

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.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, Supervisor

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator

Lynette Nowlan, Finance Director

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Carrie Langley, Health & Social Services Director

Norm Sturm, Emergency Services Coordinator

Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 3:16 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 2017-2018 specifically: Emergency Services Department.

Mr. Gilligan said that since Mr. Sturm had submitted his resignation as of the end of June he wanted to discuss some options with the Board.

Mr. Sturm said that the budget was not changing, but that he wanted to focus the conversation on options to move forward with emergency management for the County.

He listed the options:

1. Maintain the status-quo
2. Eliminate the Office - would still have to perform statutory emergency management requirements

3. Move under the Sheriff's Office
4. Move under Health & Social Services
5. Merge with Southeastern Arizona Communications Center (SEACOM)
6. Properly staff Emergency Management Office - four staff members would be optimal

Mr. Gilligan said that he did not think keeping the status-quo was appropriate and he wanted to look at an option that was beneficial to all parties involved.

Mr. Sturm said that his recommendation was to properly staff emergency management to keep coordinating training and emergency response countywide.

Chairman English said that her preference was to merge with SEACOM or keep with the Health Department.

Mr. Gilligan said he would look at partnering with other entities for this service and post the position to see what type of director could be hired and what their recommendation would be.

Mr. Sturm reminded everyone that all positions under emergency management were reimbursed at 50% by the State.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board