



**OFFICE OF THE
COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

May 4, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Special Session
(Budget Discussions)

Present: Chair Matt Ryan, Vice Chair Lena Fowler, Supervisor Patrice Horstman, Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez and Supervisor Judy Begay were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Also Present: County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager/Public Works Director Lucinda Andreani, Deputy County Manager Joanne Keene, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley and Deputy Clerk of the Board Valerie Webber were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Ryan called the Special Session meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

County Manager Steve Peru introduced the day's agenda.

1. Reserved for Budget Discussion - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Individual Board members commended staff for yesterday's budget presentations and noted they were ready for the day's discussions.

Finance Director Siri Mullaney provided information related to follow-up items requested to be brought back the Board after yesterday's presentations.

County Manager Peru clarified that positions that were froze during the pandemic will be released.

The Board and staff discussed employee vacancies and the approximate costs of employees in the budget and various budget strategies.

2. Treasurer Budget Presentation and Discussion – 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Treasurer Sarah Benatar reviewed statutory duties and services provided by the Treasurer's Office and highlighted successes and challenges of FY21 Service Improvement Requests (SIR's).

Treasurer Benatar went over some of the challenges her office faces currently.

County Manager Peru spoke about the statutory requirements of the Treasurer's Office and addressed the SIR's.

Deputy Treasurer Sue Walka and Business Manager Sharon David introduced themselves and spoke about teamwork at the Treasurer's Office.

Treasurer Benatar answered questions from the Supervisors related to her SIR's.

Individual Board members commended the Treasurer and staff for their work.

3. Recorder Budget Presentation and Discussion – 9:45 – 10:40

Recorder Hansen introduced staff that was present and highlighted successes and challenges of FY21, including various aspects of 2020 elections, and introduced proposed FY22 Service Improvement Requests.

Individual Board members commended Recorder Hansen and staff for their work, acknowledged the passing of a former employee in the Recorder's Office for her service and commitment to the County and Navajo Nation.

4. Public Fiduciary Budget Presentation and Discussion – 10:40 – 11:00 a.m.

County Manager Peru introduced the Public Fiduciary Director Rashida Suminski.

Public Fiduciary Director Suminski reviewed statutory duties and services provided by the Public Fiduciary's Office and highlighted successes and challenges of FY21 and reviewed FY22 Service Improvement Requests.

Individual Board members commended the Public Fiduciary Director and staff for their work.

Chair Ryan called for a break at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened open session at 1:00 p.m.

5. Health and Human Services Budget Presentation and Discussion – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Kim Musselman introduce staff members that were present: Deputy Directors Mike Oxtoby and Michele Axlund, Administrative Manager Monita Scott and Division Managers Amy Young and Eve-Lyn Wolters, Public Information Officer Trish Lees and Administrative Assistant Cecil Prado.

She highlighted HHS programs and services and described the successes and challenges of FY21, specifically challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as potential opportunities moving forward.

County Manager Peru further outlined HHS SIR requests.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani explained the methodology used in consideration of vehicle maintenance and replacement/procurement.

Individual Board members commended Director Musselman and staff for their work and commitment to the community.

County Manager Peru spoke about the need for everyone to play a role in social determinants.

6. Community Development Budget Presentation and Discussion – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Community Development Director Jay Christelman highlighted services provided by the Community Development Department and went over the successes and challenges of FY21. He outlined FY22 Service Improvement Requests.

Vice Chair Lena Fowler left the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Sustainability Manager Amanda Acheson provided an update on successes of Sustainability Programs in FY21.

Individual Board members provided feedback on the information presented and commended staff for their work.

Chair Ryan called for a break at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened open session at 3:27 p.m.

7. Reserved for Budget Discussion – 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Finance Director Siri Mullaney provided follow up budget information requested by the Board, related to the Public Health Services District. She answered questions asked by individual Board members related to the proposed funding and services.

Director Mullaney provided follow up budget information requested by the Board, related to general fund operations and vacancy contributions by department and Reserve Policies.

The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding considerations of the Reserve Policies.

There being no further discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

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Matt Ryan, Chair

ATTEST:



Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors