are not as prevalent as in the past. Budgets are tight and the costs of the programs should be justified.

Chairman Searle stated the 4-H programs in his districts are still very active.

The Board discussed the possibility of providing office space for the program outside of Sierra Vista and reduction of this budget in the next fiscal year.

Chairman Searle re-adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board