

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Member

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Mark Dannels, County Sheriff
Thad Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office
Sam Farris, Operations Commander, Sheriff's Office
Ken Foster, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office
Lynette Nowlan, Finance Director
Ruben Miranda, Fleet Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

ACTION

Sheriff's Office

1. Approve Stone Garden contract number 17-AZDOHS-OPSG-170401-02 with the Department of Homeland Security (DOHS) in the amount of \$700,000 for overtime and mileage to participate in the operation to detect, deter and/or arrest subjects who smuggle human or drugs illegally into the country effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Mr. Gilligan stated that he had originally asked for this item to be heard during a special meeting in order to discuss the purpose of this project and have the Sheriff's Office staff answer questions. He added that he wanted everyone to be on the same page to ensure the viability and success of this program moving forward.

He noted that a major concern was the impact of any grant funding on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). He said that the Sheriff's Office staff was managing this grant successfully and addressing previous concerns about overtime and fatigue for

deputies.

Lieutenant Foster used a PowerPoint presentation to go over the background of the grant. He briefly went over the history of the grant; described the missions related to the grant; noted the benefits of the grant; and gave recent statistics. He added that juvenile arrests had decreased since the Sheriff's Office and the County Attorney's Office had convicted more juveniles.

Sheriff Dannels stated that he supported grant use that augmented patrols countywide and were aligned with the public safety mission, while ensuring that they were managed in the spirit of good stewardship.

Chief Deputy Smith said that the Sheriff's Office wanted to align themselves with the Board's priorities and play their part to enhance and support economic development.

Chairman English said that the utilization of this grant program has changed and was pleased that the Sheriff's Office had worked with the Board to address concerns. She stated that economic development was critical to the overall success of the County and she was glad to see that the Sheriff's Office was on board to promote this priority. She added that she hoped the Sheriff's Office could help the Board address the perception that Cochise County is not a safe place because statistics show that the County is a safe community.

Sheriff Dannels said that he had never supported a perception that Cochise County was not a safe place.

Chief Deputy Smith stated that he was aware that Cochise County was the safest place to live in Arizona.

Chairman English said that she was happy to have the Sheriff's support and wanted this discussion to include federal government audits and expectations.

Supervisor Judd thanked the deputies for their hard work and said she was happy with the work being done.

Vice-Chairman Call said he was in support of the grant and pleased that the Sheriff's Office was managing the grant so well. He thanked Lt. Foster for the information on the economic development impact.

Vice-Chairman Call moved to approve Stone Garden contract number 17-AZDOHS-OPSG-170401-02 with the Department of Homeland Security (DOHS) in the amount of \$700,000 for overtime and mileage to participate in the operation to detect, deter and/or arrest subjects who smuggle human or drugs illegally into the country effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

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

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board