

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, April 25, 2018**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Member  
Absent: Ann English, Chairman  
Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Lynette Nowlan, Finance Director  
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board  
Attendees: Mark Dannels, County Sheriff  
Thad Smith, Chief Deputy County Sheriff  
Sam Farris, Commander, Sheriff's Office  
Kenny Bradshaw, Jail Commander  
ReaAnne Servia, Administrative Manager, Sheriff's Office  
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Vice-Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 2018-2019 specifically: the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Smith presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. He went over the revenue and said that fee revenue had declined due to justice courts not charging some fees that come back to the Sheriff's Office. He added that the trend had been consistently decreasing over the last two to three years, which impacted revenues collected by the Sheriff's Office. He noted that many fees are being impacted by legislative changes and this means lower revenues.

He moved on to expenditures and noted that the Sheriff's Assist Team (SAT) was mostly funded by donations. He added that overtime costs were still impacting the jail due to vacancies and the need for proper staffing. He went over current grants in place and the levels of funding as well as associated programs.

He added that salaries were also a concern and one of the funding requests was to fund the step plan currently implemented at a level that could accommodate promotions department wide. He also discussed all the grants the Sheriff's Office receives.

Vice-Chairman Call asked about the funding for the financial crimes unit.

Chief Smith said that the Buffet Foundation had committed to funding that program for two more years.

Ms. Servia went over the total request and explained what the funding would be used for: salaries, Spillman contract increases, and copier costs. She noted that the salary total included a projection that all promotions in the department would happen.

Commander Bradshaw went over the situation at the jail and said that medical costs were increasing due to the lack of mental health facilities and he added that filling vacancies was also a big concern that impacted overtime costs.

Vice-Chairman Call asked about tasers and cameras for deputies.

Sheriff Dannels said that this year he wanted to move to body cameras.

Mr. Gilligan said that having body cameras was impacting some of the requests other departments were making to address this change.

Sheriff Dannels said that he thought it was critical to have body cameras on deputies for their safety and the safety of the community.

Mr. Gilligan said that staff wanted to make sure all costs associated would be reviewed by all departments impacted by this change.

Vice-Chairman Call stated that he wanted to ensure these conversations happened so that everyone involved was in agreement on how the program would proceed.

Vice-Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

